

Oliver Porters Will

State of Georgia

Green County } In the Name of God Amen

I Oliver Porter of the County & State aforesaid being for advanced in years, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, being sound in mind and of disposing memory

Firstly

I give my body to the church to be interred at the discretion of my Executors and recommend my soul to God who gave it.

Secondly

I will that all my last debts be paid.

Thirdly

I will and bequeath to my son William Porter all my Real Estate lying in the aforesaid County with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, also a Negro Man named Frank about 14 Years old on Feather bed bedstead & furniture and four cows and calves of the first choice over & above an equal distributive share of my estate.

Fourthly

The balance of my estate consisting negroes stock of all kinds He Jewish sold to the highest bidder at public sale on the plantation and the proceeds to be equally divided amongst my surviving children and the offspring of my deceased children as follows, To the children of my daughter Polly Sears one equal share, To the children of my son Douglas W. Porter one equal share, To the children of my daughter Margaret King one equal share, To my son Anthony Porter one equal share, To my daughter Ann Lafford one equal share, To my son John W. Porter one equal share, To my son William Porter one equal share, To my son James M. Porter one equal share, To my Executors or (To John W. Porter) as Trustee for my Daughter Catharine Fanning, and her children, I give one equal share, Reserving such a portion as they may think proper for the use and benefit of my said Daughter Catharine Fanning during her natural life and then to be equally divided among her children, Share & share alike, and I hereby authorizing the Executors or Trustees aforesaid to purchase to the amount of my said Daughters Catharine Fannings distributive share of the negroes or other things as they may think best and hold the same in trust as aforesaid.

Fifthly

I will that my executors as soon as the same can be done after my death, to pay into the hands of the Treasurer of

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Georgia Baptist Convention, the sum of one thousand dollars to be by him vested in good bank or Railroad stock, or loaned at interest in the name of the Georgia Baptist Convention as a permanent fund so that the interests arising therefrom may be applied to the furtherance of the Gospel, through the agency of those as the same may seem best to them.

I appoint my four sons Anthony Porter, John W. Porter, William Porter and James M. Porter with my trusty friend Thomas Steele, my executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 7th day of July in the Year of our Lord 1837.

In the presence of
B. M. Sanders
James N. Daniel
John Nelson

O. Porter (Seal)

I Oliver Porter do hereby make the following alterations in my said Will viz, Instead of the entire sale of my House hold & Kitchen furniture, stock of Horses, Hogs, cattle &c &c, I do hereby give to my son William two more feather beds & appendages, besides the one alluded to in the body of the Will, and to my son Madison, I give the balance of the beds and their appendages, and to William likewise give all my House hold & Kitchen furniture of every kind, except as above mentioned, and also such portion of the Hogs, sheep, cattle, Horses, Mules & plantation tools as my Executors may think sufficient & reasonable for him in carrying on his farm, living as I calculate he will do on the plantation after my death, the balance of the stock of all kinds to be sold.

I also desire that in a division of the Negro property William may be allowed to have a Negro Girl or Woman named Fanny in his share or lot at a rate or value not exceeding Four Hundred dollars or that on his accounting to or paying over to my said Executors the sum of Four hundred dollars he may have her at that price independent of any division or share.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twelfth day of November 1837.

In the presence of
John Nelson
James N. Daniel

O. Porter (Seal)

Georgia

Barren County } Court of Ordinary Sept Term 1838
Personally appeared in open Court James M. Daniel and
John Wilson, two of the within named Witnesses to the within
last Will, testament and Codicil of Oliver ^{Senior} Daniel and that
they saw him subscribe the same, and that they each believed
him to be of perfect sound mind and disposing memory,
at the time of his signing the same, and that they in the
presence of each other together with B. M. Sanders and in
the presence of the Testator subscribed their names as
Witnesses thereto.

Subscribed to in open Court
3^d day of Sept 1838.
Thomas W. Grimes CLK

James M. Daniel
John Wilson

September Term 1838.

Sanctioned and ordered to be Recorded

Recorded 29th day of December 1838.

Thomas W. Grimes CLK

Edwin T. Walker's Will

Greene County

Georgia. } April the fifteenth day in the Year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight. In the name of
God Amen.

I Edwin T. Walker of the county and State above mentioned
being very sick and feeble of Body but of sound mind and memory
do constitute and make this my Last Will and Testament first
of all I commend my Spirit to that God who gave it, and my
Body to its mother Earth, Which I wish to be decently buried and
a Tombstone procured by my Executor and said over me, with an Epitaph
of my Name & age, and as respects my Earthly Goods and Chattels
First of all I wish all of my Just debts paid.

Secondly.

I give and bequeath to my beloved Father Matthew Walker my
Negro manly Mariah, Joe, and Charity.

Thirdly.

I give and bequeath to my Brother Samuel my Horse, Saddle
Bridle and Watch.

Fourthly.

I give and bequeath to my Sister Martha W. Walker one
Thousand dollars to be paid to her by my Executor to soon