

In actual slavery, I have known  
 set my hand and affixed my seal, the liberty of  
 of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
 and two hundred and of American Independence

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signed, sealed, published & deli-  
 vered by the testator as in and  
 for his last will and testament  
 on the presence of us, who are  
 his witnesses, and the presence  
 each the said testator as witness  
 have subscribed our names as  
 witnesses to the said testament

Witness  
 Charles Pitt  
 Test the Ballinger  
 & Baker

George Liberty County, Thomas the testator  
 being duly sworn, with that he is a sober  
 and upright to the within last will and testament, that  
 he saw the within named Stephen the testator duly sworn  
 and read the same in the presence of Charles Pitt  
 & John Baker and that the said testator appeared  
 to be in his proper senses at the time  
 known to before us this  
 the 1st day 1815.

For testimony 1815 C. C.  
 J. A. Ballinger 1815 C. C.  
 W. Fleming 1815 C. C.

Recorded 29 May  
 1815 by  
 C. Baker Clerk

In the name of God. I, James Graham, of  
 the State of Georgia and County of Liberty, being  
 in health of body, and of sound mind and memory  
 knowing that all men must die, do make and  
 publish my last will and testament in manner  
 and form following: I recommend my soul unto  
 God who gave it, trusting that in and through the  
 merits of Jesus Christ, he will bring it safe unto  
 himself in his heavenly Kingdom. My body I  
 wish to be decently interred in the earth, and the

of my executor. I give to the executor  
 of my executor. After the payment of my just  
 debts and debts I give and bequeath of my just  
 estate with which I have and dispose of the whole  
 upon in the following manner: First, I give and  
 bequeath unto my mother, Christian Robinson, during  
 her natural life, one half of my personal estate  
 (if Christian Robinson the same one year) and  
 after her death, the said one half of my personal  
 estate shall be divided between the children of  
 my two last wives, Rebecca, Harriet and Sarah  
 Brown, in such a manner that the children of  
 my said half sister Rebecca shall have one half of  
 the same, equal to one fourth part of my personal  
 property, and the children of my half sister Sarah  
 Brown shall have the other half of the same, equal  
 to another fourth part of my personal property, the  
 division to be made as soon as may conveniently  
 be after the decease of my said mother, then I  
 give and bequeath the other half of my personal  
 estate to my sister Christian Robinson, during her  
 natural life, to her son James Stewart, and to my  
 niece Susannah Jane Goulding, to be equally divided  
 between them, one third part to each. But in the de-  
 case of my said sister Christian Robinson, I give  
 and bequeath her before mentioned proportion of  
 my personal estate to my before mentioned niece  
 and nephew, Susannah Jane Goulding and James  
 Stewart, to be equally divided between them, but  
 should either of the two be dead, the child or chil-  
 dren of the deceased shall inherit what I have hereby  
 bequeathed unto the parent. And should either the  
 said Susannah Jane Goulding or the said James  
 Stewart die without issue, survivors to the decease  
 of my said sister Christian Robinson, the survivor,  
 at the death of my said sister, shall have the  
 whole, amounting to one half of my personal

with the same. In my nephew James Stewart I give  
and designate the plantation or tract of land on  
which I now reside to him and his heirs forever, and  
should he die before he reaches the age of twenty-one years,  
he shall have attained to the age of twenty-one years,  
the said plantation or tract of land shall be sold,  
and the money arising from the sale thereof shall be  
divided among the heirs of my personal estate, in the  
same proportion, and under the same restrictions, pro-  
visions and limitations as are already mentioned in the  
bequest of my said personal estate. Item, the tract of  
land on which James Graham now resides, I give  
and bequeath, and he or James Graham, to him and  
his heirs forever. Item, I do hereby direct that all my  
other lands should be sold, and the money arising  
from the sale thereof be divided amongst the heirs of  
my personal estate in the same proportions, and under  
the same provisions and limitations as are already men-  
tioned in the bequest of my personal estate. Item, I  
do my wife and give that my old house woman, Mrs.  
Peters, should be at liberty to live where she may think  
proper; that she should not be treated as a slave;  
and that my executors pay her yearly, during her natural  
life, the sum of ten dollars as a maintenance,  
on her old age. Lastly, I hereby nominate, ordain,  
constitute and appoint my beloved friends, John Hall,  
William Fleming, Christian Coleman and John Stacy, my  
executors and executors of this my last will and  
testament; hereby discharging of, revoking and dis-  
annulling all former wills by me made, and ratify-  
ing and confirming this and no other to be my true  
last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have  
signed with my hand and seal this thirteenth day of  
July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
fifteen, and in the fourth year of the Independence  
of the United States.

James Graham



signed, sealed and delivered to his  
last will and testament by the within  
named testator, in the presence of us,  
who at his death have been sworn of us,  
and we are now acting as witnesses.

John Smith

John Seaton

L. Baker 11th 1815

State of Georgia

Liberty County

Shyde Baker declares upon  
oath that he is a subscribing witness to the within  
last will and testament, that he saw James Graham  
the within named testator, duly sign and seal the  
same in the presence of him, the said Shyde Baker,  
and of John Smith and William Seaton, the other  
subscribing witnesses.

Given to be sworn to this

first of January 1816

John Seaton

J. S. Smith

John Fleming

L. Baker

Recorded 4th January 1816

L. Baker 11th

In the name of God, Amen. I John Seaton, of the County  
of Liberty and State of Georgia, plant, being weak in body,  
but of sound mind and memory, calling to mind the un-  
certainty of life, and desiring to be ready for death, when  
the all-wise Disposer of events may send the summons  
to me, do make this my last will and testament in man-  
ner following. First, I commit my soul into the hands of God  
my Creator and Redeemer, hoping for complete salvation  
through my Lord, Lord Jesus Christ, and my body  
to its native dust, to be buried at the discretion of my  
executors or executors, there to rest in hope of a glorious  
resurrection at the last day. - Secondly, I desire that all  
my just and lawful debts be paid, with my funeral ex-  
penses.