

Now the 11<sup>th</sup> I appoint My wife Executrix and My son James  
Blackwell and <sup>Elbert County, Georgia, July 1836 to 1850</sup> ~~Thomas~~ Blackwell Executors to this  
My last will and Testament - In witness whereof  
I have hereunto set My hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> April  
1851

In presence of  
James M. Willis  
Joseph P. Blackwell  
Thomas J. Heard

Joseph Blackwell Seal

Georgia <sup>3</sup> Court of Ordinary July Term 1851 -  
Elbert County <sup>3</sup> Personally came before open Court Thomas J.  
Heard, James M. Willis and Joseph P. Blackwell  
and being sworn saith that they saw Joseph  
Blackwell sign and seal the within instrument of  
writing as his last will and Testament and that  
they sign the same as witnesses in the presence of  
the Testator and at his request and in the presence  
of each other and they believe the testator to have been  
of sound Mind at the time executed the same  
where to in open Court  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1851  
Attest Wm B. Nelson C.C.C. Thomas J. Heard  
James M. Willis  
Joseph P. Blackwell

Georgia <sup>3</sup> Court of ordinary July Term 1851  
Elbert County <sup>3</sup> The within will of Joseph Blackwell was  
presented in open Court and being perused  
by the oaths of the subscribing witnesses and no objection  
being made it is ordered by the Court that this will be recorded  
Attest Wm B. Nelson C.C.C. Wm B. Nelson C.C.C.  
Recorded the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1851

William Garrison will 1851  
Georgia <sup>3</sup> In the Name of God I have  
Elbert County <sup>3</sup> I William Garrison of the State and County aforesaid  
make this  
Do, My last Will and Testament.  
I recommend my soul to Almighty God and My body  
to be buried in a Christian like manner and I will that all of My just debts be paid and that My  
Executrix sell and dispose of as follows -  
I will that all of My just debts be paid and that My  
Executrix sell and dispose of by the Name Dick for the purpose  
of paying My debts.

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3<sup>rd</sup>

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- I will that after My debts are paid that My beloved wife Milly James shall have the best of land whereon I now live and the following named Negroes (viz) Kelly, Ag. Reid, J. a. Ned. Abram, Milly, and Frank, together with all of My perishable property of every description during her natural life and after her death to be disposed of as follows.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - I will that after the death of My wife that Jeremiah S. Warren shall have in trust for My daughter Susannah Warren one Negro boy by the Name of Abram and also a part of the tract of land whereon I now live which is bounded as follows - Commencing on the branch and also on the line of Horatio J. G. land thence down said branch to where the same intersects with the little Creek thence with said Creek up as far as My land extends extends so as to embrace all the land that I own in the fork of said stream and one horse and one cow if there should be any in the possession of My wife at the time of her death, and after the death of My said daughter Susannah Warren My will is that My Executors sell all the property left to Jeremiah S. Warren in trust for My daughter as aforesaid and divide the proceeds as follows one fourth to My son Ralph James one fourth to My daughter Sally R. Bailey one fourth to My three Grandsons, viz, William Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Edward Thomas and one fourth to the Children of Susannah Warren - - -
- 4<sup>th</sup> - I will that after the death of My wife that My three Grandsons (viz) William Thomas, Matthew Thomas and Edward Thomas have one Negro boy by the Name of Frank and also all the land that I own in the fork or between big cold water Creek and the little creek that runs through My land.
- 5<sup>th</sup> - I will that My daughter Sally R. Bailey have after the death of My wife that part of My land that is lying south of the little creek and east of the branch that is mentioned as the line of the land that is willed to Jeremiah S. Warren in trust for My daughter Susannah Warren which is to embrace all the remaining part of My home tract of land not specially called.
- 6<sup>th</sup> - My will is that after the death of My wife that My son Ralph James have one Negro woman by the Name of Jude and her increase from this time -
- 7<sup>th</sup> - I will that after the death of My wife that My Executors

sell the following named Negroes (viz) Keloby, Aggy, Ned and Mully and their children if there shall be any and divide the proceeds as follows (viz) My son Ralph Gaines to have one fourth My daughter Sally B. Bailey to have one fourth the then children of My deceased daughter Patsey Thorton to have one fourth and the two daughters of My daughter Susannah Warren to have one fourth ---

I will that there should be any property not mentioned in any of the foregoing Wills that My Executors sell the same and divide the proceeds of the same in four equal parts and to the same 24 persons in the same manner that the property or proceeds of property are to be divided after the death of My wife ---

lastly I will that Jeremiah S. Warren Thomas Johnston and Monroy Thorton be My Executors to this My last Will and Testament giving them or either of them the Power to act

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set My hand and seal this twenty sixth day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six

Oliver B. Thorton  
Horatio J. Goff  
James W. Reynolds  
James B. Gaines

William + James Seal  
Mark

Georgia  
County of Albany September Term 1851  
Personally came into open Court James W. Reynolds and Horatio J. Goff two of the subscribers witnesses to the above will and being sworn faith that they saw William Gaines sign the above instrument of writing as his last Will and Testament and that they together with Oliver B. Thorton and James B. Gaines signed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other and these deponents believe the Testator to have been of sound disposing mind at the time he executed the same sworn to in open Court  
this 1st day of September 1851  
Attest  
Wm. B. Nelson  
James W. Reynolds  
Horatio J. Goff

128 Georgia Court of Ordinary September Term 1851  
Albert County, Georgia Wills 1837 to 1860  
The will of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~late~~ <sup>late</sup> ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup> was exhibited in  
open Court and was perused by two of the  
subscribing witnesses it is ordered by the Court that the  
within will be recorded.  
Attest Wm. B. Nelson C.C.C.  
Recorded the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1851 Wm. B. Nelson

Orlando Folsom's Will, 1854

State of Georgia In the Name of God Amen  
 Elbert County I Easton Fortson of the State and County  
 aforesaid being in bad health of body but of  
 sound Mind and Memory and Knowing that all Men  
 to die do Make and ordain this My last will and Testament  
 Item 1<sup>st</sup> I will that all My just debts be paid  
 Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto My wife Susan and My  
 two sons John Easton and Stephen Easton all that portion  
 of the tract of land whereon I now live lying east of the  
 Road leading from Elberton to Rockersville the said  
 Road to be the line this land to be equally divided  
 between My wife and my sons above named whenever My  
 Executors shall think will be for the best interest of  
 My two sons above named

Now I will that all the remainder of My lands be sold  
and the Money be equally divided between My five Children  
to wit Naley Fortson, Benjamin Fortson, Thomas  
Fortson, George G. Fortson Elizabeth Huff the five to have  
and share alike

and share alike — — — — —  
Item 2<sup>d</sup>. I will that My Negro woman Caroline and Child  
and increase be sold together and the Money arising  
the Sale be divided between My five eldest children above named  
1. Share, and share alike — — — — —

I give and bequeath unto My wife Susan My Negro woman Silby and her child Martha and their increase My wife to receive said Negroes at valuation as a part of her share of My Estate

Item I do with that My Executors shall pay over to My Negro  
Sibby, twenty twenty five dollars this I give said Negro  
for kind attendants and Nursing to me while I have been sick  
of

And I give and bequeath unto my two youngest sons John Carter and Stephen Hahn twelve hundred dollars each to make them up equal to my other children