

I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rutha during her natural life the one half of the value of one negro man named Billy and half of the value of one novel filly. After her decease above property I will and bequeath unto my Daughter Nanny her heirs and assigns forever. Also I will and bequeath unto my Daughter Nanny the other half of the value of the above named negro and novel filly to her her heirs and assigns forever the balance of property I am possessed of after my just Depts are paid I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rutha during her natural life or widowhood after her decease I will and bequeath unto my daughter Sally the one half of the last mentioned property to her heirs and assigns forever, the other half of the last mentioned property I will and bequeath unto my daughter Nanny except five dollars to her heirs and assigns forever I will and bequeath unto my Daughter Betsey five dollars to her heirs and assigns forever. Lastly I constitute and appoint my friends Robert R. Griffin and Shadrach M. Gentry my lawful Executors to carry this my last will into execution. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this seventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty two.

Dennis Lester. ^{his} ~~mark~~ Shadrach M. Gentry

Robert Carey (Seal)

George W. Court of Ordinary March Term 1823.
In open Court this day came and appeared before me in open Court Dennis Lester who being duly sworn saith that he was present and saw Robert Carey sign and execute the foregoing to be his last will and testament and that himself and Shadrach Thompson were subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time, in his presence and in the presence of each other and that they both subscribed their names as witnesses at the special request of the said Robert Carey and that he was of sound and disposing mind at the time of its execution.

Shown to & subscribed in open

Court this 3rd March 1823.

Dennis Lester.

Evans Myrick C. C. D.

Stephen Gafford's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Stephen Gafford sen. of the County of Jones in the State of Georgia Farmer being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory (blessed be God for the same) and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life

do make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner
and form following to wit. H. principally and first of all I com-
mend my immortal soul to be buried in a decent and Christian
like manner at the discretion of my Executors herein after
named and as to such worldly estate whereunto it hath pleased
God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in
the following manner to wit, I give and devise to my beloved
wife Martha Gafford all that part of my real estate being
the plantation whereon I now live lying and being situated on
the East side of the mill branch beginning at Rushin line on
said branch thence up the same to the land I bought of Jew-
nial Gafford thence along the Southern boundary of said
tract to the old boundary line eastwardly thence along the
said boundary line and round the first mentioned tract with
Rushin line to the place of beginning including all the plan-
tation and buildings of every kind and all the priviledges
profits members and appurtenances thereunto belonging to
have the said Martha and to her heirs use benefit and behoof for and
during her natural life. Also I give unto her my cash wife
one feather bed bedstead and bedding with curtains of her
own choice also I give unto her two tables and half a dozen
Chairs to her choice also all the trunks one cupboard and
furniture of every kind one side board and furniture of every
kind and all of the kitchen furniture of every kind. Also I
give her my said wife, my gray mare and a young Roan
filly three cows and calves three cows and pigs of her
choice and a sufficient support of corn and meat for her
and family for the first year and fodder for and after
my decease also I give her my said wife the following
negroes to wit, Lewis Carter, Anna, Jinney and her two chil-
dren Jack & Hisey and Wanny. all the above and before men-
tioned property I give and devise to my beloved wife Martha
for and during her natural life and from and immediat-
ly after her decease they above mentioned negroes to go to
the children agreeable to a will made by her former hus-
band and all the remaining property of every kind that I have
herein given to my said wife I give and devise to my heirs gen-
erally to be sold by my Executors and equally divided among
them agreeable to said also all my other real and personal
property to be sold at public sale on twelve months credit

to wit, my grist mill and one hundred acres of land more or less situated on the west side of the mill branch beginning on said branch where the lower line crosses the same thence up said branch to the lower line of the land I bought of Jeremiah Gafford thence along said line northwesterly to the corner adjoining Joseph M. Taylor and along his line & westwardly to Rush line thence along said line to the beginning, and also another tract of 220 acres adjoining above the mill tract being two fractions and also fifty acres of pine land in Baldwin County adjoining Ellis and others also one lot 20 1/2 acres in the 13th Houston County making in altogether 572 1/2 acres more or less also all the negroes stock and all the remaining part of my property of every kind not otherwise herein disposed of to be inventoried and sold by my Executors herein after named and the proceeds thereof when collected with my crop after paying all my just debts & the remainder to be equally divided between my children except four hundred dollars to be paid to my son Robert Gafford & also one hundred dollars a piece to my other children to be paid to each of them respectively as they may arrive at the age of eighteen years or when married — I do hereby appoint Daniel Gafford of the State of Alabama guardian for James & David Gafford orphans and Peter Northern for Stephen & Josiah Gafford orphans and to receive the above fund from the Executors herein after appointed and keep the same on interest until they arrive at the age above named and appropriate the same agreeably to my will &c — And lastly I nominate and appoint and constitute my sons Jeremiah Gafford Abner Davis & Dempsey Justice to be the Executors of this my will hereby revoking all other wills legacies bequests by me heretofore made and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two 1822.

(Interlined before assigned.)

Pronounced and declared by
the said testator as his last will
and testament in the presence of us
who in his presence and at his request
have subscribed as witnesses

Stephen Gafford

The said witnesses

Georgia } Before two Justices of the Inferior Court in Chatham-
Jones County } here

Personally came John M. Martin who being duly sworn saith that he saw Stephen Hafford Sen. subscribe his name to the within will and that he was of sound memory and disposing mind, and that he also saw Thomas Turner and Levi Turner subscribe their names with himself as witnesses to the within Will - I sworn to and subscribed before us this fourth day of February 1823.

James Gray J. D. C.

John M. Martin.

W. Rice, J. D. C.

Ambrose Edwards Will.

Georgia } I Ambrose Edwards of the State County aforesaid
Jones County } being weak of body, tho in perfect mind and mem-
ory and knowing it is once appointed for all men once to die
doth make and ordain this my last will and Testament -

I term first I give and bequeath to my (the space seems to be erased in Will Book B - the original will reads, "negro woman" direct her freedom") and appoint my son John Edwards her Guardian during her life time and ten acres of land for her to live on her life time adjoining of Cook and John Edwards. Secondly I give to my beloved daughter Sarah Lewis five dollars I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Sarah Lewis body and equal proportion of my estate among the rest of my children. I term the third I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Bowen and equal part of my estate among the rest of my children I term the fourth I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Charity Campbell and equal part of my estate among the rest of my children I term the fifth I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Nancy Lewis and equal part of my estate with the rest of my children. I term the sixth I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Edwards and equal part of my estate with the rest of my children.

I term the seventh I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Edwards, and equal part of my estate with the rest of my children and lastly I wish at the expiration of the year for all of my real and personal estate to be sold that has not been given away previously and an equal distribution to take place. I do appoint and ordain John Edwards my only Executor of my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have