

Will of George Oliver.

State of Georgia }
Chatham County }

In the name of God Amen: I George Oliver being weak in body but of sound mind memory & understanding do make & declare this my last will & testament hereby revoking & annulling all former wills at any time or times heretofore made by me.

Item first: I direct that all my just debts be paid and for this purpose I set aside & assign a certain note made to me by Mr. Lufburnon Esq. & now deposited in the Central Rail Road Bank for collection & due on January next also a claim I have against the said Mr. Lufburnon as a balance of two thousand dollars due me on an open account for my crop on plantation sold him -

Item second. I give & bequeath unto my Executors on the state of Georgia hereinafter named my negro girl Sabella and her two adopted children Mary about four years of age and Margaret about three years in trust that my said executors with the assistance of the Secretary of the American Colonization Society shall at the earliest convenient period send the said negroes Sabella Mary & Margaret to Liberia and for the purpose & to the intent that this clause in my will may be carried out I give and bequeath unto my said executors one hundred shares of the Central Rail Road & Wkg. Company stock in trust that they my said executors will devote the dividends of said stock to the purpose of sending said negroes to Liberia paying their passage outfit &c. And that after their arrival there they my said executors shall with the assistance of Secretary of the American Colonization Society transmit to them the said Mary Margaret the regular dividends upon ninety eight shares of said stock and to the said Sabella the regular dividends upon two shares of said stock until such time the said Mary & Margaret shall arrive at the age of twenty one years when I give & bequeath the said ninety eight shares of stock to the said Mary & Margaret their heirs & assigns forever and the said two shares of stock to the said Sabella for & during the term of her natural life, and upon her death to the

May & Margaret their heirs & assigns.

Item third. I give & bequeath to my much esteemed friend Thomas Purre my Masonic Apron as a testimonial of esteem & with the hope that he will qualify as Successor of my will & change the regular fees.

Item fourth. I give devise & bequeath to my dearly beloved daughters Jane now married to James R. Frazier Margaret now married to William Bradley & my son Samuel E. Oliver all the rest of my estate, Real Personal & Mixed leaving it optional with my said children Jane Margaret & Samuel E. either to sell the remaining fifty shares of Central Rail Road & Banking Company stock or divide the same between them, but making it my express direction & command that they the said Jane, Margaret & Samuel E. will permit my executors in Florida hereinafter named to carry on & plant my plantation in East Florida lately purchased by me on Sumner's lake for the full end & term of seven years devoting the net income of said estate after paying the annual expenses of said plantation to the benefit of my said children, and in order that this clause of my will may be the better carried out, I direct that my executors in Georgia send the negroes at present in the employ of the Central Rail Road to Florida and in case any of said negroes are unwilling to go I direct my said executors sell them in Charleston & purchase women to send to Florida in their place.

It is my desire that Caesar who is now with Mr Pherson B. Miller should be allowed to remain with him at a reasonable rate of wages as long as he may need him, and upon his leaving him I direct that the said Caesar be permitted to have a house to find an owner.

Item fifth. In order also to carry out the foregoing clause of my will I direct my executors to make use of the proceeds of two certain other promissory notes now deposited in the Central Rail Road Bank for collection to the end of making improvements building cotton gins &c upon my said plantation in Florida & in case there is any surplus I direct the same to be paid over to my said three children whether this surplus arises from the fund set aside to pay my debts or from these last mentioned notes. It being my desire that no improvements should be made upon said plantations except such as would be necessary to carry on my planting interest with advantage.

Item Sixth. At the end of the said seven years I direct

that my said plantation in Florida, together with
all my estate remaining in the hands of my executor
either who arrived in kind between my said children
Jane Margaret & Samuel E. shall & shall alike to be
sold & the proceeds among the four divided between
them.

Item 4th. It is my intention that my legitimate &
undisputed son Henry G. Oliver should receive in part
or portion of my Estate & if by any contingency I
may die possessed of any property of any kind that
may not appear to be given & bequeathed herein I
give & bequeath the same to my three children
Jane Margaret & Samuel E. & should the said children
Mary or Margaret mentioned in the second item of my
will die before the condition ^{is performed, then I give the same to them} is fulfilled ^{then I bequeath} them
to the survivor or survivors of them & in case they should
all die then I give & bequeath the said one hundred
shares of stock to my said children Jane Margaret &
Samuel E. And in case either of my said children
Jane Margaret or Samuel E. should die before the expiration
of the seven years when I direct my plantation &
estate to be delivered up to them without leaving
children then I give & bequeath the interest of said child
so deceased to the survivor or survivors of them.

For Writs whereof I have heretofore let
my hand & seal at Savannah in the County of
Chatham aforesaid on this twenty first day
of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand
Eight hundred & fifty three -

Geo. Oliver

Signed, Sealed, Published &
Testified by the above testator in

our presence & at his request in
his presence & in the presence of
each other have heretofore let our
hands as witnesses here to -

Wm. M. Davidson

Geo. W. Wells

Joseph Gaudin

Wm. M. Mullen

State of Georgia

Chatham County.

Court of Ordinary

In Chambers Dec. 20, 1853.

Present. In the presence of the Ordinary Chatham Co.

Personally appeared Wm. M. Davidson a surviving

Witness to the aforesaid instrument of writing of which

ing to be the last will & testament of the said

late of Chatham County deceased, who being duly sworn
deponent & said, as that he was present & did see the said
instrument of writing duly executed by the said George
Oliver, & deponent further said that the said George at
the time of executing the said instrument of writing
was to the best of deponent's knowledge & belief of sound &
disposing mind memory & understanding, & that
John M. Davidson (the deponent) & Mrs. M. Wilson & Joseph
Ganahie & Mrs. Mr. Miller in the presence of each other &
the said George, & at his request signed their names as
witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn to before me

This 23rd day December
A.D. 1853.

J. M. Davidson

Ans. Mr. Miller
O.C.C.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will
of the within named George Oliver deceased, as far as I know
or believe; & that I will truly execute the same by paying
first the debts & then the legacies contained in the said will
as far as his goods & chattels will thereunto extend & the law
change me; & that I will make a true & perfect inventory of
all such goods & chattels. So Help me God!

Sworn to before me this

January 9th 1854

Thos. Horse

Ans. Mr. Miller
O.C.C.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true
last will of the within named George Oliver deceased,
as far as I know or believe, & that I will truly execute
the same by paying first the debts & then the legacies con-
tained in the said will as far as his goods & chattels
will thereunto extend & the law change me; & that I will
make a true & perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels
So Help me God!

Sworn to before me this

15th day of January

James L. Oliver

Ganahie
O.C.C.

Heads of will

State of Georgia

Chatham County

I George Oliver on the day & year aforesaid do make &
declare this a will in the foregoing will, hereby
changing & altering the same from what was

follows: That I desire that my executors shall pay to the said Isabella therein named, the sum of one hundred dollars of the arrears arising from the stock therein named instead of the arrears on the shares & that upon my said bequest Mary & Margaret arriving at the age of twenty one years they shall give to her for the term of her natural life as therein specified thirteen shares of said stock upon the condition & with the understanding that she will devote her time & attention to be sent to Liberia as therein specified. And I from my last will & testament & At this codicil do George in my brother James A. Oliver & my friends Thos. Parson & in Florida Judge Isaac H. Brown, George S. Gilkenton & James Hurlbut.

For my house on my plantation in Florida there are books & many other articles of a household nature which I desire my executors to sell & I direct that my son James E. Oliver shall have my Gold watch & Chain.

For witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty first day of November in the year eighteen hundred & fifty three.

Geo. Oliver

Signed, Sealed & Acknowledged by the testator as a codicil to the foregoing last last will and testament before us who in his presence & in the presence of each other & at his request signed our names as witnesses Hereto.

W. M. Davidson
Jno. N. Wilson
Jos. Gaudin
Mr. M. Miller

State of Georgia.

Chatham County. Court of Ordinary

In Chambers Dec. 1853
Present. Jno. M. Miller Esq
Ordinary C. C.

Probate.

Personally appeared Wm. M. Davidson subscribing witness to the contract instrument of a certain peerporting to be the last will & testament of George Oliver late of Chatham County deceased who being duly sworn depose & swear that he is present & did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said George & that he is

saith that the said George at the time of executing
said instrument of writing was to the best of defendant's
knowledge & belief of sound & disposing mind, memory
& understanding; & that Wm. H. Davidson the deponent on-
ly, Ganah & Mrs. H. Willson & Mrs. M. Willson in the
presence of each other & of the said George, & at his request
signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of
the same.

H. M. Davidson

Sworn to this 23rd day
of December A.D. 1854

Mrs. M. Willson
O.C.C.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains a true
copy of the true last will of the within named George
Oliver deceased, so far as I know or believe; & that I will
well & truly execute the same, by paying first the debts
& then the legacies contained in the said will as far
as his goods & chattels will thereto extend & the
law charge me; & that I will make a true & perfect
inventory of all such goods & chattels - So help me God -
Thos. Price

Sworn to this 9th Dec.
A. D. 1854
Mrs. M. Willson
O.C.C.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains a true
copy of the true last will & testament of the within
named George Oliver deceased, so far as I know or believe
& that I will well & truly execute the same, by paying
first the debts & then the legacies contained in the said
will as far as his goods & chattels will thereto extend
& the law charge me; & that I will make a true &
perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels -
So help me God!
James L. Oliver

Sworn to this 15th
January A. D. 1854
Jos. Ganah
O.C.C.