

John J. Beates Will.

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In the name of God Amen I John J. Beates of the County of Greene State of Georgia being in perfect strength of mind & memory do make my Ordains that be my last will & Testament. I want my will is for my Executor to sell or let to whom in Georgia here lying my adjoining the Methodist Church and all my other lands that are deeded to me cattle for except the tract of land below Greenville where my hands are now cropping and a part of that to wit: a that piece of land lately purchased of John Wilkins except twenty five acres that has been sold of (requiring) the farm tract my will is for my Executor to sell for lot of land in Greenville and any other tract at private or public as he may choose for the purpose of paying my just debts and to sell all my household (furniture) my match excepted and in case there is a necessity to sell any of my negroes I want my Executor to first sell as many women named Hannah about thirty five years of age, then if a necessity to sell more, to sell big Peter and to sell (say) negro or negroes at public or private sale as my Executor may see Cause. My will is for my negroes Harry a (requiring) a blacksmith to be either hired out or work on the farm as my Executor may think best to the balance of my negroes to remain on said plantation under such auspices as my Executor may employ and my negroes not to be hired out except Harry & blacksmith John. My will is that Mrs. Jane Flood to continue in the house where she now lives and to be supported out of my Estate at the discretion of my Executor. My will is that my sister Eugenia J. Talley is to keep my daughter Ann W. H. Beates until she is old enough to go to school and then to be (at the discretion of my Executor) also give my daughter Ann W. H. Beates during her lifetime all my property both real & personal my match excepted but should she die without an heir or heirs of her body then it said property to return (to be divided) as follows to wit the plantation that my negroes are now settled on that I got by my wife (and) all the negroes that came by my wife & their increase that may remain undivided by me or my Executor to be equally divided between John W. Wood Henry W. Wood & Aphraha Wood children of my wife to them their heirs or assigns forever. I then will all the rest of my negroes (Moses a boy now about eleven years old) excepted the stock or other property that may remain (money excepted) to be equally divided between the children of my sister Eugenia J. Talley. My will is further in case of the death of my daughter without an heir of her body for William J. Talley to have a negro boy (Moses now about eleven years old). My will is further that should there be any money or bonds for money in the hands of my Executor at the death of my daughter & she to die without an heir of her body for the money or bonds for money to be equally divided between the heirs of my sister Eugenia J. Talley my half sister Catharine Talley my half brother John Sager & half brother William Sager and theirs and assigns forever. I will my lower match to William J. Talley & then him and lastly I constitute & appoint my friends Thomas F. Foster and John W. Wood as soon as he comes of age Executors of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all other heretofore made I do testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 14th day of February 1826

Signed Seal & Acknowledged in presence of

John J. Beates (Seal)

John Leakey

William Damascene

Geo Foster

A Codicil to the above Will. Whereas I in the above will

authorise my Executor or Executors to sell my house (that) adjoining the Methodist Church at any time they saw Cause as I have since then sold that lot it have taken in part pay of John Howard a debt in debt where Henry Taylor now lives as my deed will show I authorize my Executor or Executors to sell said lot I got of said John Howard at any time & manner he or they my executor may see cause thought fit to make. In testimony I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 7th April 1826

Signed Seal & Acknowledged in presence of

John J. Beates (Seal)

William Damascene

William Sager

Geo Foster

Greene County Court of Ordinary May Term 1826

Personally appeared in open Court John Holley William Darnett & George M Foster the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will who being duly sworn depose that they saw the within named John Holley sign said & heard him acknowledge the same as his last will and Testament and that they each believe him to have been of perfect sound mind & memory at the time of his so doing; and that they each subscribed their names as witnesses in the presence of the testator

John Holley

William Darnett

George M Foster

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 10th May 1826

Thos^g Torrance Clerk

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Appeared in open Court William Darnett William Sager & George M Foster the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Codicil to the annexed Will who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw the said John Holley sign said and heard him acknowledge the said Codicil to be a part of his last will and Testament and that they each believe him to have been of perfect sound mind & memory at the time of his so doing; and that they each subscribed their names as witnesses in the presence of the testator

Wm Darnett

Wm Foster

Wm Sager

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 12th May 1826

Thos^g Torrance Clerk

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Recorded 15 May 1826. Thos^g Torrance Q^{rs}

Elizabeth Lee Will

Greene County

In the name of God amw. I Elizabeth Lee of feeble health but of sound mind and memory do ordain and make this my last will & Testament.

I give and bequeath all my right title interest and claim of and to my chances in the contemplated land (situated) arising from the purchase of the lands of the Creek Indians acquired by a treaty held at the Indian Spring in the year Eighteen hundred & twenty five to Archabald Shapley. And testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of December 1825

signed sealed & delivered in the presence of

Elizabeth Lee
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John Thompson

Henry Thompson

Christopher & Lewis

Greene County Court of Ordinary July Term 1826

Personally appeared in open Court John Thompson Henry Thompson & Christopher & Lewis subscribing witnesses to the within will who being duly sworn say that they saw the within named Elizabeth Lee sign and heard her acknowledge the within to be her last will and Testament and that they each believe him to be of perfect sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of executing the same and that they each in the presence of the testator subscribed their names as witnesses thereto

John Thompson

Henry Thompson

Christopher & Lewis

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

3rd July 1826

Thos^g Torrance Clerk

Recorded 12th July 1826

Thos^g Torrance Clerk

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