

Georgia  
Deerfield County  
I, George G. Gaines of the County  
State of Georgia, being hereunto duly  
but of sound & disposing mind & memory & of  
understanding, considering the certainty of death,  
and the uncertainty of time thereof, and being  
desirous to settle my worldly affairs & the-  
by be better prepared to leave this world when  
it shall please God to call me hence, do make  
publish this my last will & testament, in  
manner & form following; that is to say:  
First & principally, I commit my soul to  
God & my body to the earth to be decently interred.

Secondly, after the payment of my funeral  
expenses & such of my legal debts as may be  
subsisting at the time of my death, which  
my Executors here in after named may in law  
be bound & with the exception of the bequest  
here in after named made for the use of  
Louisa Gaines & to the said County of Deerfield.

I give devise & bequeath the whole of my  
Estate, both real & personal, including lands,  
mills, negro slaves, house hold & kitchen  
furniture, horses, cattle, stock, hogs, money  
bonds, bills, notes, debts, dues, demands, choses  
in action & all & every description & species of  
property, what so ever which I may possess  
or be in any wise entitled to at the time of my  
death, unto my two beloved children na-  
mely ~~Elizabeth~~ my daughter Elizabeth G.  
Gaines, and my son George G. Gaines,  
to be equally divided between them. Should &  
I have a like & unto them I will my issue or  
Issue for ever, and in case either of them shall  
die before the age of twenty one years

or marriage without lawfull issue. Then wate  
the surviving of them or her to his or her issue  
or heirs of each of both of my said children shall  
happen to die before they respectively attain  
the age of twenty one years, or in marriage with  
out lawfull issue. Then I give devise &  
bequeath the one half of the whole of my estate  
herein given, devised & bequeathed unto my  
said children, unto the sons and daughters of Rachael  
Williams, my deceased sister in law and thier heirs  
for ever, and the other half of the whole of my estate  
herein given, devised & bequeathed unto my said  
children unto the lawfull heirs of my brother Henry  
Gaines & my sister Elizabeth Gaines and in default of  
such heirs unto my next of kind by my father  
& Mother's side.

Thirdly It is my will that all of  
my estate here in given, devised & bequeathed unto  
my said daughter Elizabeth G. Gaines, and said son  
George G. Gaines, be managed at the discretion of my  
Executors, here in after named & appointed for the use  
maintenance & education & benefit of my said children  
untill they shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty  
one years of age or my said daughter Eliza-  
beth G. Gaines shall marry; and I here by give  
unto my said Executors full power to sell and  
dispose of all my real and personal estate, <sup>except</sup> Negro  
slaves, when ever the necessity and advantage of my  
estate shall require it:

Fourthly, It is my will that  
my daughter Elizabeth G. Gaines shall not marry  
with out the consent of my executors & her Guardian  
here in after named & appointed such consent  
being testified by writing under the respective  
hands and seals of my said Executors & her Gu-  
ardian; and should my said daughter

many without the consent & assent of my said  
 Executors & her Guardian <sup>Declaratory County Georgia Will 1828-1838</sup> <sup>www.georgiawills.com</sup> <sup>Note: "tight binding"</sup> I hereby  
 appoint my said Executors & her Guardian to  
 hold the said portion or share of my estate here  
 in after grains, devised & bequeathed unto my  
 said daughter during the life time of such  
 husband for the use & benefit of my said daugh-  
 ter & her lawfull issue or issues and it is expressly  
 my will that her said husband & whole in her  
 will go to the payment of the debts of such hus-  
 band.

Fiftieth where as Louisa Gains with whom I have  
 formerly lived as a wife has been undetified to me  
 & to my bed as such wife I hereby give, devise  
 and bequeath unto my said Executors here in after  
 named and appointed & their assigns made  
 by Justice here of one feather bed and furniture  
 one Cherry bureau, one Jersey Wagon, house  
 frame & hinges in the Town of Bainbridge lot  
 of land number ten in the twenty fourth dis-  
 trict of Muscogee County in said State, eight  
 acres of land of lot called the Mill tract to  
 in close the grove yard, vineyard & house there  
 on, one horse to be selected out of my stock  
 of horses by said Executors, twenty five dollars  
 annually out of <sup>the</sup> my profits of my estate  
 also after my estate is released from all  
 incumbrances so much money out of the  
 profits of my estate is will purchase a  
 negroe girl slave between the ages of twelve  
 and fifteen years, upon these conditions & to re-  
 fer no other use or purpose whatsoever that my  
 said Executors (in case the said Louisa Gains do not  
 by any trick or undue artifice, or other means -  
 obtain dower of my real estate, suffer the said  
 Louisa Gains suffer so long as she shall live a

chaste & virtuous life during her widow hood  
or natural life to use the said property except the  
said lot of land in <sup>Decatur County, Georgia - Wills</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>825-838</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>www.georgiawills.com</sup> bond  
being out to make litters for and account of the  
said Louisa Gains and apply the said County  
five dollars to annually relieve to the use &  
benefit of the said Louisa Gains. & to purchase  
after my estate is relieved from imbarassments  
& in thallments as afore said. with the money  
herein given for that purpose out of ~~my~~ <sup>the</sup> profits  
fits of my estate as afore said a negro girl  
slave of the age of ~~eight~~ <sup>six</sup> & per with the said  
Louisa Gains upon the Conditions above mention  
to have the ~~possession~~ <sup>use</sup> & use of ~~said~~ <sup>such</sup> negro girl  
have for & during the time afore said:  
And it is my will that after the death of the  
said Louisa Gains or marriage of the said  
Louisa Gains or in case the said Louisa Gains  
shall live an unchaste ~~life~~ <sup>life</sup> in a immoral life my  
Executors to be the sole judges thereof) or in case  
the said Louisa Gains shall by any means  
obtain dower of my real estate my said Executors  
to do forth with assign over the ~~dower~~  
property of here in & given devised & bequeathed  
to them for the use of the said Louisa Gains  
unto my children Elizabeth G. Gains, George  
G. Gains & also the said twenty five dollars to be  
applied to the use of the said Louisa Gains and  
the money granted out of the profits of my estate  
to purchase said negro girl slave if purchased  
unto my said children & their lawfull assigns  
Issue or Issue for ever & in case of the death of  
either of my said children before he or she  
arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries  
without lawfull Issue to the Survivor of them  
or her or his lawfull Issue & should they both

die before they attain the age of twenty one years or marriage with without lawful issue, then the one half thereof unto the sons & daughters of Asaph Williams my deceased sister in law & their heirs forever and the other half thereof unto the lawful heirs of my brother Henry Gaines & my sister Elizabeth Gaines & in the default of such heirs unto my next of kin by the Father's side & Mother's side:

And it is my further express will that the said Louis Gaines do not in any way receive or enjoy any portion of my estate other than here in expressly mentioned:

I here by give devise & bequeath unto the said County of Decatur four acres of land of the lot called the Mill tract to be laid off at the head of the branch commonly called the Reddy branch on both sides of said branch, lot or the distance of twenty or eighty yards from the said branch for the building of an academy or a church and place of religious worship:

Sixthly I here by appoint that my esteemed friend Richard Mitchell of Thomas County in the State of Georgia shall have the Guardianship of the persons of my said Children Elizabeth G. Gaines and George G. Gaines & their tuition during their minorities or until they shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years, or the said Elizabeth G. Gaines shall marry; and should the said Richard Mitchell happen to die before they respectively attain the age of twenty one years or the marriage of the said Elizabeth G. Gaines or refuse to take upon him self the Guardianship of said Children it is my

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Will that the Inferior Court of said County, Georgia, do  
pass upon the County of Blount in said State that  
I do appoint some part & per person to the guardian  
ship of my said children, other than the  
said Louisa Gaines.

And It is expressed by my Will that  
the said Louisa Gaines in no way have the guardian-  
ship of any the persons or property of my  
said children.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute &  
appoint my friends William & Nathan Powell  
and John B. Saunders of the County & State first  
of said, and Ben Cow Ray & Thomas Johnson  
of the County of Thomas in said said State to be  
executors of this my last will & testament,  
revoking & annulling all former wills by me here-  
fore made, ratifying & confirming this & none  
other to be my last will & testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand & seal this the twenty eighth  
day of January AD 1832.

Thomas King  
Jacob Hamrell  
his mail & D

William D. Hamrell

Geo G. Gaines

Seal

Signed, Sealed, published & declared by George  
G. Gaines the above named testator as & for  
his last Will & Testament in the presence of us  
& who at his request & in his presence and in the  
presence of each other have subscribed our  
names with respect to the day & year  
above written. The within lined of the words, and  
to the said County of Blount & Nathan & Rachael Williams  
made before the execution thereof

Decatur County, Georgia Wills

This King  
Jacob <sup>his</sup> Haurell  
his <sup>his</sup> Haurell

William S. Haurell

Georgia. In the Inferior Court sitting for Ordinary  
purpose in & for the County of Decatur. March  
Term 1882. In open Court personally appeared  
Thomas King, Jacob Haurell, and William S.  
Haurell who being duly sworn depone &  
on oath say that George G. Harris, the testator  
in the annexed last will & testament, appeared  
to be in their presence & in the presence of them  
Signed, sealed, published & declared the said an-  
nexed last will & testament, as for, and to be  
his last will & testament, on the day & among  
which the same bears date, and that they the  
said deponents, at his request, in his presence &  
in the presence of each other, subscribed their  
names to the said last will & testament  
as wit nesses there to

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

Attest

S. Scarborough Clk. C.O.

This King  
Jacob <sup>his</sup> Haurell  
Haurell

William S. Haurell