

Georgia

Hancock County

I know all men by these presents that I, James Lucas of the County and State aforesaid, knowing the certainty of death and uncertainty of life and for the better disposing of my worldly goods do make and obtain the following instrument of writing my last will and testament, by it revoking all former will or Wills, whatever that is to say

1st I give to my wife Mary Lucas the following Negroes, Mully, Simon, Silvey, George, Phellis, Malinda, Basha and Blanche; also all my stock of horses except two Carters and Jack together with my stock of cattle, sheep & hogs to be peaceably possessed by her till the marriage of my son William Lucas and then to be equally divided between them the said Mary Lucas and William Lucas also the Manor plantation together with ^{all} and singular the premises and appurtenances thereto belonging to be held and peaceably possessed by her during her natural life. I also ~~give~~ ^{bequeath} to my ^{eldest} Mary Lucas during her natural ^{life} the following Negroes Willis, Creasey, Virginia and Ephraim; then to revert to my children as hereafter mentioned and also my negro man David to be held and possessed by her during her natural life and to revert back in the same manner as the other four above mentioned, together with all my personal estate that is not hereafter disposed of to be held and possessed by her during her natural life and then together with the first mentioned eight Negroes to be disposed of as she may think most proper.

2nd I give to my son Robert Lucas the tract of land whereon he now lives bounded as laid off to him heretofore by estimation one hundred and fifty Acre, but be the same more or less; I also confirm unto him all the property of any description that I have heretofore given him and no more.

- 3rd I give to my daughter Elizabeth Hunter one negro woman at the death of my wife by the name of Crousey together with the ~~proper~~ I have heretofore given her and no more.
- 4th I give to my daughter Mary Hott one Cow and Calf together with all the property heretofore given of every description and no more.
- 5th I give to my daughter Sarah Childers one Cow and Calf and one Sow and Pigs together with all the property of every description heretofore given and no more.
- 6th I give to my daughter Rebecca Lucas one dollar in Cash and all the property of every description that I have heretofore given her and no more.
- 7th I give to my son William Lucas all that tract of land known and designated by the above tract with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging also the plantation whereon I ~~live~~ live, the latter not to be possessed by him till the death of my wife also five negroes (viz) Cyrus, Bob, Ben, Hannah and King to be possessed by him at my death also one negro boy the name of Edmund to be held in like manner, also for my negroy at the death of my wife by the name of Willis, David, Virgin and Ephraim together with one half of my farming utensils and tools of every description; also two horses Saddle & Suck.
- 8th I give to my daughter Jane Truney, three negroes (viz) Peter Charity & Evelina, together with all other property heretofore given.
- 9th I further wish and desire that my wife Mary Lucas and my two sons Robert and William Lucas dispose of my present crop and all future crops to the best

Advantages for the discharge of just debts. and I also
enjoin it on my wife and son William to comfort-
ably and reasonably support their helpless negroes *Yon*
Phillis & Cain -

^{10th} I also further charge and require my Executors and
Legatees, that should there any dispute arise about
any expression in this my will or any other matter
thereunto relating that they call upon three of
their most Sincere and righteous neighbours who shall here and
determine said dispute -

^{11th} I also wish and desire that there should be no sale
or Appraisement on any of my goods & Chattels,
but that my Executors peaceably and quietly settle
my business and my heirs to enjoy my property
without the trouble of paying Office fees or
Calling for the Council of an Attorney -

And I do by these presents constitute and appoint
my wife *Mary Lucas* and my two sons *Robert* and
William Lucas my whole and sole Executors and
Executrix to this my last will and testament -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed
my name and affixed my seal this eighteenth of
September one thousand, eight hundred and fourteen.

In presence of
George Nelson Jr
Thomas Nelson
Ridson Moore

Lat. Lucas 

The last will and testament of *James Lucas* dec. was proven in open
Court, by the oaths of *George Nelson* and *Ridson Moore* two of the
subscribing witnesses to the same and ordered to be recorded.
Mary Lucas & *William Lucas*, one of the nominated Executor
& Executrix were duly qualified & Whereupon it is ordered
that *written testamentary* issue to them accordingly -

2nd January 1815 -

Samy H. Jones *clerk*