

17 In the name of God Amen I Henry Lanier of the County of
Greene being of sound and disposing mind I hereby do make certain
(and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit
I Give devise (and) bequeath to my son Orsamus one negro man
named Randolph also one negro woman named Peter (and) one feather bed
and furniture of the best I have to him and his heirs forever
I Give (and) bequeath to my son Jefferson one negro man
named Sam also one negro girl named Mariah (and) one feather bed
and furniture of the best I have to him (and) his heirs forever
I Give (and) bequeath to my son Rubin one negro boy
named Maria One negro boy by named Billy also one negro girl named
Emily one feather bed of the best I have to him (and) his heirs forever

All my other property consisting my land stock of Horses Cattle Sheep Hogs
(and) crop household and kitchen furniture I direct to be disposed of in the follow-
ing manner to wit: In the event of the death of any one of the before
mentioned slaves before my son Jefferson attains to lawful age, then I direct
my land stock of all kinds as before enumerated, crop household kitchen
furniture (and) plantation utensils are to be sold to the best Advantage by my
Executors hereinafter named, and the money arising therefrom, together with
all moneys which may be due or coming due to be disposed of as shall
hereafter be directed. I further direct that all my slaves shall be hired out
separately and to humane Masters until such time as any one of my sons shall
attain to lawful age or marry and then my desire is that my Executors hereinafter
named shall value all the slaves giving to such as shall have attained to lawful
age or married the part heretofore directed him making up such part as may be
deficient in value out of the moneys arising from the sales heretofore directed
until all shall have one equal third part (and) the balance equally divided among
the three: first having deducted my youngest son Menden Equal with my other
two (and) purchased or reserved money for that purpose

My further will (and) desire is that son Orsamus shall be continued in his present
business; that my son Jefferson be put into the same business and that my son
Rubin after having received the schooling heretofore directed shall likewise be placed
under the care of some steady merchantile gentleman for instruction in the same
branch of business: I further direct my Executors hereinafter named shall have the
whole and sole management of my Estate, Act as Guardians for my children and
dispose of the whole in such manner, as to them shall seem most Advantageous
for my children until such time as heretofore been pointed out for a delivery of the
property, without recurrence to any Judicial Authority whatsoever. And lastly I nominate
(and) appoint my friends Lazarus Battle Orsamus Lanier Rubin Mapps (and) Thomas Crawford
to be my Executors to this my last will (and) Testament revoking all others heretofore made
In Witness whereof I have sealed signed Sealed the same with my own hand this 25th
day of December 1820

In presence of
James L. Branch
J. M. L. Swain
Wm. W. Wilburn

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Henry Lanier Seal

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Greene County Court of Ordinary March Term 1821

Personally appeared in Open Court James to Branch Wellburn & Sumner
(and Wellburn & Wellburn the subscribing witnesses to the within Will who being duly sworn say that they saw the within named Henry James sign seal and acknowledge the foregoing to be his last Will and Testament (and that they each believe him to be of perfect sound mind and memory at the time of his so doing and they each in the presence of the Testator subscribed their names as witnesses thereto and subscribed

in Open Court 5th March 1821

Erasmus Forrester Clerk

James to Branch

Wm H. Sumner

Wm J. Wellburn

Recorded 16th March 1821

Erasmus Forrester Clerk

October 27th 1820

In the name of God amen. I Well and Years of the County of Greene and State of Georgia being in great weakness of body but of a sound mind memory (and calling to mind that it is appointed for man to die. I have the proper to make this my last will (and Testament after recommending my soul to God that gives it (and through the intercession of a dear Redeemer having a full hope of a happy immortality I do hereby dispose of my worldly goods in the following to wit

1st My will is that all my lawfull debts be paid.

2nd I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Joice I Years one hundred acres and giving the tract I now live on decided to me by Jesse Johnson & two others includes the place where Mr. Garrett formerly lived on the whole including a hundred acres together with the appurtenances belonging thereto. I give a gift to my beloved wife Joice I Years to possess immediately after my death one negro boy named Lewis also one Bay mare saddle and bridle a white Cow and calf also two choice sow and pigs also her choice sow and pigs also her choice bed & bedstead & two sets of clothing for said bed one table a small Walnut do one Oakboard half dozen Charney cups & saucers half dozen plates and knives & forks three sitting chairs two hunkers one wheel & loom and all the plays & Harms and all that belong thereto with a pot over racks & spillet & two dishes (and six hundred weight of pork the first year of dis and the use of the plantation and improvement all on the South side of swaggon Road for four years after my death also four hundred weight of meat and five barrels of Corn of to be reserved from the mill for the use of my beloved wife for six years after my death also two sets of clothes and a table for and little table also it is to be observed that the bedclothing above named is include the bedclothing my wife brought here with her pillow &c also my father for next year

3rd Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Edna Ann Years one bed and pillow and the place Carpet as her part of my Estate with one of my

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4th Item I give and bequeath to my son Augustus W. Years one negro woman Paddy and also two hundred dollars of my

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