

William Wilkins, last will & testament.
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Being seized with a violent sore throat which seems to increase with that rapidity that leaves doubt whether I may survive it or not and being anxious for the best of causes to shake a will and altho so greatly affected I know that I do retain my perfect senses, and altho I can't make a will at length as I otherwise would do I pronounce this to be my will:

First I will that all my debts which are just be paid by me out of my estate; who I shall hereafter appoint my sole executor.

And I will that my executor pay to my beloved daughter Rebecca three thousand dollars, and that he have three full years after my death to pay the said sum of three thousand; I also give to my said daughter Polly (line the tract of land whereon she now lives, the whole of said tract as far down as a branch between where my Olives now live and my plantation, also my big and long made yellow gut Siga to her & to her heirs for ever; I give to my daughter Polly Turner the sum of three thousand dollars to be paid her in Cash, or property as she with my executor may agree; but my said beloved daughter is not to receive her legacy of the three thousand dollars until after the expiration of three years from and after my death; And altho my son in law John Synniam had subjected me to the payment of a large sum of money to McKenzie Wennech by my being security for him to him and also created many other large debts while doing business at Columbia Creek Town with my Son, say the firm of Synniam & Wilkins which debts are yet unpaid nor has he left any funds to pay debts with, and I am truly sorry to say that he was a cold towards me illnaturedly & ungrateful in the extreme; yet I will for my poor child, his wife, and do give to her my said daughter Charity Synniam five thousand dollars to be paid to her in the following manner; five hundred dollars a year

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after my ~~disolution~~ ^{disolution}, I give Hundred dollars yearly for the next
three years; I also give her my daughter Charity my Bell air
mare & 4 four Cows & calves also my negro woman now in her
possession by the name of Roda

I give to my beloved & only grand son William B. Maddox two
near Gals, Fessella & Matilda, children of Francis; also two
hundred two & a half acres in Monroe County granted to John
Hall, also one good Horse saddle & Bridle & one hundred dollars
worth of suitable stock all to be paid to or for his arriving at the age
of twentyone years; and I also will that the said W. B. Maddox
be raised and educated at the expense of ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~estate~~ ^{estate} and under
the care of my executor.

And I will to my beloved son William F. Wilkins the whole
of my estate not otherwise bequeathed both real & personal by
him to be owned and fully enjoyed from and immediately after
my death and I further will that my son & Executor have
full power to sell or otherwise of any part of my Estate either
real or personal at his own discretion without the necessity of
first obtaining leave of the Court of Ordinary or any other power
whatsoever and I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my
only son William F. Wilkins my sole executor to this my last
will, revoking & nullifying all other or former wills ratifying
this only.

Signed, Sealed & acknowledged

Wm Wilkins

in the presence of

J. P. Verdery

J. C. Rogers

G. Jones

Georgia

Columbia County

In the Court of Ordinary April 5th 1824

Gabriel Jones & Modest P. Verdery being the subscribing
witnesses to the within instrument after being sworn on the
holy evangelist of almighty God to the thing subscribed the

within at the request of William Wilkins the testator, with
Simmons Crawford & in the presence of each other who acknowledged
the same to be his last will & testament and that the testator was
of sound mind and memory, at the assignment and acknowledgment
of the same;
Gabeel Jones
J. H. Warrington
Journ to in open Court
this 5th April 1824
G. H. Warrington

Georgia
Columbia County } By the Court of Ordinary for said County.
To all whom these presents shall come greeting
Know ye, that on the fifth day of April in the year of our
Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty four the last
will and testament of William Wilkins late of said County, de-
ceased was exhibited in open Court, and in common form of
law, proved and admitted to record, a copy of which is herewith
annexed, and administration of all and singular the goods, chattels,
and credits of said deceased was granted to William Wilkins
the executor in and by said will named and appointed, he
having first taken the oath, and performed all other requisites
required by law, and he by order of said Court, and by virtue
of these presents, legally authorized to administer the goods &
chattels and credits of the said deceased, according to the tenor
(and effect of the said will and testament, and according
to law. And he is hereby required to render a true and
perfect inventory of all and singular, the goods, chattels
and credits of the said deceased and appraisement and return
to this Court according to law. and to render a true and
correct account to the said Court of his actions & doings
yearly, and every year until his administration is fully
completed; Witness the Honorable
one of Justices of the said Court of Ordinary this 5th day of
April 1824.