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In the name of God, Amen. I James Holsey of the County of Hancock and State of Georgia being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following: That is to say, First, I lend to my beloved wife Susanna Holsey one third of my whole estate both real and personal, during her natural life and at her death, I give and bequeath the whole of my Negroes and the rest of my personal property, to be equally divided among my five children, viz, Gideon Holsey, Hopkins Holsey, Eliza Holsey, Susan Holsey & Jamy Holsey.

I do also give and bequeath to my three sons, viz, Gideon Holsey, Hopkins Holsey & Jamy Holsey the whole of my real estate as they come of lawful age or marry, on their paying to my two daughters, viz, Eliza Holsey & Susan Holsey one thousand dollars to each (in equal proportions) which I devise to them in lieu of any of my real property.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate my worthy friends Duke Hamilton, William Terrell and Edward Hamilton my Executors to this my last Will and testament until my two sons Gideon Holsey and Hopkins Holsey arrive at lawful age at which time my desire is that they shall act as my only Executors.

In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and seal

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this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1816

Signed, Sealed and  
acknowledged in presence  
of us

J. Holsay Seal

Benj. J. Harper  
George Amos  
John Berry  
A. B. Ridley

Georgia, Hancock Inferior Court, sitting for  
Ordinary purposes 8<sup>th</sup> October 1816

The last Will and testament of James Holsay dec.  
was duly proven in open Court by the oaths  
of Benjamin J. Harper, George Amos & Arch<sup>d</sup>. B.  
Ridley three of the subscribing Witnesses to  
said Will which was Ordered to be recorded.  
Duke Hamilton & William Terrell two of  
the nominated Executors were duly qualified  
and letters testamentary granted them  
accordingly. ~~James H. Holsay~~ ~~James H.~~

An Inventory & Appraisement of the personal  
estate of James Holsay dec. taken on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of  
December 1816

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| 1 ft. Andirons Brass        | 15- |
| 1 Fender Brass              | 8-  |
| 1 W. Shovel & Tong          | 7-  |
| 1 Walnut Sideboard          | 12- |
| 1 Table & End               | 24- |
| 1 Pair large Glasses        | 20- |
| 1 Mahogany Desk & Book Case | 80- |
| 6 W. or sitting Chair       | 9-  |

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|----|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 12 | Volumes of Books                                     | 18 -     |
| 1  | Shot Gun                                             | 12 -     |
| 1  | Box of Pistols & Holsters                            | 25 -     |
| 1  | pair Small dropping Glasses                          | 5 -      |
| 1  | Bureau                                               | 20 -     |
| 1  | pair Shovel & Tongs & Fire dogs                      | 6 -      |
| 1  | Trundle Bed & Furniture                              | 18 -     |
| 1  | Bed, Curtain Bedstead & Furniture                    | 40 -     |
| 1  | Common Bedstead & Bed Furniture                      | 40 -     |
| 1  | do do do                                             | 40 -     |
| 1  | do do do                                             | 35 -     |
| 1  | do do do                                             | 35 -     |
| 43 | Plates Deep & Shallow                                | 3 -      |
| 7  | Dishes 4 large & 3 common size                       | 10 -     |
| 2  | Bowls                                                | 1 50     |
| 2  | Decanters, 6 Tumblers, 5 Wine Glasses                | 3 50     |
| 16 | Cups & Saucers, 3 Pitchers, 1 salt stand & pepperbox | 3 -      |
| 1  | Castor (plate), & 2 Glass salt Cellars               | 6 50     |
| 12 | Silver Tea Spoons                                    | 12 -     |
| 12 | Table Spoons, Silver,                                | 50 -     |
| 1  | Tea Tray                                             | 3 -      |
| 2  | Small Waiters                                        | 50       |
| 14 | Knives Forks & Box                                   | 5 -      |
| 4  | Brass Candlesticks                                   | 1 -      |
| 1  | Mortar, Iron, & Spice Mill                           | 2 -      |
| 1  | Tin Canister, Candlebox & Tin Bucket                 | 1 -      |
| 1  | large Jar & 1 Jug                                    | 1 25     |
| 2  | large Jugs & 1 small one                             | 3 -      |
| 11 | black Bottles                                        | 1 37 1/2 |
| 1  | Wooden Clock                                         | 10 -     |
| 1  | Walnut Table & Candle Stand                          | 13 -     |
| 1  | Trunk                                                | 5 -      |
| 1  | Shovel & Tongs                                       | 5 -      |
| 4  | chains (rush bottom)                                 | 3 -      |

Airt. bro. forward —

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1 Clock Reel                                     | 3        |
| 7 Counters                                       | 42 -     |
| 15 Shirts                                        | 37 50    |
| 5 Table Cloths                                   | 10 -     |
| 5 Towels                                         | 1 25     |
| 8 Table Covers & Toilet                          | 8 -      |
| 2 Pillow Cases                                   | 1 -      |
| 1 Blanket                                        | 4 -      |
| 1 Man Saddle, Blanket & Bridle, plated,          | 12 -     |
| 1 Hot Nail, Tuby & Wash Bucket                   | 5 -      |
| 1 Churn & Hurkin                                 | 1 25     |
| 1 Gridiron, Spider, Stilet & Tea Kettle & Trivet | 4 -      |
| 1 large pot, 3 small ones, 2 ovens & 2 pot Hooks | 12 -     |
| 1 flesh fork & Ladle                             | 1 25     |
| 1 pair Sad Irons                                 | 1 -      |
| 1 Coffee pot, 1 quart pot & 1 pint               | 3 1/2    |
| 2 Sifters                                        | 2 50     |
| 2 pot Racks                                      | 4 -      |
| 42 Uccading Hoes old and new                     | 26 50    |
| 14 grubbing Hoes                                 | 10 50    |
| 2 Shovels                                        | 3 -      |
| 3 hand saws                                      | 4 -      |
| 4 Chisels                                        | 1 12 1/2 |
| 3 screw Auger & 1 barrel Auger                   | 2 -      |
| 1 Hammer, 1 Drawing Knife & 1 Froe               | 2 -      |
| 2 Small broad Axes                               | 2 25     |
| 6 Cut Axes                                       | 8 -      |
| 4 pair Wedges                                    | 6 -      |
| 2 old axes & 1 new one                           | 2 50     |
| 1 axe                                            | 1 -      |
| 6 pt. Shovel, Plane & Hammer                     | 4 50     |
| 3 Single Axes                                    | 1 50     |
| 1 hot Hammer                                     | 1 75     |
| 1 axe                                            | 1 -      |
| 2 pair Chain Truss                               | 2 -      |
| 17 plow Shovel, & Shovel, with stocks            | 17 -     |

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| 6                                                                                         | Ant. bro. forward                                 | 6 -        |
| 10                                                                                        | Treadle Hoes                                      | 10 -       |
| 8                                                                                         | Scute & one shovel plow Hoes                      | 9 -        |
| 8                                                                                         | Sweeper plow Hoes                                 | 8 -        |
| 5                                                                                         | Harrow Hoes                                       | 3 75       |
| 4                                                                                         | do do & Stocks                                    | 6 -        |
| 3                                                                                         | ft. Hames, 2 single trees & 1 set old plow Stocks | 3 -        |
| 1                                                                                         | large Harrow with 11 iron teeth                   | 4 -        |
| 1                                                                                         | Ox cart                                           | 30 -       |
| 1                                                                                         | Gigg & Harness                                    | 200 -      |
| 4                                                                                         | Scythes & blades                                  | 8 -        |
| 2                                                                                         | Cow Slides                                        | 2 50       |
| 1                                                                                         | Parcel Barrel Staves                              | 3 -        |
| 1                                                                                         | fifty <sup>saucy</sup> Cotton                     | 100 -      |
| 1                                                                                         | old 40 Saw Cotton Gin                             | 30 -       |
| 10                                                                                        | lobby Stands                                      | 8 -        |
| 75                                                                                        | Bushels Wheat (by Computations)                   | 103 12 1/2 |
| 2                                                                                         | Sets plow Gear                                    | 4 -        |
| 1                                                                                         | Pair New Stallyard & 1 old one                    | 3 50       |
| 1                                                                                         | Sorrel horse (big head)                           | 70 -       |
| 1                                                                                         | light bay horse (back)                            | 70 -       |
| 1                                                                                         | bay horse (star & snip nose)                      | 90 -       |
| 1                                                                                         | deep Chestnut sorrel horse                        | 70 -       |
| 1                                                                                         | small bay horse cub                               | 45 -       |
| 1                                                                                         | Grey work horse                                   | 50 -       |
| 1                                                                                         | Brown black Mare                                  | 75 -       |
| 1                                                                                         | Mule (Brown)                                      | 75 -       |
| 1                                                                                         | small sorrel horse (nutbin)                       | 10 -       |
| Bushels of Corn w <sup>62 1/2</sup> / <sub>100</sub><br>hundred weight from ~ 100 of them |                                                   |            |
| 34                                                                                        | Quar                                              | 17 -       |
| 10                                                                                        | Decks                                             | 1 75       |
| 2                                                                                         | Bulls black & dark Brown                          | 20 -       |
| 45                                                                                        | head Cattle w \$6 p head                          | 2 70 -     |
| 1                                                                                         | Yorker Bred work Steers                           | 60 -       |
| 1                                                                                         | do Brown do                                       | 70 -       |

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amt. forwarded

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|-----|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1   | Yoke Stears                        | 40        |
|     | Gal. Brandy                        | 5 1/2 gal |
| 1   | Runtel & 7 Barrels                 | 8         |
| 2   | Sars                               | 1 25      |
| 3   | Furkins                            | 3         |
| 9   | Breeding Sows, 14 Pigs & 54 Shoats | 82        |
| 10  | Mobby Stand                        | 6         |
| 1   | 180 Gal Casks                      | 2         |
| 129 | Gal Still                          | 130       |
| 1   | 60 Gal Still                       | 60        |
| 1   | Loom                               | 6         |
| 1   | Spinning Wheel                     | 1 50      |
| 1   | Beehive                            | 2         |
| 1   | Do. Do                             | 1         |
| 3   | Wheels & 4 pair Cords              | 6 50      |
| 1   | Negro woman Abby                   | 200       |
| 1   | " Man old Peter                    | 250       |
| 1   | " " Will                           | 250       |
| 1   | " " Isham                          | 400       |
| 1   | " " Duke                           | 400       |
| 1   | " " Alexander                      | 500       |
| 1   | " " Tony                           | 600       |
| 1   | " " Stephen Ingram                 | 650       |
| 1   | " " Landrend                       | 675       |
| 1   | " " Jefe                           | 700       |
| 1   | " " Frank Reid                     | 700       |
| 1   | " " Quash                          | 700       |
| 1   | " " Stephen Tobin                  | 600       |
| 1   | " " Osborn                         | 600       |
| 1   | " " Pompey                         | 650       |
| 1   | " " Sambo                          | 300       |
| 1   | " " Anthony                        | 700       |
| 1   | " " Louis                          | 700       |
| 1   | " " John                           | 700       |
| 1   | " Man boy Andrew                   | 600       |
| 1   | " " Peter (high graft)             | 650       |
| 1   | " " Hannibal                       | 650       |

Am. bro. forward

|   |   |           |                                                                               |       |
|---|---|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| x | 1 | Negro Man | Moses                                                                         | 400-  |
| x | 1 | "         | boy Joe                                                                       | 500-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Jay                                                                         | 175-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Africa                                                                      | 500-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Harry                                                                       | 500-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Bill                                                                        | 450-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Leby John                                                                   | 350-  |
| x | 1 | "         | lame boy Edmund                                                               | 150-  |
|   | 1 | "         | woman Silvia                                                                  | 200-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Fanny                                                                       | 200-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Nan                                                                         | 500-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Amy (Roanoke)                                                               | 200-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Amy, Mead & Chito Lot                                                       | 550-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Amy Strait & 2 Children Mary, Wiley                                         | 800-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Betty & four children & Abby children<br>Ruth, Solomon, Jimmy, Jim & Joshua | 1400- |
| x | 1 | "         | " Dianna & Patience her child                                                 | 650-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Betty & 2 children Jeffery & Tabby                                          | 700+  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Tony & 3 children Friday, Sampson & Jeffy                                   | 700-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Tincy & 2 children Emily & Lorna                                            | 700-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Sissy & 2 children Sally & Wiley                                            | 800-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " <del>Churpa</del> & Child Tom                                               | 650-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Samy & Child Mary                                                           | 600+  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Maria & 2 children Sylvia & Dudley                                          | 750-  |
|   | 5 | "         | Children Lucy, Peggy, Charly, James & Eliza                                   | 1100- |
|   | 1 | "         | woman Becks                                                                   | 600-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Rose                                                                        | 600-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Lydia                                                                       | 550-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Leanna                                                                      | 600-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Polly                                                                       | 550-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Hagan                                                                       | 500-  |
|   | 1 | "         | Spid Elason                                                                   | 450-  |
|   | 1 | "         | " Chloe                                                                       | 150-  |
| x | 1 | "         | " Little Rose                                                                 | 375-  |
|   | 2 | "         | Small Children Mary & Israel (Amy's children)                                 | 250-  |

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| amt. brt. forward |                                               |            |
| x 1               | Negro man Sam                                 | 500-       |
| x 1               | " " Bob                                       | 700-       |
| x 1               | " boy Davy                                    | 650-       |
| x 1               | " Man, Blacksmith, Grind & Blacksmith Tools - | 800-       |
| x 1               | " woman Phillis                               | 400-       |
| x 1               | Road Waggon & Gear                            | 100-       |
| 4                 | Waggon horses                                 | 400-       |
| 1                 | Spinning wheel & flt. cards                   |            |
|                   |                                               | 350        |
|                   |                                               | \$37295 75 |

Georgia  
Hancock County } We John Crowder, George Rivers & Henry  
Tripp Appraisers, appointed by an  
Order of the Inferior Court, of the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1816 -  
after being duly qualified, do Appraise the  
above and foregoing goods & Chattels belonging  
to the estate of Jany Holsey dec. as shown us  
by William Jones one of the Exors of the  
last Will of said Jany Holsey dec. at the  
rates & prices thereto affixed as witness our  
hands this 6<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1816 -

John Crowder  
Geo Rivers  
Henry Tripp

Georgia, Hancock County. I do hereby certify that John  
Crowder & George Rivers were duly qualified as  
Appraisers of the estate of Jany Holsey dec.  
6<sup>th</sup> Decr 1816  
Henry Tripp J.P.

Georgia  
Hancock County } I do certify that Henry Tripp was  
duly qualified as an Appraiser of  
the personal estate of Jany Holsey dec.  
6<sup>th</sup> December 1816 - Geo Rivers J. J. C.