

Georgia

Monroe County

Being of sound mind and memory, and not
knowing at what hour I shall have to die, - and
wishing to make a distribution of my property whilst living - I have
thought proper to make and executed this my last will and testament
which is as follows.

Item 1st To my beloved wife Elizabeth Evans I do give and bequeath
the following negroes, viz Lewis a negro man, Rosanna a negro woman,
Samantha a negro woman, Peggy a negro woman, these negroes
which is named above, are to belong to my wife, and are to be at her
disposal as she may think proper, and in addition to the above
negroes already mentioned, I do hereby give to my wife the following
negroes during her natural life, viz, David a negro man, Bob a negro
man, Chloa a negro woman, these negroes, viz, David, Bob and Chloa
are to belong to my wife only during her natural life, after her
death, they are hereby willed to my two sons as follows, to my son John
Evans I do give and bequeath the above named negro man
David, and I give and bequeath the above named negro man
Bob, as also the above named negro woman Chloa and her increase
to my son James B Evans, and in addition to the above provisions I
have made for my wife, It is also my will and pleasure that
she, my wife, keep, have and enjoy, and I do hereby will to her all
the Lands which I own now or may own adjoining the Lands on
which I now live lying on Bear Creek in the County of Monroe
State aforesaid, during her natural life, together with one of my
horses, to be chosen by herself, also two Cows and Calves and many
hogs as she may think to be necessary for her, together with the
planting tools of every description and also one year provision for
herself and family, together with a sufficient quantity of working
tools, gear &c. to supply the hands with, which I have heretofore
dedicated her, It is also my will and pleasure that my wife have in
Bed, bedstead and furniture also a Table and two chairs, also
forks Cups & saucers &c. and also the Kitchen furniture - It is also
my will and desire that my wife have and enjoy, during her life, my
large Family Bible and the Encyclopedia and at her death I wish
by give and bequeath the books named, to my son James B Evans -
and in order that nothing may be misused or destroyed with regard to my
Lands which I have given to my wife during her life, it is my will
and pleasure that my wife should not sell nor rent the Land during
her life to any person who does not sell her out the Land during
her life to my son James B Evans, to whom she may dispose of by rent if
she thinks proper -

gifts already made of the following negroes, viz, Jenny a woman, Sally a woman, Alais a woman, John a boy, Maria a girl, Flora a girl, Minney a girl, Moses a boy, and I do also confirm the gift of stock and all other things which I have hereto given him.

Item 3^d. To my son John D Evans I do hereby confirm the gifts heretofore made of the following negroes, Jim a negro man, Sally a negro woman, Sam a boy, Jane a girl - Green a boy, Frances a girl, and in addition to the above named negroes I have heretofore given him six hundred and eighty five dollars which I do hereby confirm, together with all other gifts heretofore made.

Item 4th To my son James B Evans, I do hereby will and bequeath the following negroes, viz, Mariak a woman Foreby a woman, Mary a woman, Alek a boy, Sarah a woman, with her two children Henry and Eliza, together Chloe and her increase after the death of my wife as already mentioned in the first item of this will. I do also give to my son James B Evans one good horse saddle Bridle and blanket, one Bed and furniture, two Cows & Calves, thirty head of hogs, or their worth if the Hogs are not to spare -

Item 5th After the death of my wife, it is my will and pleasure that all my lands on Deer Creek on which I now live, be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months or more, as my executor may think best, and I do hereby will and bequeath to my two grand children Mary Ann Lunsford and Lucinda Lunsford one half of the net proceeds arising from the sale of said lands, which net proceeds is to be paid out by my executor to Father of my grand children George Lunsford, or in case he is not the time living to be my Guardian - It is my will and pleasure that the other half of the net proceeds arising from the sale of the other half of said lands be divided as follows, To each of three sons Joshua, John and James I do hereby bequeath an equal part, and out of my son James part of such net proceeds a sufficient sum is to be taken as shall and won the value of the above named negro man Robt, who is to be valued by two disinterested men which sum or valuation is to be paid over to my son Joshua and any, and every note or receipt for money which I may have from them, or either of them, or any receipt for money which I may hold at the time of my death a part either of them after the County of this my will, shall be deducted from his or their respective share arising from the sale of said land.

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Item 6th It is my will and pleasure that all the other property which I may own at my death, and which is not herein above

disposed of shall be sold as my Executor may think best, and after paying all my just debts, shall be equally divided amongst my three sons Joshua, John and James -

Item 7th It is my will and pleasure that the property I have hereby willed to my wife, and that I have hereby willed to my youngest son James H Evans, be kept together on the plantation until my youngest son James H Evans arrive at the age of twenty one years at which time it shall be delivered to him by my Executor, and it is my will that all monies which may be made by the heirs on the plantation, which may be over and above a sufficient sum to maintain the family and my son James, shall be equally divided between my youngest son James and my wife.

Item 8th It is my will and pleasure that William Fuller act as my Executor, and I do hereby make, constitute, and appoint William Fuller my lawful Executor to carry into effect this my last will and Testament, signed and sealed this 15th October 1824

Witness
Henry M. Walton
John F. Hanson
Wm. A. Rogers

John Evans

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Moultrie County

Personally came in open Court before me
John F. Hanson & William A. Rogers the undersigned
to the foregoing will & being duly sworn depose & say they saw
John Evans sign, seal, publish & declare the foregoing and perfect
willed testament, that they in the presence of the testator & in
& in presence of each other attested said will as witnesses to the
testator at the time of the execution of said will and of sound
mind & memory & that he executed the same freely, voluntar-
ily & without compulsion.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

this 7th day of July 1825

Henry M. Walton
John F. Hanson
William A. Rogers

Whereas I John Evans, did on the day of
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty
sign, seal, declare, and publish my last will and Testament
in the presence of Mr. Henry Rogers, Henry M. Walton, and John Hanson
who signed the will and were witnesses and whom I have
known of attesting and being a sound mind and of sound
memory, I therefore make and publish this Certificate to be
- I devise to my wife Elizabeth Evans my entire share of
my own land, together with the improvements thereon

my wheat Thresher and Fan, during her natural life, and at her death to return to my Estate

Signed, sealed, declared and published by John Evans as a Codicil to his will and Testament of the day of in the presence of us the subscribers, who subscribed our names here to in the presence of said Testator and of each other; this 15th day of September 1824
Nash Hamman
Blumer White
Alexander R Hamman

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Monroe County } Personally Came in open Court Zachariah Hamman who being duly sworn deposed & said that he saw John Evans sign, seal, publish & declare the foregoing as a codicil to his last will & testament, that deponent in the presence of the testator & at his request & in presence of Blumer White & Alexander R Hamman attested said Codicil as a witness & that said Blumer White & Alexander R Hamman in presence of testator & at his request & in presence of each other of this deponent attested said will as witnesses & that the testator at the execution of said Codicil was of sound disposing mind & memory & that he executed the same freely, voluntarily & without Compulsion
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court July 7th 1825
Nash Hamman

The Last Will and Testament of John Evans having been proven in open Court upon the oaths of Henry M. Walton, John P. Henson & William Rogers the subscribing witnesses & the Codicil thereto having been proven upon the oath of Zachariah Hamman one of the witnesses

It is ordered by the Court that the same be admitted to record & that letters testamentary be granted to William Fuller the executor in said will named

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Monroe County } I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named John Evans deceased so far as I know or believe & that I will well & truly execute the same by paying first the debts & then the legacies contained in the said will as far as his goods & chattels will extend & the Law charge me & that I will make a true & perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels
So help me God
William Fuller

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