

In the name of God Amen I Jeremiah Matthews of the State of Georgia and Newton County, do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament knowing that it is appointed for all Men to die, after my death I will that my Body be buried at the discretion of my surviving friends and as for my soul I have long since committed the Salvation thereof to God who gave it believing that he will save it by his Grace through the merits of Jesus Christ the only Saviour of Sinners. And for the goods that God has been pleased to give me I Will and desire that they shall be disposed of in following manner, that is to say My negro man Mingo shall be sold and all my just debts to be paid and if the product arising from the sale of him should not be sufficient to pay my debts some other property to be sold that can best be spared from my Wife after the payment of my debts I Will and bequeath to my dear Wife Sarah Matthews all the remaining property both real and personal that is to say the Land containing the house and home where I now live the house hold and kitchen furniture Two negroes called George and Phillis - Stock of horses cattle Sheep hogs and chickens Chest Trunks Barrels Guns Loom and weaving utensils & plantation tools Cart and a Oxen any article not mentioned before - this to my dear Wife I give during her life or her Widowhood - and at her death or marriage to be divided among my Children in the following manner (to viz) to my Son Burrell Matthews, and to my son William Matthews to my son Robert Matthews, to my son Gay J. Matthews to my son Lewis M. Matthews, to my son Elijah W. Matthews to my Daughter Polly Strong To each of the above named Children I Will give and bequeath the sum of Five dollars after the death of my Wife and no more mentioned hereafter, Now then I Will and bequeath to my son Jeremiah Matthews Six & Dundee dollars, to my Daughter Mary Johnson I Will and bequeath Six & Dundee dollars, unto my Daughter Sally Bacon I Will & bequeath Six & Dundee dollars + then what shall remain

if any thing, to be equally divided among the following named Children Lewis M. Matthews Elijah W. Matthews To Jeremiah Matthews Mary Johnson my Daughter to my Daughter Sally Bacon I will and a old Sarah my black woman be fed and clothed in during or life with my Wife or with any of my Children that she may choose to live but to have a support Now then I appoint Mark Poulson Sam Goff, and my dear Wife to execute this my last Will and Testament Signed sealed this the third day of September and in the year of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ 1839
I am Goff
Jesse M. Melton
Thomas J. Gray

Georgia } Court of Ordinary September Term 1842
Newton County } Personally came in to open Court John W. Goff & William Sally who being duly sworn depose & swear that the signature of Sam Goff as a witness to the Last Will & Testament of Jeremiah Matthews now presented to the Court is genuine to the best of their knowledge & belief & that the said Goff has departed this life
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court Sept 5th 1842
John W. Goff
Wm. Sally

Attest
Wm. D. Luckie S. C. C. O.
Georgia } Court of Ordinary September Term 1842
Newton County } Personally came into open Court Ethan W. McCurdy who being duly sworn depose & swear that the signature of Jesse M. Melton as a witness to the last Will & Testament of Jeremiah Matthews now presented to the Court is genuine to the best of his knowledge & belief & that he has removed to parts unknown
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court Sept 5th 1842
Attest
Wm. D. Luckie S. C. C. O.

Registered Sept 10th 1842
Wm. D. Luckie S. C. C. O.