

of each other and that they believe the testator was of sound mind and memory at the time ^{Elbert County, Georgia July 1839-1860} ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} sworn to in open Court this 5th day of November 1844

Attest Wm B. Nelson, c.c.o.

James W. Vaughan
Samuel Shaw senr.
William W. David
Jacob D. ^{his} Vaughan
marks

Georgia } Court of ordinary November Term 1844
Elbert County } It is ordered by the Court that the within
will be Recorded

Attest Wm B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Recorded the 5th day of November 1844. Wm B. Nelson,

William Faulkner's Will 1845

Georgia } In the name of God Amen - I William Faulkner
Elbert County } of the state and county aforesaid, being in good health
and possessed of sound mind and memory, but knowing
it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my
last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit,
Item 1st I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body
to be buried in a decent manner -
Item 2nd I will that all my just debts be paid -
Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah during
her natural life the following property (to wit, one negro man
by the name of Peter, one negro woman by the name of
Isabella and her increase and after the death of my said
wife the above named negroes to go to and be divided between
the children of my wife which she had before my intermarriage
with my said wife Sarah -
Item 4th I lend unto my beloved wife Sarah during her life or
widowhood the following property (to wit, one negro woman by
the name of Mary, one negro boy by the name of Jim,
one sorrel horse named Charles, one Bay mare named Nell, one
waggon and yoke of oxen, Two cows and calves & two heifer
yearlings of my wifes choice, Ten head sheep of her choice, one
half of my stock of Hogs, one hundred and sixty four acres
of land whereon I now live including the dwelling House
Gin house, Gin and rearing gear and thrashing machine and
as many and as much of my household and kitchen
furniture and plantation tools as my wife may choose and see
proper to keep, all my corn wheat and Bacon and Lard
and the one half of crop that may be planted or growing.

- at my death, and all the money that my wife may make over and above a support she may require for her support she may think proper, but all the property which I have in this Item Loaned to my wife shall at the marriage of my wife, if she should marry again or at her death be divided between my children as hereinafter directed -
- Item 5th I Give and bequeath unto my son Martin Faulkner one hundred acres of land on the waters of Doves Creek adjoining John Abman and Philemon R. Wilhite being a part of the tract of land whereon I now live and adjoining the that part loaned to my wife -
- Item 6th I have heretofore give and advanced to my son William C. Faulkner his full share of my estate therefore he is not to have any thing more out of my estate -
- Item 7th I Give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Ann Bray when she marries or becomes of twenty one years of age Fifty dollars with the Interest on the said fifty from my death and also Fifty dollars with the Interest on the same from the death of my wife but if my grand daughter should die before she marries or becomes twenty one years of age the two above legacies to revert to my estate and be divided as hereinafter directed -
- Item 8th All the property which has not been disposed of in the foregoing will I wish sold by my Executors and in selling the negroes my will is that my woman Amy and her two youngest children shall be sold together and not be parted, and I do hereby give my Executor authority to sell the property without an order of Court, and after paying the expenses and reserving the fifty dollars for my grand daughter as specified in the seventh Item of this will and the payment of my Just debts the balance to be divided into six Equal shares, one of said shares I give to John T. Faulkner my son, one of said shares I give to my son Martin Faulkner, one of said shares I give to James J. Faulkner, one of said shares I give to my son Asa E. Faulkner, one of said shares I give to my daughter Ann Booth, and the other share I give unto Benjamin Thornton son, and My son Martin Faulkner in trust for my daughter Sarah Stephens during her natural life but if my daughter Sarah should become a widow then the share so left in trust for her shall go to and vest in my said daughter Sarah, and the trustees as above shall come out the money, and pay the Interest arising therefrom annually to the support of my daughter Sarah and her children, untill her death or untill she may become a widow, and at her death the money to be equally divided between her children if she should never become a widow -
- Item 9th after the death or marriage of my wife I will that all

the property which I have loaned to my wife during her life or widowhood (except ^{Elbert County, Georgia Hills 1836 to 1860} ~~one fourth of~~ of land around the grave yard,) be sold and the executors are hereby authorized to sell all the estate both real and personal and after paying the expenses of building a stone wall around the grave yard thirty feet by eighteen in the clear and reserving the Fifty dollars for my grand daughter Ann Bray and paying all other expenses the remainder to be divided into six equal shares, one share I give to my son John T. Faulkner, one share to Martin Faulkner, one share to James J. Faulkner one share to Asa E. Faulkner one share to Ann Booth and the other share to Benjamin Thornton son and Martin Faulkner in trust for my daughter Sarah Stephens under the same rules and restrictions as are directed in the Eighth Item of this will, and if my grand daughter should die before she receives the legacies I have bequeathed to her the money shall be disposed of the same way as I have directed the other money in this item.

Item 10th I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend Benjamin Thornton son and my son Martin Faulkner Executors to execute this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty First day of April Eighteen Hundred and Forty Two (the word) (land) interlined before signed in the fourth Item)

Signed & Sealed In Presence of

William A. Swift

George I Barr

Wm B. Nelms

Wm Faulkner

Georgia Court of ordinary January Term 1845 Personally came Elbert County into open Court William A. Swift George I Barr and William B. Nelms. who being duly sworn saith that they saw William Faulkner sign and seal the annexed instrument of writing as his last will and Testament and that these deponents signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request, and in presence of each other and they believe the testator was of sound mind at the time he executed the same.

sworn to in open Court this 13th

day of January 1845

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

Wm A. Swift

George I Barr

Wm B. Nelms

Georgia Court of ordinary January Term 1845 upon Reading and examining the foregoing will of William Faulkner It is ordered by the Court that the foregoing will be Recorded

Attest Wm B. Nelms, c.c.o. Recorded the 14th January 1845 Wm B. Nelms, c.c.o.