

done in the presence of }
James Lofton
William M Haslett
Ezekiah Bailey
Thomas Black

Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1866
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Peter Alexander Deceased

Georgia } Court of ordinary June Term 1856 Personally came into
Elbert County } open Court Ezekiah Bailey and William M Haslett two
of the subscribing witnesses to the above and foregoing will and being
sworn saith that they saw Peter Alexander sign and seal the above
and foregoing instrument of writing as his last will and Testament
and that these deponents together with James Lofton & Thomas
Black 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 and disposing
mind & memory at the time he executed the same
Sworn to in open Court } Ezekiah Bailey
This 2^d day of June 1856 } William M Haslett
Wm B Kelus ordinary }

Georgia } Court of ordinary June Term 1856 The within
Elbert County } Will of Peter Alexander Deceased having been
proven at this Regular Term of the Court on
the oaths of Ezekiah Bailey & William M Haslett two of
the subscribing witnesses It is ordered to be recorded this 2^d
day of June 1856 Wm B Kelus
Recorded 3rd day of June 1856 ordinary

Richard Wawters Will 1856

State of Georgia Elbert County

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Wawter of the
State and County aforesaid being of Advanced age
but of sound mind and disposing Memory deem
it proper that I should make a disposition of the
property with which a Kind Providence has blessed
me do therefore make this my last will and Testament
shurely revoking all others heretofore made by me
I ~~there~~ desire and direct that my body be buried
in a decent and Christian like manner suitable
to my Circumstances and Condition in life
my Soul I Trust shall return to rest with god
who gave it as I hope for that rest onely through

156) The merits and attainment of the Blessed Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ
2d Item after all my just Debts and Burial expences are
paid my will is that the Balance of my property be
disposed of in the manner following

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my Brother Russel Vawter one
Negro boy by the name of Elbert and fifty acres of my Land
where I now live also one horse worth Eighty Dollars

Item 4th I give and bequeath to James B B Vawter one Negro
boy by the name of Esquire also I give and bequeath
to Thomas L Vawter one Negro boy by the name of Lee
the said James & Thomas being Children of Lindsay Vawter

Item 5th my will is that the Balance of my negroes that are
not specially given off be divided equally between the
remaining Children of my Brother Lindsay Vawter and in
Case any of them are not willing to live in the Family
I wish such to be sold and the proceeds to be divided as
above

Item 6th my will is that the remainder of my land be
equally divided between all the Children of my Brother
Lindsay Vawter

Item 7th my wish is that the remainder of my Stock of all kind
and Household and Kitchen Furniture be equally
divided between the Children of Lindsay Vawter

Item 8th my will and desire is I do here by appoint my Friend
William M Haslett my Executor of this my last will
and Testament Intestamony where of I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my Seal this 1st day of May 1856

Witnesses

Thomas Johnston

Ephie W Roebuck

Thomas M Hulm

Richard Vawter
mark

Seal

Georgia } Court of ordinary July Term 1856
Elbert County } Personally Came into open Court Thomas Johnston
Ephie W Roebuck & Thomas M Hulm and being sworn says that
they saw Richard Vawter sign the within Instrument of writing
as his last will and Testament and that they signed the same
as witnesses in the presents and at the request of the Testator and
in the presents of each other and they believe the Testator to have
been of sound mind and memory at the time he executed the same

Sworn to in open court }
the 7th day of July 1856 }
Wm B Kelms ordinary }
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Thomas Johnston
E W Roebuck
Thomas M Hulme

Georgia } Court of ordinary July Term 1856 the within
Elbert County } Will of Richard Harter deceased having been proven
at this regular Term of the Court on the oath of Thomas Johnston
Ephy W Roebuck & Thomas M Hulme the witnesses to said will
it is ordered and Adjudged by the Court that said will be Recorded.
Recorded the 10th day of July 1856 Wm B Kelms ordinary

Barden Ruckers Will 1856

State of Georgia } I Barden Rucker by the Grace of God on
Elbert County } this the Twentieth day of November in the
year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty ~~five~~
Five do make this my Last will and Testament First
I will my Body to be decently Buried and Com mended my Soul
to God who gave it
Item 1st It is my will that all my Just Debts be Paid and
Funeral Expenses be paid
Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my wife Frances Rucker one
Negroe woman named Judy one Negroe man named Jim
one Negroe man named Jack one Negroe girl name
Sarah all the Tract of land on which I now live
all of my Stock of Cattle Hogs and Sheep her choice of
Two Horses my crop of Corn Wheat and Cotton my Buggy
all of the Household & Kitchen Furniture and my
plantation Tools and Cart and oven to have and to
hold for and during her natural life and after death
to be Equally Divided between all of my children
to wit one Equal Share to my Daughter Serpita Rucker
Now by marriage Serpita Maxwell one Equal Share
to my Daughter Sarah Rucker now by marriage Sarah
Brown one Equal Share to my son Alexander Rucker
one Equal Share to my son Burton Rucker one Equal
Share to my Daughter Frances E Rucker now by marriage
Frances E Kelms and one Equal Share to my son William
B Rucker
Item 3rd Heretofore I have given off to my Daughter Serpita
Maxwell Three hundred and fifty seven dollars and
fifty cents to my Daughter Sarah Brown Three hundred
and fifty seven dollars and fifty cents to my son