

Given under my hand & seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1847.

In Presence of  
Mary her  
James  
Wm. J. Nelms

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Jordan his  
mark

Georgia } Court of ordinary November Term 1847.  
Elbert County } Personally came into open Court, William B. Nelms who being duly sworn saith that he saw Jordan Nelms sign & seal by making his mark the within instrument of writing as his last will and Testament and that this deponent together with Mary Nelms and James Jenkins signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other and this deponent believes the testator to have been of sound mind at the time he executed the same.

sworn to in open Court this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1847.

Joseph Sewell J. S. C.  
Thomas F. Willis J. S. C.  
Ephy W. Bond J. S. C.  
P. B. Roberts J. S. C.

Wm B. Nelms

Georgia } Court of ordinary Nov. Term 1847.  
Elbert County } The will of Jordan Nelms being brought into open Court and proven by the affidavit of William B. Nelms one of the subscribing witnesses and there being no objections made It is ordered by the Court that said will be recorded.

Attest Wm B. Nelms, c.c.o.  
Recorded the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1847.

### Robert Vernon's Will 1857

The State of Georgia } In the Name of God Amen  
Elbert County } I Robert Vernon of the County and State aforesaid being feeble in body but of sound Mind and Memory do Make this My last will and Testament in Manner and form following  
1<sup>st</sup> I commend my soul to God who gave it and body to the dust, from whence it came  
I will that My funeral expensed be defrayed and

3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath to My beloved wife Sarah her thirds of all the household and kitchen furniture at the appraised value also the plantation <sup>Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860</sup> <sup>www.georgiapioneers.com</sup> & Mule The stock of hogs Cattle hogs & sheep also My Negro girl Harriett together with five or six hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing a plantation for the use of My wife & family during her natural life or widowhood I also will that at the expiration of My wife Sarah's life or widowhood that all the above named property to go My youngest son Robert & Malena Vernon and in case My son Robert & Malena should die leaving during his minority I will that the above named property be divided one half to go to My legal heirs & the other half to the legal heirs of My wife Sarah I also will that My present stock & provisions together with the proceeds of My present crop go to the use of & support of My family.

4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to My son Robert Malon the following Negroes viz: Ben and Selah and in case of his death without legal heirs or during his minority the above named Negroes to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided the one half to go to My legal heirs & the other half to My wife Sarah & her youngest children viz: Nancy, Sinclair, Frances and Susan Richardson.

5<sup>th</sup> I also will & bequeath to My son Thomas Hard Thomas the four following Negroes viz: Willy & her three children William Emanuel and Infant at the appraised value provided he pay to the following named Negroes their proportional part of the value of said Negroes viz: the children of My daughter J. P. Vernon Rebecca Dickson one share ~~My Grand daughter Mary J. P. Vernon daughter of My son Robert A. Vernon died one share~~ Robert Hadden Vernon or his legal heirs one share Richard A. Vernon one share

6<sup>th</sup> I also will and bequeath that all the balance of My personal or real Estate not designated in the above will be sold and equally divided among all My legal heirs and I do revoke and disannul all other wills to have force made and ordains this My last will and testament and I constitute & appoint Thomas A. Vernon & Ariatic C. Goss Esqs My sole Executors to execute this My last will & testament In witness whereof I hereunto set My hand & seal This the twenty

Signed, Sealed, & acknowledged  
in the presence of  
W. S. Hill  
Sinclair Richardson  
Jesse Dobbs

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Robert Vernon

Georgia Court of Ordinary September Term 1830  
Elbert County Personally came into open court Richard S  
Hill and being sworn saith that he saw Robert  
Vernon sign & seal the annexed instrument, finding  
it his last will and Testament, and that he together  
with Sinclair Richardson and Jesse Dobbs signed  
the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator  
and at his request, and in the presence of each other,  
and this deponent believes the testator to have been of  
sound ~~Reason~~ disposing (Mind and Memory)  
at the time he executed the same.  
Sworn to in open Court  
this 20 of September 1830  
Attest Wm B. Nelson C.C.

R. S. Hill

Georgia September Term Court of Ordinary  
Elbert County The within will of Robert Vernon was exhib-  
ited in open Court and read and proved by  
the oath of R. S. Hill and is ordered to record  
Attest Wm B. Nelson C.C.  
Recorded the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1830 Wm B. Nelson C.C.

## William Terrell's Will 1830

Georgia In the ~~last~~ Name of almighty God Amen  
Elbert County I William Terrell of the State and County  
aforesaid being not in good health but of  
sound Mind & disposing Memory thanks be to God -  
calling to Mind the Mortality of ~~My~~ Mortality of  
My body and knowing that it is appointed for all men  
once to die it is My desire to resign My soul to almighty  
God who gave it and My body to His Mother  
Earth to be buried in a decent Manner and as touching  
my such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to give me