

James Patterson Will 1853

Liberty County, Georgia Will 1853 to 1860

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State of Georgia In the name of God Amen.
 Elbert County I James Patterson of the State and County aforesaid being
 weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make and
 ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by
 me made.

- Item 1st I will that all the money which may be due me in debt of
 every description shall be collected and added to the cash which may be
 on hand at my death and disposed of as follows: first pay my just
 debts. I then give to the Stewards of the Methodist Church in Elbert
 County, one thousand dollars for the use and benefit of the Methodist
 Church in Elbert County. I give to my friend Roland Brown one thousand
 dollars. I give to my wife twenty five hundred dollars. Then the balance
 of said fund I will shall be divided into four equal shares, one
 of said shares I give to my brother Jonathan, but if not living the
 same shall be equally divided between his children, one of said shares
 I give to my sister Elizabeth; but if she is not living the same shall
 equally divided between her children, one of said shares I give to the
 children and widow of Bartholomew Archibald their children and there
 mother to share and share alike, the fourth or last share I give
 to the children of my sister Sarah to be equally divided between them.
- Item 2nd I give to my beloved wife Mary all the property which her
 father give her for her to dispose of as she may think proper.
- Item 3rd I loan unto my beloved wife Mary during her natural life or
 widowhood all my lands, negroes, stock of all kinds, horses, mules,
 household and kitchen furniture, provisions on hand and crop
 plantations and other tools and all other property not otherwise
 disposed of in this will, and at her death one half of all the property
 and estate thus loaned to her shall be hers to dispose of as she may
 think proper or at her marriage she is to have one half of all the
 property thus loaned for shall be hers in fee simple, and at
 the marriage or death of my said wife the other half of all the
 property thus loaned to my wife shall be sold and the money divided
 into four shares, one of said shares I give to the children and widow
 of my brother Archibald to be equally divided between them, one of
 said shares I give to my brother Jonathan and if he is dead to
 his children to be equally divided between them, one of said shares
 I give to my sister Elizabeth and if she is dead to her children
 to be equally divided between them, the other share I give to the
 children of sister Sarah to be equally divided between them.
- Item 4th I do constitute and appoint my worthy friends Roland Brown
 and Middleton W. Nickman Executors to execute this my will

and testament.

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I, the within named James Patterson do hereby set my hand and seal
this the twenty eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thou-
sand eight hundred and fifty three (the word I give to my wife
twenty five hundred dollars interlined before signed),
signed, sealed and acknowledged

in the presence of

A. Hammond

Robert Hester

Amos L. Tail

James Patterson Seal

Georgia Court of Ordinary
Elbert County December Term 1853

Personally appeared in open court Alfred Hammond, Robert
Hester and Amos L. Tail, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
will, and being sworn, faith, that they saw James Patterson sign
seal and acknowledge the foregoing instrument of writing as his
last will and testament; that they signed the same as witnesses in
the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence
of each other; and that they believe the Testator to have been of sound
mind and memory at the time he executed the same.

Sworn to in open court
December the 5th 1853

Attest Wm B. Nelson

Ordinary

A. Hammond

Robert Hester

Amos L. Tail

Georgia Court of Ordinary
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The within will of James Patterson dec^d having been proven at
this regular term of the Court on the oaths of Alfred Hammond
Robert Hester and Amos L. Tail the subscribing witnesses to the same
It is ordered by the Court that the said will be recorded
Attest Wm B. Nelson

Recorded December 5th 1853. Ordinary Elbert Co