

Witnesses answered Sworn to & Subscribed before
us, this 17th day of October 1875

H. J. Johnson Clerk
J. H. Rogers Clerk

Chattooga Court of Ordinary

November term 17 day 1875

It is ordered that the will of Thomas J. Lawrence be admitted to record the same having been proven by the interrogatories of John N. Reese & J. B. Rogers two of the four Subscribing Witnesses to Said Will, and that the Executors be allowed to qualify and that letters testamentary do issue to them upon their so doing

J. B. Hill Ordinary

Georgia In the name of God Amen
Chattooga County, I, Samuel Finley of Said County and State, being an advanced age and at this time in feeble health; deem it right and proper while of Sound and disposing mind and memory to make a disposition of the property, with which a kind Providence has blessed me, I therefore make and declare the following as my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me

Item 1st I desire my body to be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner, suitable to my circumstances in life. And all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named so soon as the same can be consistently done.

Item 2nd I give, bequeath and devise to my Son Samuel C. Finley the following lots or parcels of Land, to wit: Numbers two Hundred & ~~nineteen~~ ^{eighteen} Two Hundred and nineteen, Two Hundred & forty four and Two Hundred and thirty one, all in the fourteenth District and fourth Section of Said County and State, also one Hundred acres off of lot Number Seven in the fifteenth District and fourth Section of Said County and State, also the Household and Kitchen Furniture, except one Bed, Bedstead and Clothing for the same. And one half of my family Library. Also all my Farming Tools of every kind that may be on my place at my death belonging to me individually and my interest in the same.

Item 3rd I give, bequeath and devise to the children of my Son James J. Finley, now deceased, named as follows (or to such of them as may survive me) Samuel Finley, John Finley, Emma Isabella Finley and Catharine A. Finley the following tracts or

fourteenth

parcels of Land known as numbers two Hundred & fifteen except one acre of said lot, it being the acre whereon the School House now stands on said lot, to extend to road as it now runs; and to extend an equal distance from the House as now standing the other way. But should said House or place be abandoned or cease to be used as a School House or Church, it being the use for which it is reserved, and that for the school people, for the term of one year, then it is to revert again belong to said lot and said reservation is hereby revoked, also two Hundred and thirty four and two Hundred and thirty three all in the fourteenth district and fourth Section of said County and State. Also Seventeen Shares of Georgia Rail Road Stock. But I hereby order and direct my Executors not to pay over any of the bequest mentioned in this Item of my will to said Children or any one of them or any one representing them or pretending to represent them any part of said bequest, until he or she or said representative shall release or guarantee the State and my Executors Managing the same from and past for future responsibility or liability. I have no assumed, or in any manner become liable in account of being the executor of J. H. Pinley, wife of my said son James H. Pinley, dead, as Administrator of the estate of the said James H. Pinley. But should such bequest be given then the same be paid over to those of my blood who are to receive it.

Item 4th I hereby appoint my friend Samuel Hawkins of Sumnerville in said County and State Guardian of the property and effects herein given to the Children of my son James H. Pinley with full power to manage and control the same until they respectively become of twenty years of age, he being required only to go before the Ordinary and make annual returns to said Ordinary of his acts and doings in the discharge of his said wards.

Item 5th I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Catharine Ninton, wife of Wm. P. Ninton of said County and State, the following lots or parcels of Land to wit, number two Hundred and Seventeen two Hundred thirty two and two Hundred and forty three, all in the fourteenth district and fourth Section of said County and State, also lot of Land number eight in the fifteenth district and fourth Section of said County & State, and thirteen Hundred Dollars in Cash to be paid by my Executors also one Bed Bedstead and Clothing of the same to be chosen by her, and one half of my family Library

Item 6th I give bequeath and devise to the Children of
Said Son James & Finley deceased in addition to what is already
bequeathed to them, the Sum of five Hundred Dollars in Cash
to be controlled by the Guardian hereinbefore appointed for
them, in the Same manner, and Subject to the Same restraints
in all respects of the former bequests, Said Amount to be paid over
to Said Guardian so soon as my Executors may be able to do so.

Item 7th I hereby appoint my friends Wiley P.
Hinton, Samuel C. Hinton, Catharine Hinton, and Samuel
Hawkins Executors of this my last will and Testament
this Sept 6th 1873

Samuel Finley

Signed Sealed declared and published by Samuel
Finley as his last Will and Testament in the presence
of us the undersigned who Subscribed our names
hereto in the presence of Said Testator at his Special
instance and request and in the presence of each other
this Sept 6th 1873

Benjamin Branner
A. D. C. Edmondson
Thompson Hiles
J. S. Branner

Codicil No (1)

To my last Will & Testament made and execu-
ted on the 6th day of Sept 1873

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Catharine C. Hinton wife of W. P. Hinton deceased
my family Carriage and Harness and also an
equal interest with myself & S. C. Finley in the
Threshing Machine with all the fixtures to the
same, so long as the Same may last; And in the
division of my family Library heretofore mentioned
in my Said Will and given to my Son S. C. Finley
& C. C. Hinton that they divide the Same by lottery, allotting
the books as near equal as can be and then cast
lots, or draw for them, turn and turn about.

Item 2nd I will and direct that should
I die before my present crop of corn discription
should be gathered and ready for Sale, that as soon
after the Same is gathered that it be Sold by my
Executors and that the proceeds after paying the
expense of Said Sale applied to the settlement
of the cash bequests made in the fifth and Sixth
Items of my Said Will

Item 3rd It is my Will and I hereby
give and bequeath to Caroline Prichett now living
with me, the Sum of fifty Dollars in Cash to be
paid to her as soon after my death by my

Executors as can be conveniently done - This I give to her in addition to any and all amounts now or to become due her for Service rendered; but for the great Care & trouble Kindness and attention given me by her in my affliction.

Item 4th It is My Will and I hereby direct that My Executors pay to Frances Finley, a colored Girl now living with me the Sum of Fifty Dollars in addition to any amount now or to become due her for Service rendered; this for her faithfulness and unremitting attention to me & family both in sickness and health.

Item 5th I will and direct that Should amount be collected on my claim against the U.S. Government for Quarter Masters & Commissary Stores taken from me during the late war that the Same be equally divided between my Son S.C. Finley, my Daughter W. C. Norton and my Grand Children the Sons and Daughters of my Son James S. Finley, dead and that my said young children have the same interest in the Threshing Machine and fixtures enjoyed by myself & Sarah S. Finley.

Signed Sealed Published and declared to be a part of my last will and testament
August 11th 1876

Samuel Finley

The above and preceding five Paragraphs first attached to the last will & Testament of Samuel Finley, was Signed published and declared by him to be a part of his last will and testament and that we Signed the Same as witnesses at his Special instance and request, and in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the Testator, this August 11th 1876.

George M. C. Brannen
J. W. Hughes
Marline C. Johnson

Samuel Hawkins

Chattooga Court of Ordinan
Market term 6th day 1876

The last will and testament of Samuel Finley deceased being produced for probate by Catharine Skinton & Samuel Hawkins two of their executors appointed in said will, and the Same being proved by the oaths of the Subscribing witnesses, It is therefore ordered, that the said Will be admitted to record, and that the named Executors be allowed to qualify, and upon so doing that letters testamentary do issue to them.

as B. N. Hill only