

# Georgia Henry County:

In the name of God, amen. I James Pattillo of said State & County being of advanced age, & being deeply impressed with the uncertainty of life. deem it right and proper both as respects myself & family, that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others by me hitherto made.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I desire & direct that my body be buried in a decent & Christian like manner, suitable to my circumstances & condition in life.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter named, as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed of their rights, especially as there is no necessity of delay.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I desire & direct that Paschal Hayes who was married to my oldest daughter Celinda Ann, shall enjoy no more of my estate.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I desire an equal distribution of my property after my decease, among Benjamin F. James E. T. John & Pattillo, they being my children, & the children of John & Martha Parker viz William A. James M. and John F.

That is Benjamin F. is to draw one fourth part, subject to a deduction of Fourteen Hundred & five Dollars, the amount I have already paid him: James E. T. one fourth part, subject to a deduction of Eleven Hundred Dollars, which amount I have paid him, and John F. one fourth part with a deduction of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, which amount I have paid him, & William A. James M. & John F. Parker the children of John & Martha Parker, jointly are to draw one fourth part, subject to a deduction of Thirteen Hundred Dollars which amount I have paid for said John Parker.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my desire in the first-

place, that my said children & legatees divide my Negroes among them if said division can be made equal satisfactory if not that they may be sold for the purpose of division & if sold that they be sold on the premises where I may reside at the time of my decease, & on the same day of the sale of my Land & perishable property.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I constitute & appoint my two Sons viz Benjamin F & James E T Pattillo on whom I have much confidence Executors to this my last Will & Testament this 11<sup>th</sup> December 1858

James Pattillo 

Signed sealed, declared & published by James Pattillo as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us the subscribers, who subscribed our names unto it in the presence of said Testator, & of each other this 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1858

J J Waller  
J P Austin  
W Mc Cook  
Joseph A Dossman

Georgia Henry County:  
To the Honorable Court of Ordinary  
of said County:

The petition of Benjamin F Pattillo & James E T Pattillo respectfully sheweth that James Pattillo, a resident of said County departed this life on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1860, leaving a will in which your Petitioners are named as Executors & also leaving a large estate of Real & personal property worth between fourteen & fifteen Thousand Dollars

Wherefore your Petitioners pray the Court to grant an order admitting said last Will & Testament to probate in vacation And your Petitioners will ever pray the

Benjamin F Pattillo  
James E T Pattillo

Georgia<sup>3</sup> Court of Ordinary in vacation.  
Henry County<sup>3</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1860  
Present P. H. Campbell, Deputy Ordinary  
in & for said County

Into Court in vacation came John P Austin William M Cook Jeremiah J Walker  
in person, who being duly sworn said that  
they saw James Pattillo sign seal publish and  
declare the above & foregoing instrument as  
his last Will & Testament freely voluntarily  
of his own accord & without any restraint  
whatever. That at the time of the execution  
of the said last Will & Testament said  
Testator was of sound disposing mind and  
memory. That defendants signed said  
Will as witnesses in the presence of Testator  
& at his special instance requested & in  
the presence of each other, & saw Joseph W  
Dudson the other witness likewise sign  
Sworn to subscribed before  
me upon oath

P H Campbell

John P Austin  
William M Cook  
Deputy Ord H C Jeremiah J Walker

Georgia Henry County We Benjamin F Pattillo & James E T  
Pattillo do solemnly swear that this writing con-  
tains the true last Will & Testament of the witness named  
James Pattillo so far as we know or believe & that we will well  
& truly execute the same by paying first the debts & then the  
legacies contained in said Will so far as his goods  
& chattels will then extend & the law charge us  
& that we will make a true & perfect inventory  
of all such goods & chattels, so help us God,  
Sworn to & subscribed before  
me, in open Court this third  
day of September 1860  
J R Nolen Ordinary

Benj F Pattillo  
James E T Pattillo