

The deponent together with Benjamin
Davis subscribed their names as witnesses
to the same in the presence of each other
of the Testatrix
doom to before us
this 9th Sept 1825
Will Monroe J.P.C.
Thos H Wilkinson J.P.C.

Recorded 7th November 1825

In the name of God Amen -
I William Oreal of the State of Georgia & County
of Laurens being in a low state of health, but
of a perfectly sound mind ^{proposing} & taking
into consideration the frailty of human nature
& knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to dye & being desirous of disposing of
the property both real & personal with
which I have been blessed, do make, ordain
constitute & appoint, promulgate & establish
this my last Will & Testament, that is to say,
My Will & desire is that my executor so
soon as I depart this life will give to my
son in Law Benjamin W Hampton a negro
girl now in his possession named Eliza, & as
I have already given him money with which
he has bought a negro fellow, and also other
personal property to make him equal with
my other children I wish what I now set
apart for him & what I have given him here-
tofore, to be all he is to receive of my estate
except such property as I may hereafter ap-
propriate to him & what I have given him to him

soon as I depart this life give to my son
Stephen O Neal a negro boy named Matt
and a negro girl named Sarah and the
horse bridle & saddle that are now called
his which I wish him to have & to hold
forever - My further will & desire is that
my executor immediately on my dissolution
will give to my son Cullen O Neal a negro
boy named Righy & a negro girl named Mary
also the horse bridle & saddle that are now
called his, which I wish him to have & hold
forever, My further will & desire is that my
executor will give to my son William
O Neal so soon as he shall arrive at the age
of eighteen years, two negro boys one named
Pete & the other named Jim, and also a
horse bridle & saddle to be worth one hundred
& fifty dollars, the value of which I wish
to be judged of by two discreet & disinterested
persons one to be chosen by him & the
other by my executor and which property
I wish my said William to have & to hold forever.
My further will & desire is that my executor
will give to my son Eliot Love O Neal
so soon as he shall arrive at the age of
eighteen years, two negro boys one named Stephen
& the other Alston and also a horse bridle and
saddle to be worth one hundred & fifty
dollars the value of which is to be judged
of by two discreet & disinterested persons
one to be chosen by him & the other by
my executor which property I wish my
said son Eliot Love to have & to hold forever.
My further will & desire is that my executor

a negro boy named Rufus and a negro girl
named Clarissa, and also a horse bridle and
saddle, to be worth one hundred & fifty dollars
the value of which I wish to be paid of
by two direct & disinterested persons, one to be
chosen by him & the other by my executors
and which property I wish my said son
Edmund to have & to hold for ever - And also
my further will & desire that all my estate
both real & personal of all kinds, my stocks
of all kind, all my farming utensils and
house hold furniture, together with all my
negroes & every other thing of which I am
possest, except such property as I have
herin before disposed of or such property
as I may yet hereinafter otherwise dispose
of, be and remain & continue in the posses-
sion of my beloved wife Nelly Dent
during her natural life or untill the
marriage and in the event either of the
death or marriage of my said wife I
wish all my estate both real & personal
that I have not herin before already specif-
ically disposed of, to be equally divided betwixt
all my children, except such other division
as I shall hereinafter make - My further
will & desire is that my wife dispose of
any or all of my personal property at any
time except such as I have herin already
disposed of, and except the negroes that I
have above given to her during her life or
widowhood only, either by selling or giving
it to any of my children, this though I
wish her not to do longer than she remain
single. I fear of the law that I have
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Which is to take place on the death or
marriage of my said Wife, or if the negro
that my son in law Benjamin W. Hampton
bought with the money I gave him should
die before said final distribution of my estate
my Will & desire is that my executor, will
pay to my child or children that may lose
a negro or negroes the value in money the
value of the negro or negroes I wish to be
judged of by two discreet & disinterested persons
one to be chosen by the child or children
losing the negro or negroes & the other by
my executor, so that my children may
all have an equal part of my estate at the
time of the final distribution to take place
in the event of the marriage or death of
my said Wife, if the child losing the
negro or negroes is not eighteen years of age
I wish my said Wife to choose one person
to value the deceased negro & my executor
the other. If however my executor cannot
supply a deficiency in any of my children's
estate occasioned by the death of their negroes
by paying it or their value in money, I wish
them to take some which I have herein given
to my said Wife during her life or widowhood
& give to the child or children losing a
negro or negroes. I have reasons to believe
that my negro fellow Peter will not be
an obediently negro to his mistress after my
death, If he should not be my executor
I should think it best, I wish them to
dispose of him in any the best manner
they may think proper. My further Will
& desire is that my son Benjamin W. Hampton
shall be my executor & my said Wife Kelly shall

death or marriage, I wish and desire that
to be sold by my executors in a manner that
will best promote the interest & welfare of
my children for the money arising from a
disposal of said real estate to be applied in
making an equal distribution of my estate
between all my children though if my execu-
tory should at any time think it best I
wish them to dispose of any part of my real
estate, that may not be considered by them
necessary for my wife to live on until the
marriage either by renting or selling it, and
as I have given to my beloved wife Nelly
Ouel a considerable portion of my estate
during her life or widowhood, my Will &
desire is that she will keep with her
all my children together with all their
property until they arrive at the age of
eighteen years & board educate & cloath
them out of the property, I have herein
given her during her life & widowhood, so that
my children may all be equal in their estates
at the time they arrive at the age of eighteen
years, or at the time of the final distribution
of all my estate on the death or marriage
of my said wife, and if I should depart
this life before I dispose of my present
unsold crop of ginn Cotton, I wish my
executors to sell it & pay all my just
debts with the money arising from the
sale of it & the ballance to be given to
my said wife for the support of her &
my children under the age of eighteen
years - My further Will & desire is that
my executors collect all the all the money
that is due me at the time of my death
as soon as possible & wish them to
apply it to the support of my wife & children

before the death or marriage of my said
Wife to the purchasing of young negroes, Servants
from eight to ten years old which negroes I
wish to stay with my said Wife untill the
final distribution of my estate when I
want them disposed of in the same manner
of the negroes I have given to my said Wife
during her life. Widowhood - If any of
my children should not be eighteen years
of age at the time of the death or marriage
of my Wife my Will & desire is that my
executors will see that them & their property
are well taken care of in any manner that
they may think best either by being their
guardians or otherwise untill they arrive at
the eighteen years, at which time I wish
them to act & do for themselves, but I
wish my children to have no guardian
during the life or Widowhood of my Wife
and furthermore my Will and desire
is that my trusty friends Benjamin W
Hamptons, Sampson Culpepper, Eli Warren
that they will be the executors of this
my last Will & Testament -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name fixed my seal this
29th day of March in the year of our Lord
eighteen hundred & twenty six

Attest
John G. Coats
J. B. Spivey
Robt Coats

Wm O'Neal Seal

Georgia } Court of Ordinary 8th May 1826
Lancaster County } Appeared in open Court John G
Coats who being duly sworn said that he
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last will & testament & that he was of sound disposing mind
thereof he was of sound disposing mind
& memory. And that he did it freely
without compulsion, to the best of his
knowledge - John G. Coats
known to & subscribed
in open Court
Geo. Weather Clerk }

Recorded 15th May 1826

Georgia } The following contains the
Laurens County } will last will and testament
for request, of Reason Whitehead late of said
County deceased. First I give to Joseph S.
Battle my Saddle horse and my hunting
guns secondly I give all the remainder
of my property both real and personal to
my Mother Elizabeth Whitehead during her
life time and after her death it is my re-
quest that all my property that I have
given to my Mother shall be equally
divided between my sister and two brothers
namely Rhoda Battle Bennett Whitehead
and Warren Whitehead. February 26 - 1827

List
Joseph Horn
Edward St George
David Ingram
Daniel Roberts -