

Georgia 3 Court of Elbert County Georgia Wills 1836 to 1866
 Elbert County 3 Personally appeared in open Court James Adams
 P 3 Memory Thornton and Samuel Adams, and
 being sworn saith that they were present and saw James Adams sign
 and seal & acknowledge the foregoing instrument of writing as his
 last will and Testament and that they assigned the same as
 witnesses at the request of the Testator and in his presence and
 that they believe the Testator to have been of sound mind and
 memory at the time he executed the same. Sworn in open Court
 September 7th 1835.

Attest Wm B. Nelson & Co.

James Adams

Memory Thornton

Samuel Adams

Whereupon it was ordered to be Recorded

Attest Wm B. Nelson & Co.

Recorded the 11th of September 1835. Wm B. Nelson & Co.

Examined w/ to September Term 1835

Amos Adams, Committee
 Gabriel Boote
 John Stawes

James Banks senr. Will 1836

State of Georgia 3 In the name of Almighty God Amen -
 Elbert County 3 I James Banks senr. of the above state and
 county being of sound and disposing mind do
 make and constitute this my last will and Testament revoking
 all others by me heretofore made. Item 1st I wish after I am
 dead for body to be buried in a neat and churchlike
 manner. as my Executor hereinafter named may think proper
 and the expences of the same to be paid out of my Estate
 Item 2nd I have given to my son James A. Banks, dec'd William
 B. Banks dec'd Nathaniel Banks and my daughter Lilet
 N. Harper Martha A. Crauford and Hannah K. Oliver
 dec'd about three thousand dollars in cash and property
 which is all I wish them to have of my Estate. Item 3rd
 I wish my son Francis A. Banks to remain on the plantation
 where I now live. and keep the whole of my property together.
 and with the proceeds of the crops pay off my Just debts.
 but should my Executors find in few years that he will

not be able to accomplish that, then I wish the whole of personal property with the exception of my negroes to be sold on a usual credit, and my land rented and my negroes hire do out untill said sale of personal property the rent of land and hire of negroes shall raise a sufficient of money to pay of my debts.

Item 4th I there give and bequeath to my son Francis A. Banks the whole of the several tracts of land whereon I now live. Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah E. Banks three negroes viz. Grace and her two children Amanda and Louisa.

Item 6th I give and bequeath the whole of the residue of my estate both real and personal to my son Francis A. Banks and my daughter Sarah E. Banks to be equally divided between them.

Item 7th I do hereby appoint and constitute Bedford Harper of the above named state and county, and my son Nathaniel Banks of the state of South Carolina and District of Abbeville, Executors to this my last will and Testament.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged this fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred and thirty three in Presence of

Test John M. Raiford
John A. Verdell
Sally C. Verdell

James Banks son.

Georgia } Court of ordinary May Term 1836
Elbert County } Personally came John A. Verdell and John M. Raiford
P } into open court and on oath deposed and said that they saw James Banks son sign seal and declare the within writing to contain his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof he was of sound and disposing mind and memory. And that they also saw Sally C. Verdell sign the same as a witness together with themselves and at the request & in the presence of the Testator. Sworn to in open court 3rd May 1836.
Attest Wm B. Nelms c.c.o.

John M. Raiford
John A. Verdell

Georgia } Court of ordinary May Term 1836.
Elbert County } ordered by the court that the within will be Recorded
Attest Wm B. Nelms c.c.o.

Recorded the 4th May 1836 Wm B. Nelms c.c.o.