

Will of James D. Lester

Dooly County Will Bk 1847-1901

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Georgia }
Dooly County } In the name of God Amen

I James D Lester of the County and State
aforesaid, Being of sound mind and disposing memory,
make this my last will and testament herein and hereby
revoking and annulling, all other wills by me made heretofore
Item first

I commit my soul to god who gave it and my body I
desire to be buried in the family Burialling ground on
Colloeden Monroe County state of Georgia and my
worldly Estate I dispose of as follows,

Item Second. It is my will and desire, that my Executor
herein after named expend the sum of five Hundred
Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary in erecting
a suitable Monument over my grave.

Item Third. I give and bequeath to my five oldest children
namely, Caroline M. Chapman Stephen M. Lester, James
D. Lester Jr Henrietta A. E. Timbalante, and Harriet C.
Davis. The sum of one Hundred Dollars each in
addition to what I have already given them. I also
give Harriet C. Davis my land warrant which I received
from the United States government for my services during
the war of 1812.

Item Fourth. I give to my friend Nathan Bass of the
City of Macon, and my wife Mary Ann Rebecca Lester
my Executor and Executrix of this my last will & Testament
my entire Estate in Trust and also for the sole Benefit
of my wife Mary Ann Rebecca Lester and my little
daughter Ida B. Lester. It is my will that my little
daughter be raised and Educated out of the Proceeds
and income of the Estate I have left her and her Mother.
The Estate so given consist of 1800 acres of land more or
less, all of my stock of every kind and description, consisting
of horses, mules, workmen, cattle, Hog, Sheep and goats
and all other millrial implements wagons, or carts and harness
of every kind for such. My Dress & Household, my pleasure

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together with all the ~~gravel~~ ^{gravel} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~other~~ ^{other} ~~surplus~~ ^{surplus} ~~thereon~~ ^{thereon}
the Plantation necessary for the maintenance and support as it
is now managed. Together with all the money that may
be on hand including notes mortgages accounts and
every evidence of indebtedness that may be due the Estate in
any shape whatever. In case my wife marrying again
then I wish my Estate Equally divided between her and
my daughter for her own use during her natural life
and then return to my daughter Ida B. Lester. If my
daughter Ida B. Lester should die before marriage, or
should get married and leave no issue after marriage
of her body then the Estate so given shall return to my
his oldest children mentioned in the third item
of this will. In the event of the marriage of either
my wife or my daughter their Husbands shall not
have ownership or control of their Property in any shape
to their injury whatever. But the same shall be controlled
for their sole benefit by my Trustees above mentioned.

James D. Lester (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed, published and declared to be the above
named James D. Lester as his last will and Testament
in presence of us who at his request in the presence of
each other have subscribed our names as witnesses here
the words and also my Executor & Executrix of this
my last will and Testament. Interlined before
witnessed and assigned -

John S. Thomas
E. L. McLeod
Charles Powell

State of Georgia }
Dooly County } Before me William H. Davis
Ordinary in & for said County at Chambers in presence
personally came Mary Ann Rebecca Lester of said
County Executrix of the last will & Testament of James
Lester senior late of said County deceased & presented
before me the last will & Testament of said James
Lester senior deceased & it

will & wit Charles Powell which said witness being duly sworn deposes and says that he saw James D. senior the Testator sign seal and declare & publish the instrument now present as his last will & Testament freely voluntarily & of his own accord, and without any compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of the execution of said will said Testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory that deponent signed said will as a witness in the presence of said Testator & at his special instance & request and in the presence of Edward L. McLendon & John S. Thomas the other two witnesses to said will.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

This 24th day of July A.D. 1866

J. H. Davis Ordinary

Charles. Powell