

State of Georgia

In the Name of God Amen: I James Carter of the County
of Liberty and State aforesaid Planter, being weak in bodily Health, but of sound mind,
memory and understanding, and knowing this appointed for all Men once to die do,
do make and Ordain, this to be my last will & Testament; hereby revoking all former wills
in Wills, Codicils or Testaments by me heretofore made. My body I recommend to the Lord
to be buried by my dear friends after named. My Soul I commend to the Lord
that gave it, through the Merits of Jesus Christ. It is my will and desire, that my
funeral expences, and all and every my just and lawful Debts be paid and satisfied.
And as to what worldly Estate is hath pleased God, to bless me with, I give devise
and bequeath, in manner following: I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved
and affectionate wife, Martha Carter, All and every my real Estate in the State
of Georgia - Also all and every my Chattle Interest I may die, possessed of, my
Slaves excepted which are to be Appointed and Ordered as hereinafter following:
The one moiety or equal half part of said Slaves, I give devise and bequeath to my
said Wife Martha; And it is hereby understood, that, She is to make Choice, and
sell such Moiety, she may of her own will and accord choose; The said bequests
to her the said Martha, her heirs and assigns forever - It is my further Will
desire, that, my said wife Martha, during her Widowhood, shall possess and receive
for subsistence, the remaining moiety or equal half part of my said Slaves and the
profits arising therefrom, Appropriated to, her use living, giving and paying annually,
and every year during her widow hood or life, to my Nephew Sam^r Carter Junior
from the profits arising therefrom the sum of One hundred Dollars. And it
is my further Will, and desire, that the said Moiety or equal half part of my
said Slaves, last mentioned, shall at the death of my said wife, be divided
amongst my first born son, Benjamin Carter, and his issue male, and if he dies without
issue male, then to my daughter, Anne Carter, the Daughter of John Carter
Jr. And in case of the Death of the said Anne Carter, before the Death of the said
James Carter, before the Death of my said Martha, a day of Intermarriage, then the said
Moiety as aforesaid, to go to the Children, living then, to or to their issue male
if then. There is a paper for ever and was hereby nominated and appointed
Alexander Smeader, Executor to said Anne Carter, during her widowhood
day of Marriage as respects said Property so given, devised and
bequeathed as aforesaid. And Lastly, I do hereby Announce (as do the

Appoints my trusty affectionate and beloved Wife, Lett. Mather of the my
last Will and Testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal this Thirtieth day of October. In the year of our Lord Eighteen
hundred and five 1805

Witnessed and Declined by the Testator as for his last Will
and Testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence and
at his request and in the presence of each other have sub-
scribed our Names as witnesses to the due execution thereof -

Attest Joseph Mather, Testator

State of Georgia } Personally appeared Alexander Torrance a white
Liberty County } writing witness to the last Will and Testament of
James Carter, who being duly sworn oath, that he was present and did see
the said James Carter, the within named Testator, sign, seal and declare the
within Instrument of writing as is and for his last Will and Testament and
and stands to the best of his Knowledge and belief and that he the said
Alexander Torrance together with Joseph Jones require, and then and
did each of them at the request of the said James Carter to be appointed
as his proper Lawyers to be in his presence, and the presence of each
other subscribed their Names as witnesses thereto. (Signed by the)

John Elliott
John Stevers
The Fleming

Recorded the 10th day of July 1805
Attest J. M. C.

In the Name of God, Amen. I Lett. Mather
Wife of Lazarus Mather of the County of Liberty and State of Georgia
being in health of Body and of a sound and perfect understanding
and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do hereby
Ordain this my last Will and Testament. First of all recommending
my Soul to God that gave it and my Body to be buried in the
buriall of my Ancestors, and with respect to my worldly Estate
with which God has blessed me in this life I dispose of it
in manner and form following -

First