

wife Eliza at her decease I give and bequeath to my child Mary Ann Leake Ledbetter to her and her issue forever I give and bequeath the care and management of my child Mary Ann Leake Ledbetter to my Brother Henry Ledbetter. Lastly I appoint my Brother Henry Ledbetter Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I herewith set my hands and seal this day of

Signed acknowledged and delivered in the presence of

Wilson Pope

James R. Jones

Daniel P. Pepper

Silas Ledbetter (S. L.)

Georgia } This day personally came before us James R. Jones
Jones County } and Daniel P. Pepper subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and say they saw Silas Ledbetter execute the same as his last will and testament and that they subscribed their as witnesses to the same at his request and they saw Wilson Pope sign his name as a witness in their presence, and at the request of the testator, and that he the said Silas Ledbetter was of sound mind at the execution thereof.
Sworn to and Subscribed before

J. R. Jones

Daniel P. Pepper.

us this 5th November 1832

Thomas B. Slade J. L. C.

Peter Northern J. L. C.

Noah Messer's Will.

Georgia } I in the name of God Amen
Jones County } I Noah Messer knowing that it is appointed for man once to die but being in perfect mind and memory have thought fit to make this my last will and testament. I will that all my just debts be paid. Then I will, I give unto my beloved wife Bill & Simon Charlotte and Sila to have and to hold until Sara Ann should marry then Charlotte is to be given to my daughter Sara Ann and her children during her natural life and at my wife's death Bill Simon & Sila to belong to my daughter Sara Ann at her mother's decease I give unto my wife all the land on the East side of the Creek where the house is and that laying down the creek and going across of the below square to have and to hold during her natural life and at her decease the land to be equally divided between my three sons I give unto my wife four horses

Bill the Mide Pigeon and please give over and deliver the cart
and Oxen and as many of the plantation tools as will do and
the cotton gin to have and to hold during her natural life and
at her decease it is to be sold and equally divided amongst my
Daughters children and the balance of the stock plantation
sterns after my wife gets here is to be sold and divided between
my daughters children. I will I give unto my Son Joseph
Messer three Negroes Prince Reeny + Manial + at my decease
Peter Hilber with their future increase to him and his heirs
forever. I will I give unto my Son John B. Messer four
Negroes Abram Soney Green + Miller and at my decease Abram
also to him and his heirs forever. I will I give unto my Son
Benjamin Messer three Negroes Dence Jonah + Stephen + Till
and their future increase at my decease to him and his heirs
forever. I will I lend unto my Daughter Polly one Negro girl
Bobb on the following conditions that said Negro be never sub-
ject to be sold nor hired out to pay Thomas Plummers debt
but so soon as she shall be taken by an attachment my
Executors take said Negro and hire her out for the use of
her children or otherwise remain in her possession during
her natural life and at her death for her and her future in-
crease to be equally divided among her children to them and
their heirs and assigns for ever. I will I lend unto my
Daughter Rebecca Stanner one negro girl Fanny during her
natural life on the following conditions. I will that said neg-
ro be not subject to pay her husbands debt and so soon as
said Negro be attached or sold she be taken by my Executors
and hire her out for the use of her children or otherwise re-
main in her possession during her natural life. and at her
Death for her and her future increase to be equally divided
between her children to them and their heirs and assigns
forever. I will I lend unto my daughter Priscilla Clarke one
Negro girl Blender on the following conditions. I will that said
negro is not subject to pay her husbands debt but so soon
as she be taken by an attachment she be taken by my Ex-
ecutors as prescribed for the use of her children and at her
Death to be equally divided between her children with her
future increase to them their heirs and assigns forever. I will
I lend unto my daughter Martha two Negroes Anne and
Grace with their future increase.

be not subject to pay any debts of another person but so soon
as they be taken by an attachment my Executor take said Negroes
and hire them out for the use of her Children if any otherwise
remain in her Possession during her natural Life - for the use
of herself if she has not an heir and at her Death for them and
their future increase to be equally divided between her Children
if any, if not between the surviving Daughters ^{Children} to them and their
heirs and assigns forever I will I lend unto my daughter Sa-
litha two Negroes Sila + Eda on the following conditions I will
that said Negroes be not subject to pay the debts of any other
person. but so soon as they be attached my Executor take
them and hire them out for the use of herself if she has not an
heir otherwise remain in her possession during her natural
Life. and at her Death for them and their future increase to be
equally ^{divided} between her heirs if any if not between the surviving
Daughters Children - to them their heirs and assigns forever
I will I lend unto my daughter Sara Ann one negro Char-
lotte and her future increase on the above conditions. she is
to have her when she marries and at her mothers Death to
have Simon Bill + Sila with their future increase during her
natural life and at her Death for them and increase to be equal-
ly divided between her Children if any if none between the sur-
viving Daughters Children to them their heirs and assigns
forever. I will that the balance of my lands be equally di-
vided between my three Sons (to wit) Joseph John + Benjamin
I will to them their heirs and assigns forever and at my
Wifes decease for her dower of land to be equally divided between
Sons as above and that if one or more of them die without a
lawful heir that what I have willed to them be equally di-
vided between the surviving Son or Sons - I will that if one
or more of my daughters die without a lawful heir that her
or their parts be equally divided between the surviving Daugh-
ter or Daughters Children to them their heirs and assigns
forever I will I give unto my Son Joseph one Desk one waggon
and the blacksmiths tools I will I give my Son John one Sa-
vel mare I will I give my Son Benjamin one young horse and
one Colt I will I give unto my Grandson Joshua C. Plumer
one piece of land lying in Lee County in the fourteenth
township his heirs and assigns forever. I will that
the debts of my estate be taken to pay a negro

for my Daughter Priscilla Clarke to have on the conditions before
prescribed to her and her heirs and assigns forever I will I give and
to my Grandson Noah M. Clarke one Hundred Dollars to come
out of my crop if any if not out of my money after paying my
just debts to him and his heirs if any if he dies without an heir
it is to be given to his Brother John to him his heirs and assigns
forever and I do hereby constitute my Son Joseph Messer and
my friend Robert Woodbell my lawful Executors to this my last
will and testament revoking all others heretofore made whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my hand and seal
the 17th day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hun-
dred and thirty two.

In presence of
- Alfred Wyche
James Barner
Joseph Miller.

Noah ^{his} X Messer ^{mark} (S.S.)

State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary December adjourned Term
Jones County } 1832. Then came in to open Court James Barner
and Joseph Miller who being duly sworn say that they were pres-
ent & saw Noah Messer execute the above & foregoing to be his
last will and testament on his making his mark & acknowl-
edged the seal & requested deponents to witness the execution there-
of. and they attested the same as witnesses in his presence & in
the presence of each other & they saw Alfred Wyche also witness
the same at the same time & in the same manner and that
said Noah Messer was of sound mind at the time of the execu-
tion thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed in open
Court this 10th December 1832.

James Barner
Joseph Miller

Charles McCarthy Clk. C.O.

James C. Robertson's Will.

In the Name of God Amen. I James C. Robertson of the County
of Jones and State of Georgia, being of Sound mind but in
a low state of health and knowing the uncertainty of life do
make this, and subscribe to it as my last will and test-
ament in manner and form as follows.

Item 1st I wish my Body Buried in a Christian like manner.

Item 2nd I wish all my just Debts to be paid out of a Sale
of any of property I wish property to be sold as my Execu-
tors & Creditors may think most advisable to make.