

But in case my said sister should ~~decease~~ or ~~die~~ in carrying my said daughter to either Glynn or Camden Counties, or in case my said sister should die before my said daughter arrives to the age above stated, then and in either case, it is my express will, wish and desire that my friend Mrs. Eliza Lamb should send for, and take into her charge and keeping, and have the whole control and management, and the bringing up, of my said daughter Martha Sanders Melt, to the time or age above stipulated.

I do hereby appoint Benjamin Lamb, of Bryan County, and William Rose, merchant of Savannah, executors of this my last will & testament.

And I do hereby utterly disavow, annul and revoke all and every other former testament or will, hereby ratifying & confirming 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 January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & declared by the said Mary Ann Melt to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

John J. Maxwell

John Hearn J.P.

Mary Ann Melt *L.B.*

State of Georgia

Liberty County

John J. Maxwell, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the within last will and testament of Mary Ann Melt deceased, which he saw duly executed by the within named testatrix, in the presence of John Hearn the other subscribing witness, and the said testatrix appeared at the time to be in her perfect senses.

Sworn to before us, this

28 February 1828

John J. Maxwell

John Burnwoody J.J.C.L.C.

J. S. Boudinwell J.J.C.L.C.

Wm. Hughes J.J.C.L.C.

Admitted to record 3 March 1828, & Recorded this 17 March 1828

E. Baker Clerk

State of Georgia

Liberty County

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Lewis, of the County and State aforesaid, planter, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills or codicils by me heretofore made. My body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executor and executors herein after named. My soul I recommend to God who gave it, through the merits of Jesus Christ. It is my will and desire, that my funeral expenses, and all and every my just and lawful debts be paid and satisfied. And as to what worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise and bequeath in manner following. I give, devise and bequeath unto my affectionate wife Dossilla Lewis, during her natural life, and to her use the following negro slaves, named Phibe, and her four children Lucy, Sylvia, Prince and Abby, and Chloe and her three children, Gaudance, Will and Harry, with the future issue and increase of the females, my horse and

lot of land on the Sandhills, together with all the household and kitchen furniture, my horse and gig, known as the Cream Horse, a certain portion of my Desert Plantation (say, enough for her negroes to plant) together with all and singular the buildings, stock of cattle, hogs & sheep then-unto-belonging, or in any wise appertaining; and after her decease all the before mentioned property, or so much of it as shall be in existence; shall revert back, and become a part of my estate, subject to the like restrictions of my other property herein after to be named. I also give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Drusilla Lewis the following negro slaves, named Lucy, Ann, Diana, and her seven children, Cato, Betsey, John, Clarinda, Kate, Kit and Paines, and Henry, with the issue and increase of the female, to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Sarah H. Lewis, a certain negro slave named Bell, with the issue and increase of the same, to her and her children forever. Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved daughter, Mary E. Lewis, a certain negro slave named Sally, with the issue and increase of the same, to her and her children forever. Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Ann I. Lewis a certain negro slave named Dinah, with the issue and increase of the same, to her and her children forever. Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Bridgette H. Lewis a certain negro slave named Little Philo, with the issue and increase of the same, to her and her children forever. Item. It is my will, desire and request, that my beloved old aunt Susannah Lewis, shall have and receive from my estate a decent and comfortable support during her natural life. Item. Unto my beloved friend William J. May, my double barrel gun, dogs and horse, I give, devise and bequeath, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. Item. As to such other estate, whether real or personal, not already disposed of, as in my possession, or of which I may hereafter become possessed, it is my will, desire and request, that the same shall be continued together till all my children are educated, and until the youngest of them shall have arrived to the age of eighteen years, or day of marriage, then and in such case, <sup>such</sup> ~~not~~ mentioned, estate shall be equally divided between my children, share and share alike, one equal part to each of my children, and their children forever. And farther, while the property shall be continued together, and considered as my estate, the monies arising from the labour of the negroes after all plantation and other necessary expenses are defrayed, I will, desire and request laid out in such manner, or in such property as shall seem most conducive to the welfare and interest of the heirs, in increasing the property; or may, if necessary, be divided equally between my children; and such part as those of my children who are of age or married are entitled to receive may be paid unto them. The remainder of the monies laid out to the best advantage for such of my children as are under age. This, however, I leave entirely discretionary with my executor, the first and last named of my executors. Lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Drusilla Lewis, executor, and my beloved friends, Charles Thomas, Wm. H. May, Lewis Thomas, and Wm. J. May, executors, of this my last will and testament, reposing in them every confidence as to the due execution thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Signed, sealed and delivered

Saml. Lewis (28)

in presence of

James Smylie Junr

Jesse Cooper

David Living

State of Georgia

Liberty County

James Smylie Junr. being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is



a subscribing witness to the within last will and testament of Samuel Lewis deceased, that he saw the same duly executed by the said testator in the presence of Jesse Cooper and David Loring, the other subscribing witnesses, and that the said testator appeared at the time to be in his perfect senses.

Sworn to before us this 3<sup>d</sup> March 1828

James Smyler Jun.

John Sunnwoody J.H.L.L.

Robert Hendrix Jun. J.H.L.L.

Wm. Hughes J.H.L.L.

Recorded 28 March 1828

C. Baker Attk.

State of Georgia

Liberty County

In the name of God Amen. I James Stacy, of the County & State aforesaid, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, & being of sound & perfect mind & memory do make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following, viz. I hereby give & bequeath unto my beloved daughter, Susan Lovenna, all of that tract or parcel of land on which I now reside, consisting of 130 acres, more or less, to hold to her the said Susan & her heirs & assigns forever. It is also my will, that my beloved wife Mary Broom shall have the privilege of living on & cultivating the above named tract of land, so long as she shall remain my widow. - I do hereby also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Broom, & my aforesaid daughter Susan Lovenna, all other lands which I may have together with all slaves, which I now have, or may have at the time of my demise, to be equally divided between them. To hold to them the aforesaid Mary Broom & Susan Lovenna their heirs & assigns forever. And lastly, all the rest, residue & remainder of my personal estate, goods & chattels, not mentioned above, I hereby give unto my beloved wife aforesaid whom I do hereby appoint executrix, & my trusty friends, Joseph M. Gowen & John W. Norman, executors, of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I the aforesaid James Stacy have hereunto set my hand & seal the

27 day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & twenty seven.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the above named James Stacy to be his last will & testament in presence of us, who have subscribed our names as witnesses in presence of the testator.

James Stacy

John W. Stacy

Joseph Norman

John W. Way

State of Georgia

Liberty County

John W. Stacy, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the foregoing last will and testament of James Stacy deceased which he saw duly executed by the said testator in the presence of Joseph Norman and John W. Way, the other subscribing witnesses, and that the said testator appeared at the time to be in his perfect senses.

Sworn to before us, this 3<sup>d</sup> March 1828

John W. Stacy

John Sunnwoody J.H.L.L.

Robert Hendrix Jr. J.H.L.L.

Wm. Hughes J.H.L.L.

Recorded 28 March 1828

C. Baker Attk.

you, Thos. Bacon Sen. & W. Russell & J. W. Malthorns do swear, that you will make a true appraisement and inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of Samuel Lewis, late of Liberty County deceased, to be produced and shown to you by Charleston Hines & William J. Hay, executors of the will of the said deceased, and that you will return the same, certified under your hands, to the said executors, or one of them, within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me this the twenty seventh day of May eighteen hundred and twenty eight

Wm. Hughes J.P.

An Inventory & Appraisement of all the chattels, goods and effects of Samuel Lewis, late of Liberty County deceased, as shown us by Charleston Hines & Wm J Hay Executors, viz. May 27 1828.

|                                                                               |         |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 Slit \$20. Tumbler, Decanter, Caster & Pitcher \$10.                        | 30.00   |           |
| 1 Lot of Silver Spoons \$38 - 1 Large Table \$16 - 1 Small do \$22 -          | 76.00   |           |
| 1 Tea Table \$10 - 1 Clock \$15 - 1 Silver Watch \$5                          | 40.00   |           |
| 1 Dozen Chairs \$15 - 1 Pr. Anderson's Shovel & Tong \$10                     | 25.00   |           |
| 1 Lot of Surveying Instruments, out of repair                                 | 20.00   |           |
| 1 Lot of Books \$25 - 1 Secorbury \$35                                        | 60.00   |           |
| 1 Lot 1 <sup>st</sup> Bed Clothes & Bedstead \$40.                            | 40.00   |           |
| 1 Trunk of Bed Clothes \$25.                                                  | 25.00   |           |
| 1 Lot 2 Beds, containing 3 beds, 1 Mattress & 2 Bedheads                      | 100.00  |           |
| 1 Basket Looking Glass \$10 - 1 Lot 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bed & Bedstead \$35       | 45.00   |           |
| 1 Double Gun \$30 - 1 Box & 1 Trunk \$3.                                      | 467.00  |           |
| 1 Lot of Broochery \$25 - 1 Lot of Lugs, candlesticks, & knives & forks \$10. | 35      |           |
| 1 Dozen of Old Chairs & 2 pine Tables                                         | 38      |           |
| 1 Lot of kitchen furniture consisting of Pots, pans, tubs, &c.                | 8       |           |
|                                                                               | 28      |           |
| 1 Spinning Wheel \$4 - 1 Cart & gear \$3 - 1 New Gig \$150                    | 162.00  |           |
| 1 Old Gig \$40 together with harness for self & new gig.                      | 40.00   |           |
| 1 Saddle & Bridle \$7 - 1 Saddle \$2                                          | 9.00    |           |
| 1 Lot of jugs, kettles & pans                                                 | 3.00    |           |
| 1 Brown Horse \$5 - 1 Brown Colt \$40                                         | 45.00   |           |
| 1 Brown Horse \$110 - 1 Grey mare \$80                                        | 190.00  | 561.00    |
| 1 Pender \$350 - 1 Grey \$240 - 1 Grey \$150                                  | 740.00  |           |
| 1 Other \$100 - 1 Horse \$400 - 1 Grey \$175                                  | 675.00  |           |
| 1 Grey \$100 - 1 Grey \$75 - 1 Grey \$50                                      | 225.00  |           |
| 1 Saddle \$225 - 1 Sack \$200 - 1 Mill \$120                                  | 545.00  |           |
| 1 Horse \$400 - 1 Sack \$100 - 1 Sack \$100                                   | 1100.00 |           |
| 1 Sack \$240 - 1 Saddle \$225 - 1 Sack \$200                                  | 665.00  |           |
| 1 Saddle \$170 - 1 Sack \$100 - 1 Sack \$120                                  | 440.00  |           |
| 1 Saddle \$200 - 1 Sack \$130 - 1 Sack \$50                                   | 480.00  |           |
| 1 Sack \$150 - 1 Horse \$400 - 1 Sack \$400                                   | 1500.00 |           |
| 1 Horse \$300 - 1 Sack \$225 - 1 Sack \$300                                   | 825.00  | 7195.00   |
| 1 Sack \$375 - 1 Sack \$275 - 1 Sack \$220                                    | 870.00  |           |
| 1 Sack \$200 - 1 Sack \$150 - 1 Sack \$375                                    | 725.00  |           |
| 1 Sack \$200 - 1 Sack \$200 - 1 Sack \$200                                    | 600.00  |           |
| 1 Sack \$300 - 1 Sack \$175 - 1 Sack \$100                                    | 625.00  | 2870.00   |
|                                                                               |         | 511087.00 |

Amount carried forward



|                                                 |                            |                  |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Amount brought forward                          |                            |                  | 11097.00        |
| Pinck \$350 -                                   | Nero \$240 -               | Chas \$400       | 990.00          |
| Caroline \$125 -                                | Harry \$75 -               | Stake \$650      | 850.00          |
| Lacy \$200 -                                    | Ann \$100 -                | Diana \$250      | 550.00          |
| Geo \$450 -                                     | Belia \$350 -              | Abraham \$50     | 850.00          |
| Chanda \$350 -                                  | Billy \$50 -               | Kate \$350       | 750.00          |
| Kite \$300 -                                    | Primo \$250 -              | Nanny \$300      | 850.00          |
| Ann \$500 -                                     | Bay horse \$30             |                  | 550.00          |
| 1/2 Double Horse gin \$80 -                     | 1 Set Mill stones \$5      |                  | 85.00           |
| 1 Grindstone \$10 -                             | 4 yoke Oxen \$40 per yoke  | \$160            | 161.00          |
| 50 Head of Sheep \$2 per head                   |                            |                  | 100.00          |
| 50 - of Hogs @ \$1.25 per head                  |                            |                  | 75.00           |
| 1 Wagon & harness, together with ox chains, &c. |                            |                  | 70.00           |
| 1 Single Horse Rider gin \$40 -                 | 1 Set Carpenters Tools \$8 |                  | 48.00           |
| 2 Foot gins \$40 -                              | 1 Hand mill \$3 -          | 1 Grindstone \$2 | 50.00           |
| 1 X cut saw \$5 -                               | 1 Whipsaw \$3              |                  | 8.00            |
| 150 Head of Cattle \$5 per head                 |                            |                  | 750.00          |
|                                                 |                            |                  | <u>15260.00</u> |
|                                                 |                            |                  | \$17822.00      |
| Deduct the price of Sally & Jack                |                            |                  |                 |
| and one half of the Double gin                  |                            |                  |                 |
| Sally \$425                                     |                            |                  |                 |
| p. 40                                           |                            |                  |                 |
|                                                 |                            |                  | <u>465.00</u>   |
|                                                 |                            |                  | \$17357.00      |

Geo. W. Waltham }  
Thomas Bacon Sen. }  
E. W. Russell }  
Attorneys

\* \* Sally & Jack being named and valued twice.

Recorded 18 June 1824 }  
C. Baker Clk. }

In the name of God. Amen. I Joseph Hargreaves, of the State of Georgia and County of Liberty, planter, being considerably indisposed in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following. It is my will and desire, that my body be decently interred at the discretion of my executor herein after named; and that my funeral expenses, and all and every of my just and lawful debts be paid and satisfied. \* \* \* \* \*. I will and ordain, that immediately after my decease, my executor herein after named do pay, from out of my estate, to the said Nanny and Bonck the sum of one hundred dollars each, free from all incumbrances and charges, whatsoever, the same being for their maintenance and support. And my executor are directed to sell a box of plate now in my store room, at my plantation, and to distribute the money arising from the sale thereof, in equal proportions, to the said Nanny and Bonck. \* \* \* \* \*. I do give, devise and bequeath unto him the said Shadrach the one full fourth part of my estate, both real and personal, that I may be possessed of \* \* \* \* \*. It is my wish and request, that the said Shadrach may receive an English education, (the best to be obtained) that his estate, so given and bequeathed, may or can afford; and that when he shall have attained to a fit and proper age, he may be put to some business or trade, such as he may with prudence \* \* \* \* \* choose. But should it so happen that the said Shadrach shall have departed this life before attaining to the age