

In the name of God Amen

I Mr. William Massey of the County of Macon and State of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind and Memory and being desirous to settle worldly affairs while I have strength so to do do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made and first I Commit my Soul to God who gave it, and my body I desire to be buried in a Christian like Manner and my Worldly Estate I dispose of as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> I Will & direct that my debts be first paid  
2<sup>nd</sup> I further desire and direct that all my property both real & personal which I have not conveyed to my Children and Grand Children by deeds of gift deeds of Trust or which I have not conveyed to my wife Fernelia Ann by deed of Settlement or what ever the instrument may be called to be sold to the highest bidder on such Terms as the Executor may deem best for the interest of the Legatees provided the time of Credit be not less than twelve months from the date of said sale

3<sup>rd</sup> I further desire and direct that my son in law Legim Watson have ten Dollars to my son in law Micajah Brumshaw ten Dollars to my

I am in law John Christy ten dollars to my son in law  
Beaborn Bateman ten Dollars to Green Summers  
my son in law ten Dollars to my son in law Gentling  
Dotts ten Dollars to my son in law Parker Patton  
ten Dollars to my son in law W. Massie ten Dollars  
I further direct that after paying the five hundred  
dollars due the trustee of my wife as set forth dec  
of Settlements for the benefit of said wife that the  
proceeds of the aforesaid property be equally divided  
among my Grand Children

I further direct that my sister Elizabeth Steers  
be not in any manner disturbed in the lifetime estate I  
have heretofore given her by deed in a certain piece  
of land therein described said land is that on which  
she now lives

I further desire and direct that all the deeds of gifts  
deeds of trusts or deeds of settlement on my wife  
Permelia shall be fully carried out according to the  
true interpretation of said instruments and should  
there be found a defect in any of said instruments  
I hereby adopt them so far as is necessary to  
carry out the true interpretation of said instruments  
and should the defects be such as the law would not  
allow remedied by Will I direct and desire that it  
or they may be carried out as near the intention as  
set forth in said instruments or instrument as can legally  
be done

I further direct that my old negro woman Pety  
be exempt from sale by the Executors or any one  
else that she remain as part of my estate unsold  
with the permission of living with any of my children  
that she chooses and I further direct that before  
the division made among my Grand Children in  
Item fourth the Executors reserve from the proceeds  
of the aforesaid property five hundred Dollars the  
intent of which they say or cannot be said  
annually is that one of my children with whom  
the said Pety is living and at the death of  
said Pety or so soon thereafter as convenient  
I direct that the five hundred Dollars

to be divided equally among my Grand Children

" I further direct that if there be any thing belonging to my Estate which I have not heretofore disposed of it be equally divided among my Grand Children  
" I hereby appoint and constitute Orury W Massee and Reuben Patrick my legal Executors to this my last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I the said Abraham Massee have to this my Will set my hand and seal this February, 11<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Abraham Massee <sup>mark</sup> C<sup>t</sup>

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Abraham Massee as his last Will and testament in presence of us who at his request in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

John S Bryan  
Tom Keaper  
W B McCarty

Georgia Macon County  
I Abraham Massee do annex this Codicil to my foregoing Will and Testament  
I hereby direct that the shares or portions of my Estate bequeathed to John Abraham & Sarah S children of my deceased son Abraham W Massee in and by the foregoing Will as my Grand Children be still received by them notwithstanding I have adopted them as my children and notwithstanding the attempt of one Dudley Smead to adopt the said John Abraham & to change his name with this power that the said Dudley Smead is never in any way to have directly or indirectly any thing to do with the shares of the said John Abraham or of the said Sarah S and that in default of other lawful heirs my will is that any and all of the property deriving from me by said children shall escheat to the State before it shall go to the said Dudley Smead

I hereby appoint Robert Pierce and Sarah his wife  
Guardian of the said John Abraham & Sarah D  
to raise and educate them according to the wishes of  
their deceased Mother & father of said children  
In Witness Whereof I have here to set my hand & seal  
on this the Eleventh day of April 1857  
Signed sealed published and declared by ~~John Abraham~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~mark~~ <sup>Mason</sup>  
the above named testator as a codicil  
to his last Will in the presence of  
us who have attested the same  
in his presence & in presence of each  
other

Archibald Adams  
James C. Austin  
Jm M. Green

Georgia } I John Mason do make  
Macon County } this additional Codicil to my last  
will and testament I Will &  
bequeath to William J. Watson my grandson the  
sum fifteen hundred Dollars and I desire  
that my Executors pay over to him out of the proceeds  
of the sale of the property mentioned in the second  
item of my Will and that the balance of the money  
arising from said sale be disposed of according to  
law the fourth item of said Will after paying the  
fifteen hundred Dollars as already directed to said  
William J. Watson

In Witness Whereof I have hereto set my hand  
& seal on this the 23rd day of July 1859  
Signed sealed published and declared by the above named  
testator as a codicil to his Will  
in the presence of us who have  
attested the same in his presence  
in the presence of each other

W. H. Thompson  
J. N. Austin  
W. H. Robinson