

I give and bequeath to my dear wife during her natural life or widowhood, and at her death or marriage to be equally divided among my children & I also appoint my wife Mary Ann my executor - In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this December 28<sup>th</sup> day 1840

Signed & sealed in presence of  
Joseph F. Parker

mark

Apostion B. Cawrds  
Job. Brown

Stephen & Phillip <sup>his</sup> ~~their~~  
mark

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State of Georgia In the name of God Amen  
Franklin County William Banks of the State and  
County aforesaid being old and  
on the decline of life but being of sound mind  
and good memory and calling to mind the  
mortality of the body and that it is appointed that  
man die:

Do make and ordain this my last will and Testa  
ment hereby revoking all former wills by me made,  
First I assign my soul to god who gave it me and  
my body to a decent Christian burial nothing doubting  
that they will be reunited at the general resurrection  
and as to what worldly goods it has pleased god to  
bless me with in this life I dispose of the following  
manner

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I wish all my just debts to be paid,

Item 3 says I give and bequeath unto my dear and  
beloved wife Sarah during her natural life or widow-  
hood; and at her death Marriage or Removal of  
any of the after named property from the plantation  
on which I now live for the purpose of disposing  
of it so that my children be defeated, I wish  
the residue of my Estate (that is willing to my wife,  
to be equally divided among my children in the way  
and for the purposes hereafter mentioned; Viz, all that  
parcel of land lying on Beaver Dam creek supposed  
to be four hundred acres adjoining land of the  
widow Sabitha Neal and David Anthony; Beginning  
at a Red oak corner between myself and the said  
Mrs Neal Thence following a line marking to the  
Grove level Roads Thence up said roads to the  
Beaver dam creek bridge crossing said creek following  
the Jackson field fence round said creek Thence  
up said creek to where my line crosses said creek  
Thence following my line between me and said Antho-  
ny's around to said Anthony's & Freeman's corners;  
Thence along said Anthony's line I run and turn to a pine  
corner on the other side and near the Jefferson Road Thence  
down the said Road to a post oak corner near said  
Road Thence to Freeman's and David's pine corner  
Thence to a post oak corner between me and said  
David Thence to the Beginning Red oak corner.  
And a negro man named James and his wife with  
and their three children Amy Elvira and Rody girls  
and Sandy a man and a girl named Caroline together  
with their increase Also two horses suitable for the  
slow work from sixty five to seventy dollars each four  
good cows and Calves her choice, one best yoke of  
work Steers a best cart ten heads of Sheep two good  
lows and pigs also one sixteth of the residue of my  
hogs and one choice colt two pair of best plow gear  
two best Shovel plows two best dagans two best Scowter  
plows with their stocks two best Chivins and Singletrees

Two best pole axes two iron wedges one from two  
Sprouting hoes two new weeding hoes two best scythes  
and cradles one best set of cutting Knives and  
bore one five Shovel and tops one pair fire dogs  
one pair Smoothing irons one blot set Knives and forks  
one set table Spoons one set Silver tea Spoons one brass  
steade that we by or and two other common steas  
Three best feather beds and whatever bed furniture  
she may choose one large reg Chest and one other  
Chest three trunks one sofa one bureau one ma-  
hogany Toilett table one walnut folding table one  
walnut side board the cupboards and one half  
the contents thereof and half the contents of the mag-  
hogany side board side best sitting Chairs and two  
law ones one large wash pot and as much Kitchen  
furniture as she wants one best loom and all that  
she thinks necessary as weaving implements, two best  
Cotton Spinning wheels and two pair cards one best  
Clock well one best clock, Twenty five barrels of corn  
and thirty Bushels of wheat and what oats and fodder  
she may think she needs till she can make all  
the sugar coffee tea and salt on hand at the time  
one buggy and harness also one sixtھ of the coarse  
cloth and cotton threads after the negroes get their  
Clothes and also fifty dollars in Silver and two gold  
half eagles one bale of cotton if on hand to purchase  
and pay and sufficient Haining Cotton

Item 394 Give and bequeath unto my son Jasper Niles  
the following negro, viz., Waddle a man Philip  
a man and ~~three~~ a girl valued by me at fourteen  
hundred dollars and sixteen hundred dollars in money  
and one hundred dollars to support him one year  
after leaving me two feather beds and bedsteads  
and sufficient quantity of goods bed clothing  
for the same;

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my Son James D. Jones sixteen hundred dollars that sum being added to what I have heretofore given his portion is equal to Jasper & Jones's

Item 5th I give unto my Daughter Harriet A Watsonway hundred dollars which sum with what I have made her legacy equal to James D or Jasper J. Jones parts,

Item 6th To my Sons Rufel T and Walton T. Jones I give nothing having heretofore given each of them an amount equal to either of my other children,

Item 7th I give and bequeath unto the issue born of the body of my Daughter Nancy Wily one thousand dollars to be equally divided among them on their arrival at age or marriage that sum with what I have already given John Wily the husband of my daughter Nancy equalling the amount that I have given and bequeathed to each of my other children

Item 8th I will and bequeath that the residue of my Estate real and personal after deducting the legacies above bequeathed to my wife and children be equally divided among my children so that the portion to which my Daughter Nancy Wily will be entitled goes to the issue born of her body as directed in Item Seventh above named all of which legacies and parts above named to be paid to the respective legatees entitled as fast as collected.

Item 9th I do hereby constitute and appoint my two Sons Rufel T. Jones and James D. Jones my lawful Executors In testimony

whereof I have set my hands and seal  
Sept 9th 1841 *William Jones*  
T. M. Payne  
Temple F. Cooper  
Samuel Fielder

Personally appeared before us  
Georgia *Robert A. R. Neal & Thomas Morris*  
Franklin County *two of the Judges of the Inferior*  
*Court of Franklin County James W.*  
Payne and Temple F. Cooper who being duly  
sworn deposeth and saith that they saw William  
Jones sign and seal the above will for the purpose  
therin named when in his proper mind that they  
defendants subscribing the same as witnesses and  
Saw Samuel Fielder do so likewise

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 3rd October 1841 *Temple F. Cooper*  
*R. A. R. Neal* *James W. Payne*  
*Thomas Morris* *J. H. Patrick*

Recorded 3<sup>rd</sup> Novr 1841