

Georgia } Court of ordinary November adjourned Term
 Elbert County } 1847. ^{Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860}
 Horatio J. Goff and John E. B. Evans and being sworn saith that they saw William Kelly sign & seal the within instrument of writing as his last will and Testament, and they together with Sarah Eliza Evans signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request, and in the presence of each other, and these deponents believe the testator to have been of sound mind and memory at the time of executing the same sworn to in open Court this 7th of December 1847.
 Attest Wm B. Nelms, C.C.O. Horatio J. Goff
 John E. B. Evans

Georgia } Court of ordinary November adjourned Term 1847.
 Elbert County } after having the within will of William Kelly read and proving the same by Horatio J. Goff and John E. B. Evans It ordered by the Court that the within will be Recorded
 Attest Wm B. Nelms, C.C.O.
 Recorded the 10th day of December 1847. Wm B. Nelms, C.C.O.

John Merit's will 1848

Georgia } In the name of God Amen, I John Merit of the
 Elbert County } County and state aforesaid being of sound mind
 and memory but infirm in body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. It is my will that my body after death be buried in a decent christian like manner and as touching such worldly goods as it has pleased God to bless me with after the payment of all my just debts I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Merit all my property of every kind which I may die possessed of that may not otherwise be disposed of for her own use and support during her life time or as long as she remains my widow and after the death of my wife or enter marriage with any other man I do give and bequeath to my nephew Benjamin B. Parker Junior all the remaining part of my estate. And I do nominate and appoint my wife Nancy Merit Executrix and John D. Parker Executor to this my last will and Testament giving them full power and authority to act and manage my estate according to the true intent of this my will and Testament, and I do further give them power to buy sell or barter any thing which may be for the peace and comfort of my wife and the advancement of my estate. In witness whereof I have

I come to set my hand and seal this Will on the 10th 1847

Test Hiram Brown

Asa J. Haynes

Wm Bowers J.P.

Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860

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John Meritt *JM*

Georgia
Elbert County } Count of ordinary January Term 1848
Personally came into open Court Asa J. Haynes and William
Bowers two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will
and being sworn saith that they were present and saw John Meritt sign
and seal the within instrument of writing as his last will and Testament
and that they together with Hiram Brown signed the same as
witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request and in
the presence of each other and that these deponents believe the
testator to have been of sound and disposing mind at the
time of executing the same.
sworn to in open Court this 10th
day of January 1848.
Attest Wm B. Nelms, C.C.O.

Asa J. Haynes
Wm Bowers

Georgia
Elbert County } January Term 1848. Count of ordinary It is
ordered by the Court that the within will
be Recorded.
Attest Wm B. Nelms, C.C.O.

Recorded the 10th day of January 1848
Wm B. Nelms, C.C.O.

James S. Middleton's Will

State of Georgia } In The name of God Amen.
County of Elbert } I, James S. Middleton being of sound mind and
disposing memory do make and publish this my
last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all
other wills ever made by me and I first leave and bequeath unto
unto my beloved wife Amanda S. A. Middleton one thousand
Dollars in money and also all property which I have heretofore
received or may hereafter receive by virtue of my intermarriage
with my said wife.

Second. I leave and bequeath unto Thomas J. Heard one
negro boy named King to be by him the said Thomas J. held
in Trust for the sole and separate use of his son Robert
Middleton Heard & his heirs.

Third. I leave and bequeath unto Dennston B. Virdeell a negro boy
named William about ten years old being the oldest of two