

Georgia
Jackson County. Know all men by these Presents that
I James W. Shanks being of Sound Mind & Disposing
Memory Do hereby Make & Ordain this My Last Will
& Testament as follows

I Will & bequeath to my Wife Lucrecia Shanks
for & During the Term of her Natural Life the follow-
ing Property (to Wit) The Tract or Lot of Land whereon
I now live & all the Land which I now own growing
thereon also a negro boy named Ben all my house hold
& Kitchen furniture my Barouche & Harness & the range
wherein I usually Drive all my Stock of hogs & Cattle
all my farming Tools & one years Provisions of all Kinds
for herself & family

And I Will & bequeath to my Children the Remainder of
the Property which I may be Possessed at the time
of my Death after Paying my Just Debts to be held
by my Executors herein after named for their benefit
During their Minority & to be Equally Divided between

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there on the eldest child arriving at the age of twenty one
years or marrying & also the Property Married in the
Pending Action of this Instrument after the Death
of my Wife
It is my Will & Direction that my Brother Leburn
M. Shankle Continuing to sell my Stock of Goods at
Private Sale until the first Day of January next
& then over to my Executors the Balance of
Goods then on hand together with all my accounts
Notes & other evidencing of Debt it is further my Will
that my Executors collect my Debts as soon as practicable
sell the Remainder of my Stock of Goods at public
Sale & also sell on such Terms & in such Manner as to
him shall seem best a negro girl named Eliza &
her two Children & also the property herein bequeathed
to my Wife after her Estate & her share shall have been
paid by her Executors for the benefit of my Children as
herein Directed

I hereby constitute & appoint my brother Levi H. Shankle
& my Wife Amanda Shankle my Executors to carry into
Effect the Provisions of this my Last Will & Testament
Signed sealed & published this 15th April 1846
In presence of
Mediator W. H.
James H. Hays
John M. Shannon

James W. Shankle Seal

George & John M. Shannon who being duly
sworn swear that they saw James W. Shankle sign
the within Will & that they with James H. Hays sub-
scribed as witnesses in the presence of the Testator & each
other & we believe he was at the time he was at the
time of sound mind & disposing memory & sworn to &
subscribed in open Court 1st of March 1847
John H. Pittman C. C. Mediator W. H.
Recorded 1st of March 1847 John M. Shannon