

Joseph Brawner Senr. will 1840.

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State of Georgia } I, Joseph Brawner of the State and County aforesaid
 Elbert County } being weak and feeble in body but of sound and dispos-
 -ing mind and memory having considered the uncertain-
 -ty of this mortal life, and the certainty of death do make the
 following as my last Will and Testament -

First, of all I resign my body to its mother dust from whence it came,
 and my Immortal part to God who give it -

I dispose of my worldly goods in the following manner, to wit,

Item 1st. I Will to my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life or
 to the end of her widowhood all of my real Estate of which
 I am now possessed which lies on the East side of the public
 road leading from Elberton to Olivers ferry on Broad
 River, formerly Webb's Ferry, including all the improvements
 dwelling house, other houses &c therunto appertaining, the
 precise number of acres not known, also my four negroes
 to wit, Andrew a man about twenty three years old, Ring
 a Boy about seventeen years old, old Nancy a woman,
 and Harrit a girl, also one sorrell Horse, one Gray mare,
 three choice cows & calves one choice sow & pigs, Ten head
 of Hogs intended for killing hogs next year, Ten head of
 Sheep, Fifty Barrels of Corn, Eight stacks of fodder, twenty
 Bushels of wheat, fifteen hundred pounds of Pork, a
 sufficiency of Lard & soap, Two Beds & Steads and a full
 supply of furniture for each, all the sugar and coffee
 which may be on hand at my death, one Cupboard,
 one half dozen chairs, one Table, one Chest one dozen Plates
 one set of knives and forks, one set of cups and saucers, one
 one slab, two Dishes, one Choice Cotton wheel, and cards,
 two Pots, one oven & one spider, which above named
 property both real and personal is to be given up by my
 Executors immediately on the death of myself, and which
 she is to hold and enjoy during her natural life, or to the
 end of her widowhood, and then to be equally divided
 among all my children or their legal representatives
 without any exceptions whatever (except, that) my desire
 and will is that the one twelfth part or share of the
 above property both real and personal which has been
 given to my beloved wife, and to be divided equally
 among all my children or their legal representatives except
 my daughter Lucy McCoy, which said twelfth part I give
 to my son James Brawner of said County as trustee for my
 said daughter Lucy and her children, to be distributed to

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them as their need may require, but in no instance to be taken and sold for the debts of Thomas M. McCoy the husband of my said daughter Lucy -

Item 2^d. I will that all my sons hereinafter named, to wit, Henry P. James, Simeon, William M. Asa, Joseph, Henry, Joseph & F. & Seabourne J. each have one negro which shall be worth seven hundred and twenty dollars the appraisement to be made by three disinterested men, and on said appraisement any lack in value shall be made up in money, and any which may be over in value shall be discounted out of the share or shares of those who have negros so as to make each of my said nine sons equal in negros and money the said sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars, my Executors hereinafter named shall on my death or so soon thereafter as can be done with propriety deliver to each of my said sons said negro &c or their legal representative, the above seven hundred and twenty dollars in negros and money is intended to make my said nine sons equal with my son John who has received the said sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars for which I have his notes, and which said notes I wish delivered to him by my Executors on the division of my said estate, also to make them equal with my two daughters each of whom has received one negro many years since -

Item 3^d. I will that all my remaining estate both real and personal including cash on hand, debts due me &c which has not been given and disposed of shall be equally divided between all my said ten sons and my daughter Harriet Johnson or their legal representatives, the one twelfth part to be given to my said son James as Trustee for the use of my said daughter Lucy McCoy and her children, to be held out to her and her children by necessity may require, but in no case to be taken and sold for the debts of Thomas McCoy her husband, the division as above desired may be made by division of a part and sale of the balance or otherwise, as may be thought best by the parties interested.

Item the 4th. I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved sons James Brainer, Henry P. Brainer & Joseph Brainer my Executors of this my last will and Testament -
Given under my hand and seal this Twenty Sixth day

of December Eighteen hundred and thirty nine in Presence
 of
 Luc Benjin Smith
 Shelton Oliver
 David Herlen
 Joseph his Brauner ^{signed}
 mark

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Georgia { Court of ordinary adjourned Term 1840.
 Elbert County } Personally came into open Court Benjamin Smith &
 David Herlen and being sworn with that they together
 with Shelton Oliver were present and saw Joseph Brauner
 sign seal and deliver the within & foregoing Instrument of writing by
 making his mark as his last will and Testament. and they all signed
 the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the
 presence of each other and at the request of the testator and they
 believe the testator was of sound mind & memory at the time he
 executed the same.

Sworn to in open Court this

7th January 1840.

Attest Wm B. Nelms, c. c. o.

Benjamin Smith

David Herlen

Court of ordinary January Term 1840. It is ordered by
 the court that the within will and Testament be Recorded

Attest Wm B. Nelms, c. c. o.

Recorded the 8th of January 1840. Wm B. Nelms, c. c. o.

Elijah Hunt's Will 1840.

In the name of God Amen. I Elijah Hunt of the County of
 Panola and State of Mississippi being in good health and
 of sound and disposing mind and and being desirous to
 settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity
 so to do; do make and ordain this my last will hereby
 revoking all wills by me made at any times heretofore in
 Item 1st. I will that all of my just debts be paid
 Item 2^d. It is my will that my estate be kept together and
 my negroes worked on my plantation for the mutual
 benefit and support of my wife and children and the
 neat proceeds of any be equally divided between my wife and
 children so long as she remains my widow—
 Item 3^d. When any one of my children shall become of lawfull age or
 marry it is my will that the whole of my estate except such as
 I shall hereafter come unto my wife be divided by appraisment
 into as many lots (equal in value) as I have children