

Georgia 3 In the name of Good Amen  
Hudson County 3 I James Griffith of said  
State and County being at  
this time of said and disposing mind and  
memory and knowing that I must shortly  
leave this mortal land the things of the  
same - and especially wishing to dispose  
of the things of this world that it has  
pleased God to bless me with I now in  
order to do so do make and establish  
this as my last will and Testament - hereby  
making all former wills that have been made  
by me in which I will and wish my property  
after my death to be disposed of and conveyed  
as follows

(To wit)

First of all I wish all my just debts to be first  
paid.  
Secondly I will and begeth unto my beloved  
wife Sarah Griffith the following things  
to wit, Ransom a man Martin a man  
Stephen a man Fanny a woman Pearl a  
Chapman and John a boy. And the use  
and occupation of the house I now  
live in also all the out houses such  
as barns Stables Cocks Machine House  
Kitchen and ~~Office~~ Room. Also all  
my house hold and kitchen furniture  
Also the tract of Land I now live  
on this the north side of South broad  
River that is included in the Johnson  
Survey & the Gordon Survey of 60 Acres  
of the horses that she may have at  
my death my Red Waggon One yoke  
of Oxen & Cart Four Cows & calves kind  
what I keep and I have in my possession  
of all this as before described I give  
to my said beloved wife Sarah Griffith  
during her natural life and after her  
death to be disposed of as herein after  
will be

then I do and first thing I wish myself to  
to have the disposal of at any time during his  
life or at his death.

And I do hereby give and bequeath unto  
said Wife Sarah Griffith my Negro  
Woman named Mary & her Child Jack and the  
said Mary of full age & years of her own and  
to hold said her Absolute Property and to  
dispose of as she may think proper.

And it is also my Will that all  
the produce of every kind that may  
be made on the plantation by the  
Negroes that I have in this State with  
bequeathed to my Wife Sarah Griffith over  
and above a support shall be at her  
own disposal.

Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my son  
James B. Griffith the Tract of Land  
whereon he now lives known as the  
Whitcomb & Adams Tract of Land &  
also give him the said James B. the  
Negro Boy Peter that I have in dis-  
posal & Charge of & the Will given to  
my Wife during her life which said  
Negro Boy Peter the said James B. is  
to have delivered to him by my Ex-  
ecutor at the death of my Wife Sarah Griffith.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son Robert  
B. Griffith the tract of land which  
he now possesses Commencing on the  
line on Adams & Stephens Branch & running  
down said branch to the River  
then across the River to George's line then  
down to the River again including the  
thirty Acres that I have myself  
adjoining said four Corners & the  
the Maple Corners and the Northern  
side of the river then to the  
beginning.

I give & bequeath unto my son William H. Kniffeth the tract of Land that my my heirs is now in which now lies that of the second Chapter of this will give to my wife during her natural life which she shall have the use to take at any after the death of my said wife - Also all the Lands that I own on the South side of South Broad River including the McSherry place and the thirty Acre that I own myself adjoining the said McSherry place - Also that Port of the South Survey that lies on the South side of South Broad River also Two Negroes by Charles & Lewis a boy and Mamie a Girl & one Bull & pigsties & one Cow and Calf -

I further give and bequeath unto my son Oliver H. Kniffeth the following parcel of Land Commencing from the line over Samuel McSherry's Spring branch down said branch to the river then up the river to the ~~McSherry's~~ then up the River to the McSherry's near the River then to the McSherry's on the Ridge then around to the beginning including the McSherry's tract -

Monthly I will and bequeath to my son Robert H. Kniffeth and William H. Kniffeth in trust for the use & benefit of my son John H. Kniffeth Five hundred Dollars which is to be the said John H. Kniffeth's part of my Estate the said money with the interest of it to be given to the said John H. Kniffeth by his trustees in such sums and at such times as they may think best - And if the said John H. Kniffeth should die without a child or children lawfully begotten or without a wife or child or children

There shall be no any part of the  
said estate shall be paid or coming in the hands  
of the said Trustees the said the said  
children of the said John the said  
if the said John to the said Mary and  
his heirs & assigns & children or in the in  
that respect the said wife of the said  
John. He and his heirs or children is or  
are to have the remainder of the said  
five hundred dollars to be paid of  
the said share and share of the said  
he dies leaving no children lawfully  
begotten then his said wife is to have  
the remainder of said five hundred  
dollars.

Eighthly My will is that my daughter  
Elizabeth Merony formerly Elizabeth  
Griffiths have at my death the notes  
that I now hold on her husband William  
Merony and that the said notes be then  
the said Elizabeth Merony part of my  
estate. The said notes having been given  
by the said Merony per mortgage that I  
have paid for the said William Merony  
the amount of which is due on said  
notes at this time is six hundred and  
twenty four dollars & forty cents or  
thereabouts.

Ninthly My will is that at my death my  
daughter Susan Sorrells formerly  
Susan Griffiths and Elizabeth formerly  
Susan Griffiths Martha Mary formerly  
Martha Griffiths and Adeline formerly  
family of the said Griffiths of this time  
and if not then children and if not  
children of my own or of my daughter  
Annie only formerly Mary Griffiths  
Mary the daughter formerly Mary the wife  
have out of my estate the said

all my Estate of in life of my death &  
in case any others are before me then  
the Children of each deceased Daughter  
to have together One hundred dollars  
and above an equal share with  
my Sons, that is out of that part of  
my Estate that I have not otherwise  
willed & bequeathed in this will

Twenty. My will is that at my death all my  
Estate not heretofore willed & bequeathed  
by this will shall be sold and the proceeds  
of said sale equally divided between the  
following names names of my Children  
to wit James B Griffith Robert P Griffith  
Matthias Griffith Oliver P Griffith Susan  
Sorells Jane Elvick & Martha Elvick  
Adeline Elvick & the Children of  
my now deceased Daughters Mary  
Chaff & Mary R Bullard or any  
of the above named Sons or Daughters  
Children that may be previous the  
said divisions - All of the Children  
of each one of my deceased Daughters  
Children taking together the equal share  
to which the Parents would have been  
entitled except my Blacksmiths Tooth  
which I wish my two Sons Matthias R  
Griffith & Oliver P Griffith to have  
between them

And it is also my will that at  
the death of my wife Sarah Griff-  
ith that that part of my Estate that  
is in the second Chapter of this will  
given to her my wife Sarah Griffith  
during her natural life shall also  
be sold and the proceeds of said sale  
to be equally divided between the said  
James B Griffith Robert P Griffith  
Matthias R Griffith Oliver P Griffith  
Susan Sorells Jane Elvick & Martha Elvick

Wm. A. Child, Esq. and my children  
deceased. I hereby bequeath to my  
Mary, R. P. Butcher and my wife, and  
my children or daughter, children, the  
may, this provision to be paid to them. All  
of the children of each deceased person  
deceased children taking equal shares in  
equal shares to which the parents would  
have been entitled.

I, the Candelario, I appear to  
my two sons Robert P. Griffith & William  
R. Griffith my Executors, to carry out  
my will in its effect, and thereby  
revoke all former wills by me and  
anything made and testimony  
whereof I have heretofore set my  
hand and affixed my seal  
this 11th day of July 1847  
signed, sealed and  
acknowledged in the  
presence of us who have  
subscribed in the presence  
of each other

James Griffith  
Saml. D. McCutcheon  
Allen C. Daniel  
John R. Perkins Jr.

Georgia  
Madison County Court of Ordinary  
July 1847  
The within wills proved  
by the oaths of John Hopkins and  
C. Daniel and ordered to be recorded  
Richd. B. Sholten Clk.

Recorded 8th July 1847

Richard B. Sholten