

and they all signed it by the request of the said James Stubbs and in his presence & in the presence of each other and that said James Stubbs was of sound mind at the execution thereof.

Sworn to & signed before me
per court 2nd Nov^r 1818
James Smith C. P. O.

Simon L. Stevens

John Hamlin's last Will.

In the name of God Amen! This the nineteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen I John Hamlin senior of the County of Jones & State of Georgia being in perfect mind & memory thank be to almighty God for his merciful blessing turn to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body I recommend to the ground & to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors and worldly estate whomever it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner, I then will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catey all my estate real and personal during her widowhood and if she continues single after my death to have it her life time but if my wife Catey Hamlin marries again then the property to be equally divided amongst and between my wife and children after all my just debts is paid this will revoke all other - Item 2nd and all my children are to be supported out of my Estate and to have their equal share when they arrive at a lawful age to receive it - - Item I also wish my son James Hamlin to work and take the management of my crop and plantation until a division takes place. Item I also leave Adam Carson my lawful executor to my Estate. Given from under my hand & seal this year & day & date above mentioned.

test Robert A. Hemming }
test James Billingslea }
Georgia }
Jones County }

John Hamlin (Seal)
his mark
December Term 1818

Then came James Billingslea into Court who being

duly sworn saith that he saw John Hamlin in his life time make his mark acknowledge the seal & execute this to be his last will & testament and that himself & Robert A. Flemming were subscribing witnesses to the same & signed the same in the presence & by the request of said John Hamlin & in the presence of each other & that said John Hamlin was of sound mind & memory at the execution thereof.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 14th December 1818 } James Billingslea

James Smith C.C.O.

Recorded 14th Dec. 1818.

John Smith's Will.

In the name of God Amen! I John Smith of Jones County & State of Georgia being weak in body but sound in mind my calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for man to die and after death to judgment do make & ordain this my last will and testimony in the first place I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me & my body to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner. As to the worldly goods which it has been pleased God to bestow on me which it is my will at my death for my wife Nancy Smith to have all my estate both real & personal (to wit) after paying all my just debts my three negroes Hannah & her child Patience & Jess & my horses & all my stock of every kind also my land & household & kitchen furniture all my notes bonds and book accounts together with all my working utensils & I do also appoint my beloved wife Nancy Smith my executrix to my will given from under my hand & seal this 30th day of October 1818

John Smith (Seal)

Robert Beasley }
Polly Beasley }
Henry Marsh }
}

Georgia } Court of Ordinary, March Term 1819.
Jones County } Came into open Court Robert Beasley who being duly sworn saith that he saw John Smith sign & execute the foregoing will as his last will & testament & that said Polly Beasley & Henry Marsh sign the same as witnesses & that said John Smith was of