

Georgia } Court of Ordinary Dec Term 1848
 Decatur County } The within will having been
 proven in open Court by the oaths
 of John D. Gittman & John R. Butler two of
 the subscribing witnesses it is ordered
 that being no objection that the same be
 entered to Record

J. Leon Ordinary

Georgia } In the name of God Amen
 Decatur County } I Jesse Collins of said
 State and County, being of
 advanced age and knowing that I must
 shortly depart this life, deem it right
 and proper both as respects my family
 and myself that I should make a
 disposition of the property with which
 a kind providence has blessed me, and
 therefore make this my last will and
 testament, hereby revoking all others
 heretofore made by me,

1st Item I desire and direct that my body
 be buried in a decent and Christian
 manner suitable to my circumstances and
 condition in life. My Soul I trust
 shall return to rest with God who gave
 it, as I hope for eternal salvation
 through the merits and atonement
 of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
 whose religion I have professed and as
 I humbly trust enjoyed for about eleven
 years.

2nd Item I give bequeath and devise to
 my beloved wife Deborah with whom

Twenty nine in the Twentieth District
of formerly Early but now Decatur County
Containing two hundred and ~~four~~ ^{thirty} acres
More or less whereon I now ^{live} including
my dwelling house and other out-houses
and plantation with all the rights, members
and appertinances to said lot of land in
any way belonging, I also give and be-
queath unto her a negro man named Phil
and a negro woman by the name of Fanny
and a negro girl by the name of Rose also
one feather Bed and Bedstead with the
necessary furniture belonging thereto for
and during her natural life as widowhood
But in case she should marry and will
keep the young children with her and
treat them well and school them free
of any charge or expence whatever then
and in that case she can keep said
property during her natural life and at
her death said property is to be equally
divided between the children that is
here in after named, But in case she ~~should~~
does marry and fails to treat the children
well and give them the necessary
schooling then and in that case
the said property is to be equally divided
as directed to be at her death,
I do give and bequeath to my beloved son
William B. Collins one lot of land number
fifty three known as a the McClellan lot
on the condition that he will pay to my
two youngest children one hundred
Dollars that is fifty Dollars to each

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Daughter Finklea two quarter sections of land containing eight acres more or less situated lying and being in the County of Gadsden and State of Florida known and distinguished as follows to wit: one being the south west quarter of the South East quarter of section thirty in Township three north of Range one west in the District of lands And the other is known as the North west quarter of the South East quarter of section thirty in Township three north of Range one West in the District of lands &c, the above lands I give to to her during her natural life And at her death it is to be equally divided between her two sons Andrew Finklea and John Finklea.

5th Item I give bequeath and devise to my Grand Daughter Equilla Biers one negro woman named Mariak now in the possession of Levi Peter of Gadsden County Florida And also five Dollars in money.

6th Item I give bequeath and devise to my Daughter Sarah Ann Caroline Biers lot of land number fifty two and also half of lot number fifty one both lying and being in the Twentieth District originally Early but now DeCATas County said lot No 52 embraces the house where on she is now living said land is to be and constitute apart of her portionable part and share of my Estate at the time of the division

7th Item I also devise that at the division of my estate that all my Children who have not been furnished with a bed and furniture shall after all my just debts paid be furnished each with a bed and furniture out of the sales of the perishable property to make them equal with those who have been furnished with Beds and furniture

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8th Item I also devise that the residue of my property may be equally divided between my following named Children To wit William B. Collins, Sarah Ann Caroline Piers, Mary Jane Cox, James Rely, Martha Manda Elizabeth John, Henry and Betsey Collins. And any others that may be born within nine months after my death, Also my will and desire is that the property given to my beloved wife Deborah during her natural life (after her estate therein is over) shall be and constitute part of the property to be so equally divided, I also desire that my negro man Old Harry and his wife Peggy shall not be separated.

9th Item I do hereby appoint my beloved son William B. Collins Trustee of the property herein given and bequeathed to my Grand sons Andrew Finkle and John Finkle and also Equilla Piers And like wise of the property of all my other children which is named in the 8th Item last above written.

10th Item my will and desire is that all the property which I have given and bequeathed to my Daughters and also all

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11th Item I hereby constitute and appoint
my beloved son William B Collins Ex-
ecutor and my beloved wife Deborah
Executrix of this my last will and testa-
ment this 11th September 1848
Signed sealed declared and published
by Jesse Collins as his last will and
testament in the presence of us, the
subscribers, who subscribed our names
hereto in the presence of said testator
as his special instance and request
and of each other this 11th September
1848

William Chester } Jesse Collins (L)
John H Martin }
Elias ^{his} Shreckland }
mark

Georgia } Court of Ordinar, Oct. Term 1850
Decatur County } Present of Law Ordg
Before me Joseph Law Ordinar
of said County personally came William
B Collins the executor named in the within
will will produce the same for probate as
the last Will and testament of Jesse Collins
late of said County and also bring William
Chester one of the subscribing witnesses
to said will, and the said William Chester
being sworn deposed and said that he
saw Jesse Collins sign seal declare and
publish the within ~~not~~ Instrument
now presented as his last will and testament
freely voluntarily and of his own good accord
and without any compulsion or influence
whereas that at the time of the execution
of the said will he was

That deponent signed said will as a witness
 in the presence of the testator and at his special
 instance and request and also John
 Martin & Elias Strickland the said witnesses
 to the same sign the same as witnesses in the
 presence of said testator and at his special
 instance and request and in the presence
 of each other and of Deponent
 Shown to this Oct 6th 1856
 in open Court
 J. Law Pres } William Chestes

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 Note: "not binding"

Georgia } Court of Ordinary Oct Term 1856
 Decatur County } The within last Will and
 Testament of Jesse Collins
 late of said County Deceased, having been
 proven in open Court at the regular Term
 on the oath of William Chestes one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the same, It is
 ordered that the same be admitted to
 record
 J. Law Pres

State of Georgia } I, Mat. W. Cunningham of said
 Decatur County } State and County, knowing the
 uncertainty of life deem it right and proper both
 as respects myself and my family, that I should
 make a disposition of the property with which a
 kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make
 this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
 and annulling all others.
 I now first I desire and direct that my body
 be buried in a decent and Christian like
 Manner suitable to my circumstances and a
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