

James Thompson's Will

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Georgia } In the name of God Amen I James Thompson of the County of Wilkes aforesaid being of sound memory & sound mind but afflicted in body & not knowing at what time I may be called hence do make this my last will & Testament with regard to the disposition of my Estate both real & personal in the following manner first In the first place I nominate & appoint my son Joseph Thompson William Redd and Pop Bryan executors to this my last will & Testament with full power to execute the same according to the Tenor thereof.

Item I do direct & desire that my Executors sell all the land now on hand & under what will be necessary for the support of my family this year to come as may be best either for Cash or Credit, as they may deem best & pay off all my just debts.

Item I direct It is my will & desire that my family be continued together this year until the present crop is made & gathered in and that my Executors at the end of this year or as soon as the present crop may be gathered in proceed to sell in a legal market all my personal property or Estate of whatever kind or description except negroes in such manner as they may deem most advantageous to my Estate and to rent out my plantation and hire out all my negroes annually for four years, unless they my Executors under direction of the Court of Ordinary shall find it would be advisable to have a dividend either in part or in the whole for the benefit of my children or to have any part sold.

Item I direct It is my will & desire that as long as the land shall be rented, and the negroes hired out, that the proceeds arising therefrom and the interest arising from the amount of sale of such property as shall be sold except that applied to the payment of my debts shall be applied forty Dollars annually to the support of my wife Christian Thompson the balance to the education & support of my children in such manner as may be deemed necessary by my Executors.

Item I direct It is my will and desire that on the division of my Estate among my children that each one receive an Equal portion and that my son John Thompson's children receive the portion that would descend to him if alive and that five hundred Dollars be reserved on said division to be put out at interest as long as my wife Christian Thompson lives and that she be paid annually forty Dollars out of said interest for her support; and that at her death the principal sum of five hundred Dollars be divided equally among all my children including my son John Thompson's children as in this Will (The words Crop's Children in two places enclosed before signing)

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six

In presence of
Abraham Green } James Thompson
David Green } his
Robert Green } mark

Georgia } I James Thompson of the County and State aforesaid do make
Wilkes County } this as Codicil to my last will (and Testament) which I have this day made (and require it to be taken as a part of said will) as the it had been included in the same to wit: That one hundred and fifty Dollars which my son John Thompson in his lifetime received from me in property shall be included & go to make up the portion left to his children equal to that of either of my other children In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty fourth day of April
Eighteen hundred & twenty six

In presence of
Abraham Green }
David Green }
Robert Green }

Georgia } I George Green County Clerk of Ordinary May Term 1826
Wilkes County } Personally appeared in open Court Abraham Green David Green & Robert Green
subscribing Midway to the foregoing will & the same duly sworn say that they saw the within named James Thompson sign & seal and heard him declare the same to be his last will and Testament and that they each believed him to be of perfect sound mind & memory at the time of his so doing & that each in the presence of the Testator subscribed their names as Witnesses thereto
Given to before me in open Court May 1826
George Green

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Abraham Green
David Green
Robert Green