

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN WATSON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #1.

OGLETHORPE COUNTY ORDINARY'S OFFICE. STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Watson of the State and County first mentioned do make constitute and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament, in manner and form followeth (to wit)

First of all, it is my desire that all my just debts be paid. Also, I lend unto my beloved wife during her natural life, the whole of my estate - and after her death to be divided as followeth;

I give and demise unto my beloved son, Elisha Watson, the land and premises whereon I now live, also one horse, and after giving my three daughters Nancy, Watson, Rebecca and Rhoda Watson, fifty dollars and feather bed apiece and one cow apiece. Then, the balance of my property to be sold and equally divided between all my children.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us, this 23rd day of July 1807.

his  
John x Watson  
mark

Test;  
Peter Smith  
Wm. Gallaway  
Gresham Stewart

Wm. Gallaway and Gresham Stewart, two of the subscribing witnesses came into court at September Term 1807 and proved the written will; certified by me.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Recorded the within will Sept. 18th, 1807.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ELIZABETH HAYNES. (Original Will Recorded in Will Book "B", Page #2.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Elizabeth Haynes, widow, of said State and County aforesaid, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed unto all persons once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, that is to say, First, my will and desire is that all my just debts should be paid.

Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter, Martha Williams Gresham, the sum of ten dollars.

Item. I give to my well beloved daughter, Marian Hunt Stovall, the sum of ten dollars.

Item. I give to my well beloved son, Thomas W. Scott, all my right, claim or interest to that part of the balance of my father's estate that may be uncollected and still due me as one of the heirs of his estate.

Item. I also give to my son, Thomas, all the balance which may be due me as one of the heirs to my Grandmother Upshaw's Estate.

Item. I give to Mr. John Eton the sum of ten dollars.

Item. I give to my well beloved daughter, Nanoy Hunt Walton, the sum of ten dollars.

Item. I give to my well beloved daughter, Harriott Scott Haynes, all the residue of my estate, both real and personal, Viz. One negro man named David and one negro woman named Glos and her child named Charles, one negro woman named Mica and one negro girl named Hanna. Also one lot of land in Wayne County in the First District number 270, drawn by and granted to my self, also all the balance of money that are due, or may hereafter become due me after paying all my just debts and legacies herein before mentioned.

Item. I also give to my daughter, Harriott Scott Haynes, all my right, claim or interest, in and of the estate, both real and personal of my late husband John Haynes deceased, and I do hereby declare my wish, that she should be fully improvised to receive all and every part of my claim to that Estate, both real and personal.

Item. My desire is, if the said Harriott Scott Haynes should die before she comes of age, or marries, in either case my desire is that all the property both real and personal shall be equally divided between my children.

that is to say, Martha, Wm. Gresham, Marian Hunt Stovall, but the part that would be for Elizabeth Billingslea, I desire may be given to her son, John Scott Exington. Also I desire that my son, Thos. W. Scott and Nancy H. Walton may have an equal part of said property.

Item. My desire is that my daughter Harriott Scott Haynes may be educated and brought up in such way and manner as my Executors of this my last Will and Testament may think best suited to her capacity, and I do hereby constitute and appoint John Gresham and John Sten, my Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disannul, revoke and disallow all and every other former Testaments or Wills, Legacies, Bequeaths and Executors by me in any way wise before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this second day of December in the year of our Lord, 1807, and of American Independence the thirty second.

Elizabeth Haynes (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published pronounced and declared by the said Elizabeth Haynes as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who in her presence and the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

Wm. Berry  
her  
Rachel Woodruff  
mark  
Susannah Berry.

Georgia Oglethorpe County, Jan'y. Term 1808, Court of Ordinary, personally appeared in Court, the witness to the within Will and after being sworn saith that they heard the within named deceased acknowledge the within instrument, and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/17/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RICHARD THORNTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #4).

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Richard Thornton of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being very sick and low in health, but of perfect sound mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament and as touching what worldly effects which has pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of in the following manner, that is to say, first, I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried. My desire is that my just debts be first paid.

Item. My desire is that all and singular, my goods and effects with my real estate should be kept together until my son, Hampton arrives to the age of twenty one years and then an equal division to take place between my beloved wife Susana and my six children now in existence, likewise the one that my wife is now pregnant with, if it should be living, that is to say, Francis Culling, Susanna Hampton, Nancy and John - But if my wife should marry before my son Hampton should come to the age of twenty one, then for a division to take place as though he were twenty one. My desire is that my negro man named Guy should be sold for to discharge my just debts and as much of perishable property as should be necessary to discharge the balance. I do also constitute and appoint my friends, John Thornton and George Hudspeth my lawful Executors. And my particular request is, that the said two above named Executors should take on them the guardianship of the legatees of Noel Thornton, deceased, and I do hereby ordain this my last Will and Testament, revoking all the Will and Testaments before made by me. Whereunto I have set my hand and affix my seal, this the thirteenth day of November 1807.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us;  
Wm. Jones  
Dred Thornton  
John Harris.

Richard Thornton (Seal)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Court of Ordinary, Jan'y. 1808. Personally appeared in Court at the above term the witness to the within will and after being sworn, saith that they saw the within named Rich Thornton, deceased, sign seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

The above will was recorded the 13th of Jan'y. 1808.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GILBERT KEEN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #6.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Gilbert Keen of the County of Oglethorpe and the State of Georgia, being affected in body, but sound in mind and memory, calling into mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is once appointed for man to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who give it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian manner, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

Item. I lend to my well beloved wife, Kittuah Keen after my lawful debts being paid, the land and plantation whereon I now live and all the appertences thereof, together with every part of my other estate, during her natural life, after which to be equally divided among my four children, viz: John, Josiah Nany and David, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved wife, Catusah Keen and my son John and Josiah Keen my whole and sole Executor to this my last will and testament. I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal, this the 28th day of November, 1307.

Gilbert Keen (Seal)

Signed, sealed in the presence of us;

Sam'l Whitehead

Josiah Keen

Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Court of Ordinary, Jan'y. Term 1308, appeared in Court, Samuel Whitehead and Josiah Keen the witness to the within will and after being sworn saith that they saw the within named deceased acknowledge the within instrument of writing as his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Recorded Jan'y. 14th, 1308.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES STALLINGS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #7.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, James Stallings of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being sick in body, but of sound mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, I do make this my last Will and Testament, first, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to be decently buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my executors, and touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give in the manner as followeth; First of all, I lend to my wife, Tampa Stallings the use of all my lands, with all my other property, both real and personal, during her natural life or widowhood, excepting one sorrel mare and colt that my oldest son Allen Stallings is in possession of and one negro woman named Lucy and her increase which my daughter Sally has also in her possession and bay mare which my son John Stallings has in his possession and these three children above named, when my estate shall be divided, to have five dollars apiece and no more. Now, I give to my daughter Polly, one good feather bed, a good new woman's saddle and good chest exclusive of her equal part and the remaining part of my estate ay my wife, Tampa's death or marriage to be sold and equally divided amongst my children which are now living at home with us and my wife to have an equal part with the children. I do also appoint her my Executrix, with my trusty beloved friends, Charles Sims and Wiley Sims, Executors to this my last will and Testament, whom I appoint at my decease according to law to settle and pay my just debts according to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal, this 7th of April 1307.

Jas. Stallings (Seal)

Jesse Bridges

Jacob Meador

his  
Nat x Bridges  
mark

Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Jan'y. Term 1308. The within Will was executed in Court and proved by the oaths of Jacob Meador and Nat Bridges and ordered to be recorded.  
Certified by me. Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

The above Will was recorded 14th of Jan'y. 1308.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/20/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN T. GOOLSBY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #8.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John T. Goolsby of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being at present in good health and sound mind and

memory, thanks be to Almighty God. Therefore, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, doth give and dispose of my goods and chattels in manner and form following, viz;

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William Goolsby, one negro woman which he is now in possession of known by the name of Eady, to him and his heirs forever. Also, I give unto my son, William Goolsby, two negroes which I am now in possession of, known by the name of David and Rose, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, John Goolsby, one negro which he is now in possession of, known by the name of Step, to him and his heirs forever. Also, I give to my son, John Goolsby, two negroes which I am now in possession of, known by the names of, Lewis and Betsy, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Goolsby, three negroes which I am now in possession of, known by the names of Little Will, William and Dolly, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Childers, one negro which she is now in possession of, known by the name of Sye, to her and her heirs forever. Also I give unto my daughter, Sally Childers, two negroes which I am now in possession of, known by the names of Caleb, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hay, one negro which she is now in possession of, known by the name of Ned, to her and her heirs forever. Also, I give to my daughter, Elizabeth Hay, two negroes which I am now in possession of, known by the name of Randolph and Milly, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Milly Stone, one negro which I am now in possession of by the name of Bartty, also I give to my daughter, Milly Stone, two negroes which I am now in possession of by the name of Adam and Stephen, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my Daniel Goolsby, deceased, thirteen dollars, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my daughter, Nancy Marr, deceased, the sum of ten dollars, to them and their heirs forever. And, it is my desire that, after my death, all my household and kitchen furniture and stock of all kinds be sold to the highest bidder and equally divided amongst all my children and I do constitute and appoint my beloved sons, William Goolsby and John Goolsby and my son-in-law, Joseph Childers my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, disannulling and revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 2nd day of November, 1805.

his  
John x Goolsby (Seal)  
mark

Signed and sealed in presence of;  
Josiah Jordan  
Ben Fray  
Joseph Glenn  
Thos. Tyler

Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Court of Ordinary Term 1806.  
Appeared in Court on the above term Josiah Jordan and Joseph Glenn and after being duly sworn, saith that they saw the within named John T. Goolsby, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded Jan'y. 14th day 1806.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HENRY AUGUSTIN POPE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #10.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Henry Augustin Pope of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, (Viz.)

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary Pope, one negro wench named Penny, also an equal part of household and kitchen furniture, plantation, live stock of all kinds, and she is to live on the plantation until Middleton Pope comes of age, or Sally should marry, at which time, the household and kitchen furniture is to be divided, and after the one takes their share, the balance to be put together again until a second division is necessary to be made, as my wife is to live on the plantation, and keep



Will of Henry Augustin Pope, cont'd.

her children, negroes and their part of the stock and household and kitchen furniture until Middleton comes of age, as she has nothing to do with their parts, (that is, Sally and Middleton Pope).

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sally Pope, two hundred acres of land, whereon John Spears now lives, it being the land I purchased from George Hinton, also five negroes named Betty, Isaac, Buna, Martin, Eliza and an equal part of the household and kitchen furniture, live stock of all kinds and plantation tools to be divided whenever she comes of age, or shall marry and then the balance put together until a second division is wanting.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Middleton Pope five negroes, to-wit, Joseph, Alleck, Amy, Judy and Nathan, only Nathan is to work in the shop with Phil, but my Executor hereafter named, is to draw his part for Middleton also an equal part of the household and kitchen furniture, live stock of all kinds and plantation tools. Also, I give and bequeath to my three sons, Middleton, Benjamin and Henry Jefferson Pope the following tracts of land (to-wit) five hundred and seventy five acres, including the plantation whereon I now live, 575 acres being the mill tract, 125 acres I purchased from David Martin joining the mill. 104 acres I purchased from James Martin, joining that I had of David Martin, 50 acres I purchased from William Harris, joining the mill tract and 144 or 147 acres which I purchased from William Martin, to be equally divided by my Executors when Middleton comes of age, observing of the rents of this land is to go to Middleton Pope. It is my desire that Thos. Wooten continue on the place whereon he now lives until the child, whose lot it is, comes of age, the said Wooten is to have the land to the first crop fence going to the mill and then on both sides of the road upwards.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Clasy Pope, one tract of land containing three hundred acres, be the same more or less, known by the name of the Comer land. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Clasy Pope, Clasy Benjamin Pope and Henry Jefferson Pope the following negroes; Ben, Phil, Caleb, Jack, Moses, Jacob, Dinah, Lucy, Ruth, Silva, Nancy, Harriet and Aby and Bromfield. Only Bromfield is to have his choice to say which of the children just mentioned he will live with to be equally divided among them, when Clasy Pope comes of age, or shall marry, likewise each of them an equal part of the household and kitchen furniture, live stock of all kinds and plantation tools, to be equally divided as above mentioned..

I also constitute my beloved Berry Blanton, Benj. Taylor, Miles Hill and Robert Pope, my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other wills or bequeaths. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the tenth day of November, 1807.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence of us;

Henry A. Pope (Seal)

Tabitha Wooten Georgia, Oglethorpe, Court of Ordinary, Jan'y. Term, 1808.  
Charles Finch personally appeared in Court, Charles Finch and Thos. Wooten,  
Thos. Wooten two of the witnesses to this will and after being sworn saith  
that they saw the within named Henry Pope, deceased, sign,  
seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to  
be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of  
sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Recorded the 14th of Jan'y. 1808.

Matthew Rainey C.C.O.  
Matthew Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/20/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BETTY GRESHAM. (Original Will recorded in Will Book, "B", Page #12.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Elizabeth or Betty Gresham of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. First, I commit my body to the earth and my soul to God who gave it. Secondly, It is my will that my funeral expenses and just debts should be paid.

Item. 1st. I give and bequeath to Isaac Johnson my grandson the just sum of fifty silver dollars.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to William Johnson, my grandson, the just sum of thirty silver dollars.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to Martin Johnson, my grandson, the just sum of thirty silver dollars.

Item. 4th. I give and bequeath to Richard Johnson, my grandson, the just sum of thirty silver dollars.

Will of Betty Grisham, cont'd.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to John Johnson, my grandson, the just sum of thirty silver dollars.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to Polly Johnson, my granddaughter, one bed, and under bed and sted, bolster, pillow, two sheets, blanket, bed quilt and gold ring.

Item 7th. My will and desire is that my mare and saddle and wearing clothes and everything that belongs to me, that is not above mentioned, be sold and the money arising from sale, with whatever may be in hand to be equally divided between my two sons, Wm. Johnson and Henry Johnson, also William Johnson to have over and above the forty dollars that he is due me at this time, and lastly; I do hereby appoint Thomas Rhoades, Executor to my last Will and Testament, this ninth day of August, 1804.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of us;

her  
Betty x Grisham (seal)  
mark

Wm. Mays  
Ruth Rhoades

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY, COURT OF ORDINARY, JAN'Y. TERM, 1808.  
On the above term, the within witnesses appeared in Court and after being duly sworn saith that they saw the named Betty Grisham, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be her last will and Testament and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Mat Rainey, C.C.C.

The within Will was recorded the 15th day of Jan'y. 1808.

Mat Rainey, C.C.C.

Transcribed 1/21/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ABEL HOWARD. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #13.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. I, Abel Howard being weak in body, tho of perfect mind and memory, and calling to mind the frailty of human nature, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, therefore, I recommend my spirit into the hands of God who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors, and as touching what worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and bequeath in the following manner and form, viz;

Item. My desire is that my loving wife, Mary Howard should keep all my movable and personal estate together during her widowhood, or for her life, if she never marries. In that case, subject to her will, but should she marry, my wish is that a division should then take place and that my Executors do then take out of her hands, or possession, my several children's equal proportion of my estate, real and personal, and reserved by them to be delivered according as the law directs, namely; Lucy, Henry, Robert Groves, Asa Jefferson, Divine.

Item. My desire is that my present dwelling containing by recent survey, one hundred and eighty five acres, also one other tract containing fifty three acres, whereon John Thomasson now lives adjoining each other and adjoining to John Griffith and others should be sold this ensuing fall, on twelve montas credit, also my gray mare.

Item. My desire is that my Executors do purchase from the sale of my present dwelling, some convenient tract of land well situated and more retired for my wife and to raise my children on, subject to a like division as the above.

Item. My desire is that all my just debts be paid as soon as convenient.

Item. My desire is that my loving brothers, Hiram Howard, Groves Howard and Clement Glenn, be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and that they do carry the same into full effect agreeable to its contents, revoking all other and former wills, ratifying and confirming this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this second day of April in the year of our Lord, 1808.

Abel Howard (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of us;  
David Thurmond

his  
Isaac x Davie  
mark  
Nathan Johnson

COURT OF ORDINARY, July Term 1808. On the above Term appeared in Court Isaac Davie and Nathan Johnson, two of the witnesses to the within will and after being sworn saith that they saw the within named, Abel Howard, deceased, sign, seal and acknowledge the within instrument of writing, to be

his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their belief.

Recorded the 6th of July 1808.

Matthew Rainey C.C.C.

Matthew Rainey C.C.C. Sept. Term 1809. David Thurmond came into Court and proved Abel Howard's decease. Will certified 5th Sept. 1809. Mat Rainey, C.C.C.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PRISSILLA SANDERS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #25.)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Prissilla Sanders of the county and state aforesaid, being well stricken in years, and knowing it is appointed for all flesh to die, being of perfect mind and memory, tho in inform age, and first; I commend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors and I do make, constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. VIZ: First. I give and bequeath unto my loving son, Robert Howard, thirty dollars to be paid out of my estate after my death. I do also will and ordain, that the balance of my estate be equally divided between the following persons, (to-wit) Hiram Howard, John Howard, James Patterson, Thomas Kent, son of William H. Howard, deceased, Abel Howard, Groves Howard, Thomas Chambers, William Carter and Henry Wm. Howard. It is my wish and desire that whatever I may be possessed of at my death, be by my Executors equally distributed among the aforementioned legatees, after deducting the following debts due to my estate from the legatees therein to & C-, that is to say, Hiram Howard, for a horse purchased from my estate for 80 dollars, also Abel Howard, the sum of 100 dollars for similar article.

I do also constitute, nominate and appoint my son, Groves Howard and Clement Glenn my lawful Executors to carry this my last Will and Testament into full effect after my death, hereby revoking all other and former wills by me made, ratifying and confirming this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 20th day of August in the year of our Lord 1807.

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Prissilla x Sanders (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of us; Georgia, Oglethorpe Nov. Term 1808, Court of Ordinary  
Nick L. Meriwether the within will was proved by Nick L. Meriwether and  
George Gilmer George Gilmer certified by me.

Matthew Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 8th Nov. 1808.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/21/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM SIMMONS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #26.)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE CO. I, William Simmons of the State and County aforesaid, considering my mortality and the necessity of settling my worldly affairs and disposing of that portion whereof which it hath pleased God to bless me with, do in the first place will and order that my body be decently committed to it parent dust, committing my soul to God who gave it, hoping for a joyful resurrection at the last day.

2nd'ly. I will and ordain that all my lawful and just debts be paid.

3rd'ly. I do will and bequeath the plantation on which I now live, together with my negro man Abram and my negro woman named Milley unto my beloved wife, Mary Simmons during her life or widowhood, and after whichever of the aforesaid her life or widowhood and after whichever of the aforesaid circumstances may, or both first happen, then the above negro woman named Milley to be sold with all her increase, as well as the plantation above mentioned; I do also ordain and order that my two young mares pheomer and Fly, together with four cows and calves, three ewe, one red sow and one black, one with eight pigs and plantation tools, also her bed and furniture, one new chest and household furniture to be and continue in the possession and for the support and maintenance of my wife, Mary Simmons during the above mentioned period. When the above named negro man, together with whatever of the above mentioned property, from the mention of the sale of the plantation and the negro woman Milley and downward may at that time be in existence, together with an equal proportion of the balance of my estate, I do will and bequeath unto my youngest son, Samuel Simmons. I do also will and bequeath to my son-in-law Jesse Simmons, the sum of twenty dollars.

I do also will and bequeath to my son, William Simmons the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars and no more to be paid him ever hereafter out of my estate hwer hereafter. Then the balance of my estate not otherwise herein disposed of, to be sold and equally divided among my surviving children. And I do here pronounce this and this only to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills, testaments, bequeaths by me heretofore made in any way or manner whatsoever and I do hereby appoint my well beloved wife, Mary Simmons, Executrix and my trusty and well beloved friend Alex White, Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this the 12th day of May in the year of our Lord 1808.

In presence of us; Court of Ordinary, Wm. x Simmons  
Matt R. Bridges Nov. Term 1808, the within will was proved by the oath of Rawley Crawford  
Rawley Crawford

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Swanson of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being in perfect sense and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following. (to-wit) First of all, I give and recommend my soul to Almighty God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, nothing doubting, but at the resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate, which it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

My will and desire is that my beloved wife to keep the whole of my estate, both real and personal, during her life and after her decease and all my just debts paid, my slaves to be laid off in eight equal lots, as may be by three important judges, to be chosen by the Executors to be named hereafter, the names of negroes to be set on a piece of paper and put into a box and drawn for by a person chosen by the judges and disposed of as will be hereafter mentioned.

Also, my will is that my land and tenements to be sold together with all my stock, household furniture and the money arising from the sale to be divided in eight parts, together with my negroes to be disposed of as follows: Viz. - To my son, Nathan Swanson after allowing to my estate Eight hundred and fifty dollars for the consideration of a tract of land I gave him and a negro wench named Silvea and a negro boy named Adam that I lent him. One eighth part of my negroes and money to be lent during his life and then to be equally divided among his children.

Item. I give to my daughter, Sara Ryan, one eighth part of my negroes and money.

Item. I give unto my daughter, Mary Wilson, after allowing to the estate three hundred and fifty dollars for the consideration of a negro wench I gave her named Nanny, one eighth part of my negroes and money.

Item. I give unto my son, William Swanson, after allowing three hundred and twenty one dollars, for the consideration of a tract of land I gave him, one eighth part of my negroes and money.

Item. I give unto my daughter, Ann Maxey, after allowing to my estate two hundred and seventy five dollars for the consideration of a negro boy I gave her, one eighth part of my negroes and money.

Item. I give unto my daughter Fanny Edmondson, after allowing to my estate five hundred and thirty five dollars, for the consideration of a negro wench I gave her named Nanny, and an amount I have against her for cash lent, one eighth part of my negroes and money.

Item. I give unto my grandsons, James and John Swanson, the heirs of my son, John Swanson, deceased, one eighth part of my negroes and money.

Item. I give unto my granddaughters, Ann Tuggle, the wife of William Tuggle; Betsy Copeland, the wife of William Copeland, Sally and Polly Dunn, after allowing to my estate three hundred and fifty dollars, one eighth part of my negroes and money. N.B. The above consideration is for a negro wench I gave them named Rachel.

I appoint my beloved wife and William Graves Executors to this my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all others in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 5th day of March, 1802.

Test:

John Swanson

Geo. W. Edmondson

Crawford Edmondson

William Swanson (Seal)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE, Court of Ordinary, November Term 1803.  
George Edmondson and Crawford Edmondson two of the witnesses to the within will took the oath prescribed by law for the proving of wills and testaments certified by me this 7th day of Nov. 1803.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

The within Will was recorded the 6th day of January in the year of our Lord 1803.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DICY TRIBBLE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #30.

I, Dicy Tribble of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being sick and weak in body, but sound of mind and knowing that it is appointed for all women to die, do publish this to be my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all other wills by me heretofore made; Impremise first, it is my will and desire that my body be decently interred by my and Executors, and I will and bequeath my soul to Almighty God who gave it, in hopes of its gracious acceptance with him.

Item. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of my estate and the remainder to be disposed of in the following manner:

Item. I give and bequeath to my father Benj. Tribble all that lot or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Baldwin, Tenth District, known by 117th number.

Item. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved father, Benj. Tribble, Executor of this my last Will and Testament and hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 9th day of July 1808.

Signed, sealed and published  
in presence of us:

Jas. Anderson  
Benj. Tribble Jr.  
Suretary Carter

her  
Dicy x Tribble (Seal)  
mark

Georgia, Oglethorpe, Court of Ordinary, Jan'y Term 1809.

On Tuesday the 2nd day of the above term, the within Will was executed in Court and proven by the oaths of James Anderson and Suretary Carter, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, certified by me the 6th day of Jan'y. 1809.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Recorded the 6th of Jan'y. 1809.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/22/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ISAAC WILLIAMS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #31.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Isaac Williams of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being at this time through the mercies of God in perfect and sound sense and memory, do constitute and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all and every will, or wills by me made heretofore.

Impremise. I lend to my beloved wife, Martha Williams the use of all my estate, both real and personal, during her natural life or widowhood, and at her decease, I dispose of it in manner and form following:

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Weston Williams, one half of the tract of land whereon I now live, on the waters of Beaverdam Creek in Oglethorpe County, containing by estimation three hundred acres, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, William Williams, one half of the tract of land whereon I now live, on the waters of Beaverdam Creek in Oglethorpe County, containing by estimation three hundred acres, and I do desire that the said tract of land may be equally divided between my two sons, Weston and William, equally with respect to quantity and quality, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Alee Williams, one feather bed and furniture, two likely cows and calves and ten dollars cash to buy her a saddle, to her and her heirs forever.

All the test and residue of my property of every description whatever at the death of my wife, I do desire may be sold to the highest bidder amongst my children and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided between my five daughters, Sarah, Susanna, Elizabeth, Rachel and Alee, to them and their heirs forever, and I do nominate, constitute and appoint my friend, John N. Anderson together with my friend, William M. Stokes, Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one and of American Independence the twenty sixth.

Done in the presence of us:

Benj. Davis  
Hannah McCarty  
Nancy Stokes.

his  
Isaac x Williams  
mark.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. At a Court of Ordinary, Jan'y Term, 1809, the within Will was executed in Court and proved by Benj. Davis and Nancy Stokes, two of the subscribing witnesses to the will. Certified by me the 6th Jan'y. 1809. Recorded 7th Jan'y. 1809. Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MICHAEL WHELON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #32.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Michael Whelon, of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak and indisposed in body, but sound of mind, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Viz:

First. It is my will and desire that my body be decently interred in the earth and that as soon thereafter as convenient, it is my desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid.

2nd. I will and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Whelon, my bed and bedclothes, one trunk and one sugar doocanter and all my linen clothes.

3rd. I will and bequeath unto my friend, Joseph Baughn, the remainder of my clothes not mentioned above.

4th. I will and bequeath to my son, George Tattnall Whelon, all the remainder of my property of every nature and kind, to be delivered to him as my Executor hereafter to be named may deem proper for the purpose of raising and educating him till he comes of lawful age, and then, the remainder to be paid to him. If my said son should die without issue, it is my will and desire that the property here willed to him shall descend and be vested in my daughter above named. It is my will and desire that my property may be worked and managed by my Executor in such manner, as to selling and lending as she shall deem most proper for the interest and advantage of my said son. And, I do hereby nominate and appoint George Phillips of Lexington, Executor of this Will and Testamentary Guardian of my son, and do hereby revoke and disallow all former wills by me made, ratifying this to be my last Will and Testament. As witness my hand and seal this ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord 1808.

Michael Whelon, (Seal)

Signed and sealed and delivered in presence of of us and we in presence of each other.

Jno. M. Sims  
Nancy Sims  
Lucy Stewart

Probate of Will: Georgia, Oglethorpe County at a Court of Ordinary Jan'y. Term 1809.

(The within will was executed in Court and proved by John M. Sims and Lucy Stewart, two of the recording witnesses to the will; Certified by me the 6th of Jan'y. 1809.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Recorded Jan'y. 7th, 1809.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/22/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN LEGGETT. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #34.)

I, John Leggett, being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, Viz;

Item 1st. I lend unto my beloved wife, Polly Leggett, one brown horse during her life or widowhood. In case she should live, also all my other property, during her life or widowhood, and at my wife's marriage or death, it is my desire that the whole of my estate be sold or divided between my daughters (to-wit) Susannah Leggett, Sarah Wells Elizabeth Leggett, Mary Leggett and Anny Leggett so that Susannah, Elizabeth, Mary and Anny Leggett to first have the value of a good bed and furniture each and the residue to be equally divided between my five daughters first above named. But in case of my wife's marrying, it is my desire that she should have an equal share with them.

Item 2nd. I give unto my sons, Alexander Leggett and Jesse Leggett, the sum of fifty cents each.

Lastly. I do hereby appoint my beloved wife, Polly Leggett Executrix and John Hawkins, Executor of this my last Will and Testament. As witness my hand and seal, this fourteenth of September, 1808.

John L. x Leggett (Seal)  
his mark.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of:  
Isaac Collier  
Outhbert Collier  
Harrison Smith

Court of Ordinary, July Term 1809. The within Will was proved by the oath of Isaac Collier, one of the witnesses and ordered to be recorded July 3rd, 1809.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Recorded the 6th July 1809.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/22/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Nathaniel Bridges of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God therefore, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do on this Second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul to God who gave it and for my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but the general resurrection and that I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as to such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First. It is my will and desire and I do order in the first place all my just debts be paid, as well as all my funeral charges be satisfied.

2nd. I do will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ritter Bridges my negro man named Ben, and bed and furniture, one horse and saddle, two cows and calves to be hers during her natural life and at her disposal at her death to whomever she may think proper.

3rd. I do will and bequeath to my son; Wiley Jones Bridges, one negro boy named George, together with all the other property which he hath heretofore had of me and is now in possession of.

4thly. I do give and bequeath unto my daughter, Esther Bridges one negro girl by the name of Hulda, together with all her increase.

5thly. I do will and bequeath unto my son Darrell D. Bridges, one negro boy named Bob, together with all the property which he hath heretofore received of me and now stands in possession of.

6thly. I do will and bequeath unto my daughter, Julia Hitchcock, one negro girl by the name of Vera, together with all other property heretofore given by me and now stands possessed of.

7thly. I do will and bequeath to my son, Kiles Crawford Bridges, the plantation on which I now live, together with the other lands I now own adjoining the same to be his and his heirs forever after the death or marriage of my wife, Rittie Bridges. Until such period, the aforesaid lands and premises shall be hers for her support and sustenance.

8thly. I do further will and bequeath unto my aforesaid son Kiles C. Bridges, one negro boy named Colman, together with one bed and furniture.

9thly. I do will and bequeath unto my daughter Birdie Jones Bridges one negro girl by the name of Sarah and one negro boy by the name of Tilman; together with one bed and furniture.

10thly. I do will and bequeath to my daughter, Polly C. Bridges, one negro boy by the name of Lewis, together with one bed and furniture.

11th. I do will and bequeath unto my daughter Patsy B. Bridges, one negro boy by the name of Martin and one negro girl by the name of Dicy, together with one bed and furniture.

12th. I do further will and bequeath unto my beloved wife during her natural life, or until her marriage, one negro man named Minney and then on whichever the aforesaid circumstances may first happen, the said negro woman Minney, together with all her increase to become the right and property in equal proportion of my three daughters (to-wit) 1st Esther Bridges, Julia Bridges and Polly Bridges.

13th. I do will and order that two tracts of land which I drew in the late land lottery, one lying in Randolph known by No. 202, 16th Baldwin, the other lying in Jones County, known by No. 32 in 10th Baldwin be sold by my Executors to the best advantage and the money arising from such sales thereof to be applied to the payment of my debts and if any overplus, to be so disposed of as my Executors may think most beneficial for my family.

14th. I do further will and ordain that my two negroes, James and Leah be and continue in the possession of my wife, Ritter Bridges during her natural life or widowhood and then to be sold or so disposed of, as that they shall be equally divided between my three sons (to-wit) Wiley Jones Bridges, Darrell Bridges and Kiles C. Bridges.

15th. I do also will and ordain that all the balance of my property or estate not heretofore mentioned, or herein bequeathed of any kind or specie whatever be and continue in the possession of my wife, Ritter Bridges during her natural life or widowhood then whichever of those circumstances first take place, all the said undisposed of property to be sold and equally divided among my children.

cont'd.



Will of Nathaniel Bridges. Cont'd.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute, ordain and appoint my beloved wife, Ritter Bridges, Executrix and Wiley Jones Bridges and William M. Stokes my Executors of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made, ratifying this and this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Nathaniel Bridges as his last Will and Testament.

In presence of;

Jno. Luckie  
Jas. Bridges  
Berry Bridges

Nathaniel x Bridges (Seal)  
his mark

Court of Ordinary, July Term 1809. The written Will was proved by John Luckie one of the witnesses and ordered to be recorded; Certified by me the 7th day of July 1809.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Recorded the 7th July 1809.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/23/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN GRIFFITH. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #33.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Griffith of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound mind, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. (to-wit) it is my desire that my just debts be paid by my Executrix as speedy as may be.

I give to my beloved wife, Ann Griffith, one negro woman Dapny and her three children, Jack, Molly and Peter, with their future increase, to her my said wife, her heirs and offsprings forever.

I also lend to my beloved wife, Ann Griffith, during her natural life the land whereon I now live with the mill and all the improvements, together with whatever property of any description I may be possessed of (not hereafter disposed of) for her comfortable support, and at her death, to be equally divided between my children and their representatives, the heirs and representations of a deceased child, to the same proportion their father and mother might be entitled to if living, to them and their heirs forever.

I give and confirm unto David Eberhart, Alexander Elliott and Thomas Johnson which I have heretofore let my daughters, Susannah Eberhart, Agnis Elliott and Mary Johnson have. I also give my said three daughters one dollar each to them their heirs and offsprings forever.

I give and confirm unto my three sons, Robert, James and David Griffith what I have heretofore let them have. Also, I give them one dollar each, to them, their heirs and offsprings forever. I give to William, John and James Griffith, sons of John Griffith, Junior, deceased have. I also give the said William, John and James Griffith, one dollar. I also give the said William, John and James Griffith one equal child's part of what may be left at the death of my beloved wife, to be equally between them as they may come of age, to them their heirs and offsprings forever.

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife, Ann Griffith, Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this sixth day of January, 1807. To the end it may be fully understood. I do make known that proportion given to William, John and James Griffith at the death of my wife is in full of what their father, John Griffith, deceased might have been entitled to if he had been living.

John x Griffith (Seal)  
his mark.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

in presence of:

Wm. Harvie  
Thos. Meriwether  
Nicholas M. Mack.

STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY, COURT OF ORDINARY,  
Sept. Term 1809.

The Will said to be the last Will and Testament of John Griffith, deceased, was executed in Court and

proved by William Harvie and Thomas Meriwether, two of the witnesses therein witnessing and Ann Griffith, the Executrix sworn according to law.

Taken from the minutes of the Court and certified by me the 12th of Sept. 1809.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 18th of September, 1809.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/23/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES BROWN: (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #40.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, James Brown of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following; Viz;

1st. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid; all the residue and remainder of my estate I will and bequeath to my brother, Coleman J. Brown, to him and his heirs forever.

I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Jonathan Bailey, Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and disannulling all former wills and bequeaths and ratifying, allowing and confirming this my last Will and Testament. this 4th day of November 1809.

Signed, sealed and published in the presence of us and in the presence of each other; George Phillips Dudley Dunn Wm. Lester. James Brown (Seal) STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY, Court of Ordinary, May Term 1810. I hereby certify that the within will was executed in Court and proved by Dudley Dunn and William Lester, two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Given under my hand and seal of office the 11th day of May 1810.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Recorded 11th day of May, 1810.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/23/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH HUBBARD. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #41.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I, Joseph Hubbard Sr., of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being not well in body, but of a sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of man and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make this my last Will and Testament and making all other Wills and Testaments by me made null and void;

First. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent and christianlike manner at the discretion of my Executors.

2ndly. I give and bequeath to my son, John Hubbard, all that tract of land joining Thomas Moody and others that I have before given him, the said John Hubbard by deed of gift.

3rdly. I give and bequeath to my son, Bennett Hubbard, all that tract of land joining the said Moody and B. Compton and others that I have before given him, the said Bennett Hubbard by deed of gift.

4thly. It is also my will and desire that all the rest of my estate, that is to say all perishable property, be equally divided between my son John Hubbard, Bennett Hubbard and Rhoda Moody, Susanna Colquitt and Elizabeth Wise, to them and their heirs forever.

5thly. and lastly. I do appoint B. Compton, Bennett Hubbard and John M. Sims for my Executors to this my last Will and Testament. This 13th of March 1810.

Sealed and signed in presence of us; John M. Sims B. Compton Joseph Baughn I, John M. Sims relinquish my rights as Executor in order to become a legal witness. 7th of May 1810. Joseph x Hubbard (seal) mark John M. Sims.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE, Court of Ordinary, May Term 1810. The within Will was executed and proved by John M. Sims, Joseph Baughn and John Baughn, three of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, as John M. Sims relinquishes his right as Executor in order to become a legal witness and the said will was ordered to be recorded.

Given under my hand this 11th of May 1810.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 11th May, 1810.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/23/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Jeremiah Maxey of Oglethorpe County, being of sound mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God for it, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following; I recommend my soul to God who gave it, hoping through the merits of my savior Jesus Christ to receive pardon and forgiveness for all my sins. My body I desire to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as for my estate that it has pleased God to bless me with in this world, I dispose of in the following manner and form; viz -

Item. I give to my beloved wife, Maxey, one negro girl named Amy during her natural life and after her decease, the said negro girl, with the increase of her body to be equally divided between the children, that she, my wife Mary Maxey, had by me, viz; Jenny and Susannah and in case that she, my wife should have another child, either son or daughter, within nine months after my decease, the said child to come in for an equal share with the said Jenny and Susannah.

Item. I give to my beloved wife, Mary one black horse that I had with her.

Item. I give to her one good feather bed and furniture.

Item. I also make a reserve of fifteen bushels of corn and two bushels of wheat and four hundred weight of pork for the support of my wife, Mary and her children the ensuing year.

Item. I also make a reserve of forty dollars for the schooling of my two youngest children, namely - Jenny and Susannah.

Item. To make my son Edward equal with the rest of my sons, I give him a young horse colt named Quick Silver.

Item. and to my daughter Kevenhappuch, to make her equal with the rest of my daughters, I give her one featherbed and furniture.

Item. The balance of my estate, real and personal, after my decease, to be equally divided amongst all my children, that is to say, Hail Maxey, John Maxey, Jeremiah Maxey, Boz Maxey, Josiah Maxey, Edward Maxey, Franky Maxey, Marvin Ozborn, Polly Bentley, Kevenhappuch Maxey and my daughter Sally Law.

Item. And should my wife as above mentioned have another child in nine months from the time of my death, then the said child to come in for an equal part with the rest of my children.

Item. I do ordain constitute and appoint Boz Maxey and Josiah Maxey my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I the said Jeremiah Maxey has hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ten. Sealed, signed and delivered by me the said Jeremiah Maxey as my last Will and Testament in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

Jeremiah Maxey (Seal)

Thomas Hall  
John Townsend  
John Johnson.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY, Court of Ordinary Sept. Term, 1810. Personally appeared in open Court Thomas Hall, John Townsend and John Johnson the above subscribers as witnesses to the foregoing will and depose and say on oath that they saw the above named Jeremiah Maxey, Exec. sign, seal, publish and declare the foregoing instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

The within Will and probate of Will was recorded the 4th day of Sept. 1810.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/23/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM VINT. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #44.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Vint of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak of body, but sound of mind, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to-wit:-

1st. It is my will that my body be decently interred.

2nd. It is my will that all my just debts be paid by my son, James L. Vint.

3rd. I will and bequeath unto my well beloved wife, Betsy Vint, one mare and colt which is now in my possession, one cow and calf, her choice of my flock, two beds and furniture, her choice one side saddle and one half of the household and kitchen furniture and a sufficient support of the land during her lifetime to be furnished by my son James L. Vint. If she desires it, she may live in the present dwelling house, but if it is her desire, she may live in another contiguous thereto, and in that case, it shall be the duty of my son James to have it repaired for her. I leave my loom for the joint use of her and my son James.

of my wife and my son and daughter and after the decease of my wife, to belong to my daughter.

4th. I will and bequeath unto my daughter, Rebecca Gilham, the use of the land now cleared, lying on the South side of the branch or rifle that runs between my residence and where she lived till the year eighteen hundred and twenty, in consideration of which is to be left under a good fence, separately inclosed, also one bed and furniture; one sorrel horse and one haid of my household and kitchen furniture.

5th. I will and bequeath unto my son James L. Vint the tract of land where I now live, to him and his heirs forever, upon the express consideration or condition that he will support in a decent manner my well beloved wife, Betsy Vint. And also the stock I leave her on condition that she allows him, the said James, a reasonable use of it when she the said Betsy doesn't require the use of it herself. I also will and bequeath to my son James, all the residue and remainder of my property not heretofore mentioned or bequeathed.

6th. If my well beloved wife should have a child after this date during my life, or in a reasonable time after my decease which shall survive the probate of this Will and Testament, it is then my will and desire that all the foregoing bequeaths be set aside as null and void and that the whole of my estate be equally divided among my wife, Betsy Vint and my children Rebecca Gilham, Jas. L. Vint and that child that may be born hereafter that is into four distributive shares and that it belongs to them and their heirs forever.

I do hereby nominate and appoint James Thomas, Executor and William Leslie Executor of this my last Will and Testament; and do hereby revoke and disannul all other wills and testaments by me made, allowing, ratifying and confirming this my last Will and Testament given under my hand and seal, this first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

William x Vint (Seal)  
mark.

Signed, sealed and published in the presence of us and we in the presence of each other:  
George Phillipd.  
Catharine Newton  
Robert Bailey.

Nov. Term 1810. The Will said to be the last Will and Testament of William Vint, deceased, which was the within, was executed in Court at the above Term and proved in the words prescribed by law by the three subscribing witnesses, namely, George Phillips, Catherine Newton and Robert Bailey.

Given under my hand on the fifth of October 1810, it being the day of the above Term.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

The within Will was recorded the sixth day of Nov. 1810.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/23/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ELLICK SCOGIN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #46.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Ellick Scogin of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament; First, I commit my body to the earth and my soul to God that gave it. It is my will that my funeral expenses and just debts be paid by my Executors.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Scogin all my estate, real and personal, for her own proper use during her natural life or widowhood; and if she should marry, it is my wish that she should enjoy the use of my negro woman Pat, during her life.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my three children (to-wit) Sinea, Davis and Wiley Scogin, the tract of land on which I now live, including the plantation and every part thereof to be equally divided between them at their mothers death or marriage.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sally Hendon, my negro girl Chany, which she is to have at her appraisement.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sinea Scogin, my negro girl Hanner, which she is to have at her appraisement.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my three children (to-wit) Sinea, Davis and Wiley Scogin, to each of them one good horse, saddle and bridle, one good bed and furniture, one cow and calf; if they should not receive these things before my death.

Item 6th. It is my wish that at the death or marriage of my wife, that all my estate, real and personal, be appraised by disinterested persons so as to form an equal division between all my children; and if the two above negro girls willed to my two daughters should increase and be valued to more than

their parts, they are to replace back into the hands of my Executors, the overplus as to enable them to make an equal division.

Item 7th. I give my Executors full power to sell my part of my estate as they may think proper so as not to alter or change the design of this will. and lastly, I do hereby appoint my beloved wife, Mary Scogin and Thomas Rhoads, Executrix and Executor to this my last Will and Testament. Ratifying this only to be my last Will and Testament, this 5th day of June 1809.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of us;  
Betsy <sup>mark</sup> Hatty

Allock <sup>his</sup> x Scogin (Seal)  
mark

Recorded the 9th Jan'y. 1811.

her  
Ruth <sup>mark</sup> Rhoads  
Thomas Rhoads

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/23/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARY HAWKINS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #47.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Mary Hawkins of the County of Mecklinburg and State of North Carolina, being in health and of sound mind and memory, through the mercy of Almighty God, but knowing the mortality of the human frame, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Viz;

Impremise. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Gordon, one negro woman Milley, to her and her kin forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved grandson, Phil Hawkins Gordon one negro boy named Mat, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved grandson, Hanry Wyatt Gordon one negro girl named Franky, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath all the residue of my worldly goods to all my children to be equally divided among them after I depart this mortal life. Lastly. I do constitute and appoint my beloved sons-in-law, James Fisher Gordon and Zachariah Ellis, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all others but this and this only. In witness whereof I do hereby set my hand and seal this third day of May Anno Domini 1798.

Mary Hawkins (Seal)

Signed in presence of  
Richard Malen  
Banks Meacham

I, James F. Gordon do solemnly swear that this instrument of writing contains the true last Will and Testament of the within named Mary Hawkins, deceased so far as I know or believe and that I will truly execute the same by paying first the debts and the the legacies contained in the said Will as far as the same will execute and the law will charge you and that you will make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased and adjust return thereof when thereunto required., so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed at July Term 1811 and ordered to be recorded.  
Jas. F. Gordon  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

The within Will was recorded the fifth day of July, 1811.

Mat Rainey. C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SARAH CHILDRES. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #49.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Sarah Childres of County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being low in health but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men and women once to die, I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise and dispose of in the following manner and form:

First. I will that all my just debts be paid out of my real and personal estate.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Milly Walker, two negro boys named (to-wit) Syrus and Caleb, to her and her heirs.

Thirdly. I have previously provided for my son John Childres by paying

Will of Sarah Childres, cont'd.

a note of fifty nine dollars to William Goolsby and John Goolsby, Executors of the estate of John Goolsby, Sr., also five dollars to be paid out of my estate. Also I will and bequeath to my son William Childres, five dollars out of my estate. The balance of my estate, after the aforementioned, except one feather bed and furniture to my granddaughter, Milley Walker) I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Polly Wooddy.

I appoint George Walker my Executor to my will and do hereby ratify and confirm this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the seventh day of March eighteen hundred and eleven.

Sarah x Childres (Seal)  
her  
mark.

Signed, sealed in presence of us who in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names;

Jno. Lester (I, John Lester, George Lester, Daniel Dupree and Phillip H. George Lester (Burford, do solemnly swear that we saw the within Sarah Dan'l Dupree (Childres, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the Phil. H. Burford (written instrument of writing to be her last Will and Testament and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to in open Court at July Term, 1811 and subscribed by the within witnesses: Jno. Lester, Geo. Lester, Dan'l Dupree and Phil H. Burford.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

The above Will was recorded the 8th of July 1811.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/24/30.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBERT NOELL. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #50.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. I, Robert Noell of the County and State aforesaid, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and perfect memory, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and for following; First, I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth, to be buried in a neat christian manner by my Executors hereafter named, and as to my worldly goods which God hath given me, to be disposed of in the following manner;

Item. It is my desire that all my just debts be paid and those due me collected.

Item. I lend my beloved wife, Mary Noell the tract of land whereon I now live with all the plantation utensils and tools belonging thereunto, also my negroes, together with all my stock of every kind, the household and kitchen furniture, all of which I lend my wife during natural life, and it is my will and desire that if my daughters, Elizabeth H. Noell and Frances Noell shall remain single, both or either of them, at the decease of their mother, that then, and in that case, I lend the plantation to them so long as they remain unmarried, and at the death of my wife and the marriage of both my above named daughters, I give the said tract of land to my son Beverly Noell, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my son, James Noell, one feather bed and furniture.

Item. I give unto my son, John C. Noell, one feather bed and furniture.

Item. I give unto my daughter, Elizabeth Noell, one feather bed and furniture and thirty dollars in cash.

Item. I give unto my daughter, Frances Noell, one feather bed and furniture and thirty dollars in cash.

Item. I give unto my son Robert Noell, one feather bed and furniture.

Item. I give unto my son Beverly Noell, one feather bed and furniture.

Item. It is my will and desire that at the death of my wife Mary Noell, that all my part of my estate that came by her, be equally divided among all of her children, viz; Jas. Noell, Mary Hazlegrove, Elizabeth Noell, Stephen Noell, Francis Noell, Robert Noell, Thomas Noell, Beverly Noell and John C. Noell and that part of my estate that did not come by my wife Mary Noell and not otherwise devised, be equally divided amongst all of my children, taking in with those above named Larkin Smith and Charles Noell, I give it to them and their heirs forever.

Item. It is my will and desire that if either of my children that are now married or may be married, should die before my wife, that that part of my estate allotted to them, be equally divided amongst their children, if any. If none, their proportionable part to be equally divided amongst the surviving children.

Item. I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Noell, Executrix James Noell and Robert Noell, Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 20th of February 1811. In addition to the above, I give my son Beverly Noell, one sorrel stud colt, to be delivered to him when he arrives at the age of twenty one years, and if the said colt should die previous to his becoming of age, the loss to be made up out of my estate before the division.

Witness my hand this the day and year first above written.

This instrument of writing  
acknowledged, signed and sealed in  
presence of us;

A. G. Smith  
his  
Thos. x England)  
mark  
Joseph D. Lee. }

PROBATE OF THE WILL.

You, Anthony G. Smith, Joseph D. Lee and Thos. England do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Robert Noell, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the written instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this the first of July 1811.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

his  
A. G. Smith, Thos. x England Joseph D. Lee, Witnesses.  
mark

will  
The above/recorded the 8th of July 1811.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/24/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES GARROTT. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #52.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, James Garrott of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being afflicted in body, but sound in mind, do make constitute this my last Will and Testament. First of all, I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a christian like manner and of the worldly goods and chattels to be disposed of in the following manner: I desire that two negroes shall be sold, Jack and Peter and the money let out on interest to help support and educate my children, the balance of my property to be kept in possession of wife during her widowhood, or until my oldest child comes of age, or marry, at which I will and bequeath a proportionable part unto her, of what shall be an equal division of the whole, so to each child as they marry, or come of age and to dispose of property no other way except circumstances should make it necessary. I desire my dear wife to keep in her possession as much of the property, as will be a comfortable support during her natural life, except she marries, at which time for there to be an equal division of the whole estate among my six children and wife, Amelia Garrott, Prudence Garrott, Betsy Garrott, Caroline Garrott, Josiah Garrott, Nancy Garrott and James Garrott, to them I will my whole estate, both real and personal, to be equally divided amongst them, at or after the decease of my dear Wife, Amelia Garrott. I devise that my two sons shall have good English educations, my daughters common, to be from the income of the estate.

I appoint Isaac Goss and Britan Sanders the Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Signed, sealed this 26th of Feb'y. eighteen hundred and eleven.

Josiah Cheatham

James Garrott, (Seal)

Nancy Lester, Jr.  
Nancy Goss.

Probate of Will.

You Lester Jr. and Josiah Cheatham do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Jas. Garrott, deceased, sign, seal, published and declared the within named instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court and ordered to be recorded first of July 1811.

Josiah Cheatham  
Lewis Lester Sr.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

The above will was recorded July 8th, 1811.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/24/36.



IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Tanner of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind and perfect memory, but calling to mind my mortality and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, think fit to make this my last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all. I give and recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it, and for my body I recommend to the earth it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I do dispose of in the following manner and form.

Item. It is my will and I do allow that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid.

Item 2nd. I will and bequeath to my well beloved wife, Mary Tanner, one horse beast, saddle, bridle, one bed and furniture to be hers forever, also the plantation I now live on containing five hundred and twenty five acres, except a part laid off for my son, Hezekiah, which is laid off as follows: beginning at a white oak on my fence, between my house and George Williamson's, then running to a chestnut corner to the left hand of the path leading to said Williamson's, thence a straight line to Williamson's corner, straight line to a pine corner of R. C. Williams land, thence up said line to, until it strikes the branch which comes out of my field, thence up the South branch to the beginning. And one hundred acres to be laid off adjoining Young and Huckaby, the spring branch to the line on the North side of said hundred acres, which I allow to be sold by my Executors and the remaining part which includes my plantation and building, with plantation tools, Ox and cart, cows, hogs, sheep, two horses, riding chair, household and kitchen furniture, Stills and Still Tubs, my negro man Mike, two negro boys, Peter and Jesse, I do allow to my wife during her widowhood for the purpose of maintaining my wife and two daughters, Polly and Sally and at my wife's death, Mike to be sold and divided between her three sons, Allen Nixon, John Nixon and Joseph Nixon equally; and at her death, Peter and Jesse to be divided at my wife's discretion between my daughters, Polly and Sally.

Item. 3rd. To my son Joseph Tanner, I will and bequeath two hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 4th. To my son, Archibald Tanner, four hundred dollars.

Item 5th. To my daughter Jenny Brewer, three hundred dollars.

Item 6th. And to Archibald's son John, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 7th. To my son Gideon Tanner, three hundred dollars.

Item 8th. To my son Hezekiah Tanner the land first accepted in my will to him and his heirs forever and one negro boy by the name of young Joe.

Item 9th. To my daughter Margaret Young, one negro girl named Aline, together with one hundred dollars.

Item 10th. To my daughter, Polly Tanner, one bed and furniture, one horse and saddle, one negro girl named Phillis.

Item. 11th. To my daughter Sally Tanner, one bed and furniture, one horse and saddle and one negro named Charity.

Item 12th. And as for my old negroes Joe and Esther, I allow my wife to either hire them or keep them on the plantation, as she thinks best.

Item 13th. As touching the land on which I now live and other property not especially willed, to be at the death of my wife disposed of among all my children as my Executors may think right.

I appoint my true friends, Alex McElven, Esq. David Patrick and my wife, Mary Tanner to be my Executors, I do hereby revoke, disannul all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my last will and testament.

In witness of which I set my hand and affix my seal, the ninth day of Jan'y. 1811. In presence of:

Sherwood Stroud

John Commine

Alex McElven.

PROBATE OF WILL.

You Sherwood Stroud, John Commine, A. McElven do solemnly swear that you saw the within named John Tanner, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief; so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court at July Term, 1811 and ordered to be recorded in full.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Sherwood Stroud  
John Commine  
Alex McElven

Recorded 9th July 1811.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/27/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joseph Morton of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory but low in health, do make this my last Will and Testament in the following manner:

Item, 1st. I give unto my son, Hiram Morton one negro man named Will and Sarah a woman and her increase to them and their heirs forever.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath unto my son Joel Morton two negroes to-wit: David a man and Clary a girl and her increase, to him and his heirs forever.

Item, 3rd I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Morton all this tract of land where I now live, containing two hundred and eighty acres, more or less, also Baley a man and Leah a woman, and her increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Josiah Morton, deceased, one negro girl named Hannah, also I give unto my grandson, William Morton, son of Josiah Morton, deceased, one negro girl named Dolly, also, I give unto my grandson, John Morton, son of Josiah Morton, deceased, one negro girl named Mary; also I give unto my granddaughter, Judath Morton, daughter of Josiah Morton, deceased, one negro girl named Lucy, also all the negroes that I give Josiah Morton in his life time, and the tract of land whereon Judath Morton now lives, containing three hundred acres, more or less which property I give the above named heirs of Joseph Morton deceased forever.

Item. 5th. I give unto Thomas Watts, five dollars.

Item 6th. I give unto Matthew Wells, one dollar.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Betsy Evans and my daughter Polly Duke and the lawful heirs of their body and no further; the following property (to-wit) one negro man named Randolph, one negro woman named Amella and her increase and her child named Aristed, which is to be equally divided, or their with them and their heirs forever.

Item 8th. I leave after my death all the balance of my estate, after all my just debts is paid and burial expenses to my granddaughter Betsy Ann Parsons, daughter of Joseph Morton, Junior and to my granddaughter, Clarian Morton, daughter of Hiram Morton.

Item 9th. I ordain and appoint Joel Morton and John C. Evans, Executors to this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

Signed and sealed in the presence of;

Joseph Morton (Seal)

Wm. Strong Probate of Will.

Wm. Strother) You Wm. Strother and Wm. Strong do solemnly swear that you saw the within Joseph Morton deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God?

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at July and September Term 1811, and ordered to be recorded.

Wm Strother. Wm. Strong.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the ninth of July 1811.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/27/36.

June 27th, 1811. I wish my will to be wrote in the manner as follows, that is, respecting my property, both land and all other property that shall remain after my debts is paid.

To say that there shall be in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, there shall be an equal division of the whole of said property among my wife and my eight children and until that time it shall remain together as one property, but shall be in the power of my Executors to lend my part to any one of my family for a support if they stand in need, and the whole of said family or any one has full liberty to cultivate any equal part of said land, till the above stated time of division and I do appoint my wife, Elizabeth and son-in-law, Tho. Megee and my Executors.

Appeared in Court Jessy Early and on oath A. Cummins.

says that the within named A. Cummins, deceased, signed this paper at the contents of his

last written testament of the said Early was decided to write one therefrom.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at September Term 1811.

Jessy Early.

Thos. S. Bailey and Phillip Edmondson came into Court and on oath saith that the signature to the within paper is the hand writing of the within named A. Cummins deceased to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed at the above term last mentioned.

Thos. Bailey

Mat Rainey, C.C.O. Recorded the 16th Sept. 1811.

Phillip Edmondson

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALEXANDER BROWN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #58.)

STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Alexander Brown of the State and County aforesaid, being in perfect mind and memory (praised be God) do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth:

Impremise. That all my lawful debts be paid.

Item. I give to my son, William George Brown one horse called "worlds wonder", saddle and bridle and one feather bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my son, Isaac Brown, one horse colt called "Fabrijudge", and one feather bed and furniture, to be delivered to him on demand after my decease.

Item. I give to the disposal of my wife, Kezia Brown, one tract or parcel of land being and lying in the County of Green on the Oconee River, bounded by Mark Sanders land, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less, to school and raise my son, Isaac Brown.

Item. I lend the balance of my property, goods and chattels to my wife, Kezia Brown and Thomas R. Brown, I appoint Executrix and Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

Sealed, published and declared by the above Alexander Brown for his last Will and Testament in presence of;

James McCommon  
R. O. Haynes  
John Bell.

Alexander Brown (Seal)

#### PROBATE OF WILL.

We, James McCommon, John Bell and Robert Haynes do solemnly swear that we saw the within named Alexander Brown, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.

John Bell  
James McCommon  
R. O. Haynes.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at  
Sept. Term 1811.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 18th Sept. 1811.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/28/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MICAJAH MCGEEHEE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #59.)

I, Micajah McGehee of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory, taking into view the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make constitute and appoint Thomas McGehee and Abner McGehee my true and lawful Executors to do and perform this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, (Viz) I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body to be decently buried.

Item. 1st. I do give and bequeath unto my affectionate wife, Ann McGehee twenty five hundred dollars which is to be entirely at her disposal during her life; and at her death to be equally divided as the law directs; The balance of my estate, both real and personal, to be sold and divided as above stated; after paying my debts and deducting the within amounts out of each debtors legacy.

Micajah McGehee (Seal)

Witness my hand this 3rd day of  
June 1811.

E. Brewer,  
H. Gray  
John Butter.

#### PROBATE OF WILL:

We, Hezekiah Gray and John Butter do solemnly swear that we saw the within named Micajah McGehee, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief - as also we say on oath that we saw the within named Elisha Brewer sign his name as a subscribing witness. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at September Term, 1811.  
and ordered to be recorded.

H. Gray  
John Butter.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 18th Sept. 1811.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/28/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARY SWANSON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #60.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. First. I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me and my body to the grave to be buried in christian like manner by my Executors hereafter named.

First. I give to James Swanson's son, John Swanson, one hundred dollars to be kept at interest till he becomes of age; my will also is, that my corn and meat and stock of hogs and my household furniture should be equally divided between James Swanson, Frances Edmondson and William Tuggle; my will also is that John Edmondson should have my black filly. I nominate and appoint William Tuggle and Frances Edmondson, my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others. Whereof in witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the thirty first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

her  
Mary x Swanson (Seal)  
mark

Laban Short  
Phillimon Edmondson

PROBATE OF WILL:

I, Laban Short and Phillimon Edmondson do solemnly swear that we saw the within named Mary Swanson, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be her last Will and Testament and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Phillimon Edmondson  
Laban Short.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
at September Term 1811.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 18th Sept. 1811.

Mat Rainey, C.C. O.

Transcribed 1/27/36.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JEFFERY EARLY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #61.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Jeffery Early in sound mind and memory and in perfect senses, do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament, and willingly submit my body to the grace to be buried as my friends think proper. My desire is that all my just debts should be paid, then the whole of said property to be divided betwixt my wife and seven children, except the property I now give to my three oldest children - to-wit; Henry, Jacob and Matilda.

Item. I have given unto Henry, one tract of land containing two hundred two and one half acres lying in Randolph County, No. 108 and 15th District of Baldwin, granted to William Farmer, which I have deeded unto him by power of attorney from said Farmer. I have also given to him five negroes, namely, Mat, Lewis, Rachel and her two children, together with one bay horse, two beds and have paid for or lent him one hundred and Eight Dollars, all of which money I say is now settled. I now leave it in the power of Henry to take two hundred and fifty acres of land off the tract I now live on, adjoining John Bradley, George Moore and John McWhorter, to be laid off in a suitable manner for water and cultivation. If the said Henry should make change of this land, he shall redeem that tract of land No. 108-15th District Baldwin, to my wife and children.

Item. I give to Jacob Early two tracts of land lying in Randolph County granted to Walter Maxey No. 78-15 District, Baldwin, the other to Elizabeth Stewart No. 77 said district, also five negroes viz; Guy, Jimmy, Edy, Aaron and Milly, two horses to be worth eighty dollars each, one bed and such other utensils as was given to Henry.

Item. I have given to Matilda one tract of land purchased of Sneed lying on the waters of Long Creek, containing one hundred and fifty acres, also seven negroes, namely: Winney, Isabell, Coreen, Abraham, Stephen, Loney and Will, one horse and chair, three beds and furniture. The balance of my property is to be divided amongst my wife and seven children as before stated, except two tracts of land which I now give to Anslem as his part of the land, namely: No. 1-B-15th District of Baldwin granted to Thos. Bell and No. 81, 15th District granted to Polly Key. It is also my desire that the property remain all together (that is the property set apart for my wife and seven children) and as each of them become of age, to receive their full part, except my daughters should marry, then leave it to my Executors to determine whether they have their part, or parts before they arrive at lawful age. During my wife's widowhood, I leave it in her power to draw her part or let it remain in common stock with my children - but should she marry, her part is to be taken out and given up to her.

I appoint Doctor Dudley Dunn and Henry Early my Executors until Anslem becomes of age, at which time I appoint him with them.

Signed and sealed in the presence of:

John Bell  
Edmons Alexander  
James Swanson

Jeffery Early. (Seal)

I, John Bell, Jas. Swanson and Edmond Alexander do solemnly swear that we saw the within named Jeffery Early, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help you God.  
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
Jan'y. Term 1812 and ordered to be recorded.

John Bell  
Jas. Swanson  
Edmons Alexander

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Recorded 10th Jan'y. 1812.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/29/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOB FELTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", page #63.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Job Felton of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given, therefore do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it. And for my body, I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent like manner at the discretion of my Executors. And, as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and demise and dispose of the same in the manner and form following. Imprime. It is my will and I do order that in the first place, all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath unto Amariah Felton my son, four dollars and fifty cents.  
2nd. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Jemima Connel, my daughter, four dollars and fifty cents.  
3rdly. I give and bequeath unto Orpha Gideon, my daughter or heirs, four dollars and fifty cents.  
4th. I give and bequeath unto Sally Dunne, my daughter, ten dollars.  
5th. I give and bequeath unto Phillis Gentry, my daughter, ten dollars.  
6th. I give and bequeath unto Senath Hembry, my daughter, ten dollars.  
7th. I give and bequeath unto Winney Gideon, my daughter, ten dollars.  
8th. I give and bequeath unto William Felton, my son, ten dollars.  
9th. I give and bequeath unto Ruth Rainwater, my daughter, ten dollars.  
10th. I give and bequeath unto Harrel Felton, my son, ten dollars.  
11th. I give and bequeath unto Rhoda Paigett, my daughter, ten dollars.  
12th. I give and bequeath unto Rachal Brown, my daughter, ten dollars.  
13th. I give and bequeath unto Uriah Felton, my son, four hundred dollars, to be paid with land, negroes or money.  
14th. I give and bequeath unto John Felton, my son, all my tract of land whereon I now live on the waters of Cloud Creek, joining Alex Gordon and Lewis Lester, also two negroes fellows named Ned and Isaac, also all the remaining personal property belonging to me except Fortimore and Gilbert and one bed and furniture which I lend to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Felton during her life or widowhood. Then, the said two negroes, Fortimore and Gilbert, bed and furniture to be my son's, John Felton's property. And lastly, I constitute and appoint my son John Felton, my Executor and my wife, Elizabeth Felton, my Executrix to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the third day of May 1810.

Signed, sealed and declared  
in the presence of;

Thos. Thurmond  
John Lester  
Jas. Stamps  
Jas. Luckie.

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Job x Felton (Seal)  
mark,

Sworn to and subscribed  
in open Court at Jan'y. Term  
1812 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

I John Lester and Jas. Stamps do solemnly swear that we saw Job Felton, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Jno. Lester  
Jas. Stamps.

Recorded 10th Jan'y. 1812.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/28/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Robert Allison of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, planter, being in a low state of health, but of sound mind, do make this my last Will and Testament. My soul I recommend to God through the mediation of Jesus Christ, my body I desire may be decently buried. As to the good things of this world, with which God hath blessed me with, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner. Viz:

1st. I lend unto my well beloved wife, Christian Allison, the plantation whereon I now live, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, implements of husbandry or farming utensils, together with the stills and vessels, for and during her natural life; and after her death, it is my will and desire that they belong unto my son, Robert Allison and his heirs forever. Also, I lend unto my beloved wife during her natural life all my household and kitchen furniture except such parts thereof as is hereafter bequeathed to other persons; also two cows and calves her choice; my stock of sheep and hogs, one mare named Glos, one other horse creature, her choice, also four negroes, namely: A GY. Sall, Kate and Tom and after her death, it is my will and desire that all the household and kitchen furniture except the dishes and Kate and her issue (it is my will and desire that my well beloved wife shall bequeath to whom of her children she shall think proper) and Aggy Sall and Tom and their issue be equally divided amongst my three children, Robert, Margaret and Ann and to belong to them and their heirs forever.

2nd. I will and bequeath unto my son, James Allison, one mare named Poll, one bed and furniture which last he has in possession two cows and calves, one negro boy named Bill, and one negro boy named Rose and five hundred dollars in money when collected in full of her legacy.

3rd. I will and bequeath to my son, Robert Allison, one negro boy named Sey, one negro boy named Lewis, one negro boy named Peter, one bed and furniture, one trunk, one shotgun, one bay horse named Tobe, one cow and calf, my wearing apparel, shaving utensils, my spectacles and after the death of my beloved wife, one set of silver teaspoons to belong to him and his heirs forever.

4th. I will and bequeath unto my daughter, Margaret Allison, one negro girl named Ether, otherwise called Frank and her issue, one negro girl called Hannah and her issue, one sorrel mare, one side saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf and my desk to belong to her and her heirs forever.

5th. I will and bequeath to my daughter, Ann Allison, one negro boy named Minor and bed and furniture, one cow and calf, one bay mare two years old, one thousand dollars in money when collected to her and her heirs forever.

6th. I will and bequeath to my daughter, Polly or Mary, ten dollars in full of her share of my estate.

7th. It is my will and desire that all the residue and remainder of my estate be equally divided into four equal parts, or shares amongst my well beloved wife Christian Allison and my son Robert Allison and my daughter Margaret Allison and Ann Allison and to belong to them and their heirs forever.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my well beloved wife, Executrix and George Phillips and my son Robert Allison, Executors of this Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills and testaments and do hereby ratify and confirm this as my last Will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 19th day of February - 1812.

Robert Allison (Seal)

Signed and sealed, published and declared in the presence of us, in the presence of each other:

Aaron Wilks  
Paschal Murphy  
Jesse Wilks

Be it known to all men by these present that I, Robert Allison of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia have made and declared my last Will and Testament.

In writing bearing date this 19th day of this instant; I the said Robert Allison by this pursuant Codicil do ratify do ratify and confirm my last Will and testament and do further give and bequeath unto Christian Allison,

my well beloved wife, one bed and furniture and bedsted, her choice of all I have, to her and her heirs forever; and my Will and meaning is that this codicil be adjudged to be a part or parcel of my last Will and Testament and that all things therein mentioned and contained, be faithfully and truly performed and as fully and amply in every respect as if the same was so set down and declared in my said last Will and Testament.

witness my hand this 19th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Signed in the presence of us;  
Aaron Wilks  
Paschal Murphy  
Jesse Wilks.

Robert Allison

**Probate of Will:**

You P. Murphy, Jesse Wilks and Aaron Wilks do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Robert Allison deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at May Term 1812 and ordered recorded.

Aaron Wilks  
P. Murphy  
Jesse Wilks

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 30th day of May 1812.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/25/36.

**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF STEPHEN GRANADE.** (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #69.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Stephen Granade of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body but in sound mind and memory, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die. I recommend my soul to God who first gave it to me, nothing doubting, but he will receive the same, and my body to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors to be hereafter mentioned, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner;

Item. After all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid, I here give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Granade, one negro girl named Pender, also my dwelling house and all the furniture, kitchen and cotton house and their furniture, also smook house, one horse called Adam, two cows and calves and my stock of hogs during her natural life or widowhood. At her marriage or death then all their increase to be given to my cons, Benjamin M. Granade and John Granade, to them and their offsprings forever.

Item. My will and desire is that all stands and still shall be sold, also one horse called Jemmy and one oxen at twelve months credit.

Item. I here give and bequeath to my sons, Benjamin M Granade and John Granade, all my land whereon I now live, also four negroes and all their increase, namely; Sam, Jemima, Sillar and Jim, to them and their offsprings forever.

Item. My will and desire is that the land shall be rented out and my negroes hired out every year until my son Benjamin M. Granade arrives to eighteen years of age, then he is to have possession of his proportionable part of the estate left him.

Item. My will and desire; that my son John Granade shall have possession of his part of the estate bequeathed to him when he arrives to eighteen years of age also. Also, constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Sarah Granade, Executrix and William Lay, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills and bequeaths, ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 31st day of July 1811.

Stephen C. Granade. (Seal)

Test;  
Wm. Ford  
Geo. Barber, Sr.  
Jno. Holmes.

Transcribed 1/25/36.

**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MICAHAH MARTIN.** (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #70.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Micajah Martin being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of all flesh and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

First. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried at the direction of my Executors hereafter to be named.

2nd. My will and desire is, that all my just debts should be paid out of my perishable property, by selling as much of it as may discharge all lawful demands against me. The balance of my property, both personal and real, with all my household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools, and all singular appurtenances of land, etc. Also my desire is that my beloved wife

cont'd.



Oney have the above slated properties for her proper use and at her disposal during her natural life.

3rd. I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife, Oney Martin my Executrix to carry this my said will into effect. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 15th day of March, 1811.

Micajah Martin (Seal)

Witness:

John Thornton  
Charles Hardman

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PROBATE OF WILL:

You, John Thornton, Charles Hardman do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Micajah Martin, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

John Thornton  
Charles Hardman

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at July Term, 1812.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 25th of July 1812.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/29/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANCIS T. OGILBY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #71.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Francis T. Ogilby of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being low in health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all others by me previously made.

Item 1st. My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid by my Executors by the sale of such property as may be hereafter specified and not otherwise disposed of by me.

Item 2nd. I give unto my mother, Ann Ogilby, my negro man Sam during her natural life and at her death my desire is for him to go to my brother, John Ogilby, should he be the longest liver and in case of his death, to go to my brother, William Ogilby.

Item 3rd. It is my will and desire that my steed horse, Bonaparte be sold by my Executors, either publicly or privately, in their discretion and the money arising from said sale, I give to brothers, John and William E. Ogilby, to be equally divided between them.

Item 4th. I give unto my brother John Ogilby, my sulkey.

Item 5th. I give unto my sister, Martha Ogilby, my old negro man named Abraham to her and her body forever.

Item 6th. It is my will and desire that all my other horses be sold by Executors for the payment of all my own individual just debts and should there be any surplus remaining, I give the same to my brothers, John and William E. Ogilby and my mother, Ann Ogilby to be equally divided among them.

Item 7th. I give to my sister, Sally E. Bass, my Carolina colt, to her and her heirs forever.

Item 8th. It is my further will and desire that should there be any remaining interest of mine in the estate of my father in North Carolina, that in that case I give the same whatever it may be to my sister, Martha Ogilby, to her and the heirs of her body forever.

Item 9th. I give to my mother, Ann Ogilby and to my brother John Ogilby all my other property of whatsoever kind the same may be, and all debts that may be at time owing to me, of every description, to be equally divided between them.

Item 10th. Whereas the lot of land, together with the mill upon it, which I at present live, being leased by me, for the benefit of myself, my mother and my brother John, and that my notes shall be taken up by them, or such steps taken as neither to make my Estate liable for the future rent, nor the property of my Surety Richard Ogilby, except so far as the said Richard Ogilby's interest in the will, he being individually bound for seventy five dollars per annum for said interest.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend John Moore and my brother John Ogilby my Executors to this my last Will and Testament.  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Francis T. Ogilby (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of  
Thomas J. Moore.

PROBATE OF WILL.

You, John Moore do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Francis T. Ogilby, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief.

John Moore

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at Sept. Term 1812 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded Sept 8th, 1812.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/29/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN BORN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #72.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Born of the State of Georgia and Oglethorpe County do make this my last Will and Testament.

First. I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian manner. And, of the goods and chattels which the Lord hath given me to be disposed of in the following manner: My negro fellow called Ralph to be sold and the money arising from his sale, all my just debts be paid and if that should not be sufficient, some of the stock to be sold and all my just debts be paid and of the remains; I will and bequeath unto my daughter, Rachel Born one feather bed and one heifer. I will and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecka, one feather bed and one spotted heifer and of the remains of my property, both real and personal, I give unto my dear wife during her natural life or widowhood, but if she should get married, I will and bequeath her only one third of my estate during her natural life and then at her death, to be equally divided among my children. Otherwise, at her death, the whole of my estate to be equally divided among my children, Polly Smith, Betsy Porter, Samuel Born, Daniel Born, Henry Born, Jacob Born, Rachel Born, Rebecka Born.

I appoint my dear wife, Mary Born and Samuel Born and Daniel Born, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Signed and sealed this the 19th day of June 1812 in the presence of:

Isham Goss  
Henry Johnson  
Western Williams

John Born (Seal)

PROBATE OF WILL:

You do solemnly swear that you saw the within named John Born, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Isham Goss

Henry Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, Jan'y. Term 1813 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Recorded 28th Jan'y. 1813.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH SMITH. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #74.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joseph Smith of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being at present in a low state of health in body, but of sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God, therefore and calling to mind the mortality of my body, doth dispose of my goods and chattels in manner and form following. That is to say first of all; I recommend myself into the hands of Almighty God. My body I wish to be buried in a Christian like manner; After my just debts being paid;

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Sarah Smith the plantation whereon I now live with three hundred and fifty acres of land, to be laid off by running a parallel line from the upper to the lower line on the creek and the balance of land next to the creek, if for the use of the mill, to her and cont'd.

Will of Joseph Smith, cont'd.

her heirs forever. Likewise, I give to my beloved wife, Sarah Smith five negroes to wit: Alsey, Dick, Isam, Chaney, Lady to her and her heirs forever. Also, three beds and furniture, one desk, two head of horses, Maud and Tally also, four cows and calves and my stock of hogs and one half dozen chairs and one half of the kitchen and dairy furniture, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my brother, George Smith, one tract of land lying on the east side of Dry Fork Creek, known by the name of Jackson place, it being a part of the Jackson's old survey, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my brother, Arther Smith, my mill on the dry fork with all the lands thereunto on both sides the creek, to him and his heirs forever. Likewise; I give to my brother, Arther Smith one tract of pine land in Baldwin County, first district No. 77, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to Lawrence Smith, son of my brother George Smith, two negroes by the name of John and Vina, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to Joseph Smith, son of my brother George Smith, two negroes by the name of Doseon and Winney, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my brothers, Sonith and George Smith my household furniture consisting of one desk, one Vurow and bookcase and case of bottles, three beds and furniture, one clock, two bound trunks, onesmall walnut chest, one gun shot bag, also the half of my kitchen and dairy furniture, one riding chair and harness and the balance of my stock of cattle that I have not given away, one casting box and knife, one thermometer and all my stock and trade both goods and medicine, together with notes and book accounts and all that appertains thereunto to them and their heirs forever, and my desire is that my brother, Arther Smith and George Smith should have one mahogany table, one pine table and my saddle and bridle, to them and their heirs forever. And my desire is that my beloved wife, Sarah Smith should have one mahogany table and one pine table to her and her heirs forever. I do constitute and appoint my friend Johan Jordan and my brother George Smith, my whole and sole Executors to my estate. This my last Will and Testament, disannulling and making void all other wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve. Test:

Wm. Patridge

Geo. Doggett

Elisha H. Eason

Arther and land interlined before assigned.

Joseph Smith (Seal)

#### PROBATE OF WILL:

You do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Joseph Smith, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court Jan'y. Term 1813, and ordered to be recorded.

Elisha H. Eason

Geo. Doggett

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 28th Jan'y. 1813.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF STEPHEN POTTS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #76.)

STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Stephen Potts of the County and State aforesaid, being old and infirm in body but of a sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made in manner and form following:

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my son James Potts, one negro woman Milley and her child Lucy with all their increase, both of the above negroes being now in his possession, also my negro boy Primos.

Item 2nd. I lend to my daughter, Margaret McWhorter one negro woman Doll and her two children, Lucy and Tom with all her future increase and at my said daughters death, the said negroes with their increase, to be equally divided between the heirs of her body.

Item 3rd. I give to my son Stephen Potts, the old tract of land I now live on, including a small part of the opposite of land which I designs for my son Henry, (to-wit) All the land that lies North of the main branch which runs through the plantation, together with all the benefits thereon, also thirty acres which I bought of Joseph Lumpkin, Sr. adjoining my old tract, likewise three negroes namely: Ned, Bob and Chaney.

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Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my son, Henry Potts, the tract of land adjoining the one I now live on that I bought of John Dickey except the small part as devised to my son Stephen, together with all the benefits thereon, together with three Dickey Sannet and Nancy, also two cows.

Item 5th. I give to my granddaughter, Nancy Foster, one negro boy named Sterling.

Item 6th. I give to my Granddaughter, Jenny Foster, one negro girl named Jenny.

Item 7th. I lend to my daughter Jane Potts, three negroes namely; Hannah, and her child Ben and Jack during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between the heirs of her body.

Item 8th. It is my will and desire that twelve hundred acres of my Oconee lands be equally divided between my three sons, James, Stephen and Henry Potts.

Item 9th. I will the balance of the above tract of land, if any, to my grandson, Stephen Potts, son of James Potts.

Item 10th. I give to my grandson, Hugh McWhorter, one negro girl named Amy and her increase.

Item 11th. It is my will and desire that my old negro man, Adam be by my Executors put up to the highest bidder for sale, but it is to be understood that only my children are to be bidders and he or she that will give the most to take him and if no bid is made, it is my desire that he should remain at the old place with my son Stephen Potts.

Item 12th. I give to my son Stephen Potts, one other negro boy named Isaac upon his paying fifty dollars to be equally divided among the rest of my children.

Item 13th. I also give to my son Stephen Potts, my set of blacksmith tools with one half of my farming tools, also my stills and vessels and likewise my cupboard, which belongs to the house.

Item 14th. I give the other half of my farming tools and my wagon to my son Henry Potts.

Item 15th. It is my desire that my old negro woman, Bett should should live with either of my children that she chooses and it is my earnest request she should be well used and if through age or infirmity she should be unable to gain a support, it is my will that each of my children do pay an equal part towards her support and maintenance.

Item 16th. It is my will and desire that all the small articles about the house, such as potts, ovens etc., be equally divided between my two sons, Stephen and Henry Potts.

Item 17th. It is my will and desire that after all my debts and lawful expenses are satisfied, that all money by me, debts due me and everything else not heretofore devised, be equally divided between James Potts, Margaret McWhorter, Stephen Potts, Henry Potts and Jane Potts.

Item 18th. It is my will and desire that the negroes, money and other property which I have devised to daughter Jane Potts her lifetime and after her decease to her children, be so applied to the use and benefit of my said daughter and her children as my Executors herein after named may think best.

Lastly; I hereby constitute and appoint my three sons, James Potts, Stephen Potts and Henry Potts my lawful Executors to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty sixth day of January one thousand eight hundred and five.

Stephen Potts (Seal)

In presence of:  
Thos. I Bailey  
Geo Moore  
Charley Smith

PROBATE OF WILL:

You do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Stephen Potts, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help you God.

Geo. Moore  
Charley Smith

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court and  
ordered to be recorded Jan'y. Term 1813.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded Jan'y. 29th, 1813.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DAVID WEAVER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #79.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. This the twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven. I, David Weaver of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being of perfect mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament; First, I recommend my soul to God which gave it to me, my body to the earth to be interred in christian burial and the expenses thereof arising with other just debts to be paid.

1st Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sally Wright, five dollars as her sole legacy of my estate, both real and personal.

2nd Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Polly Patmon, one negro girl by the name of Fanny, she and her increase to her and her heirs forever, also one hundred dollars to be paid unto her at time of dividing my estate.

3rd Item. I give and bequeath to my two sons, Isham and Andy, the tract of land whereon I now live, to be equally divided between them, when the youngest comes of age. I also give my son Isham Weaver, one negro boy by name of Thornton. Also, I give to my son, Andy Weaver, one negro girl by the name of Easter, she and her increase, to him and his heirs forever.

4th Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife all the rest of my property, that shall or may be considered as my inheritance at the time of my decease, to be held by said Masinbird Weaver during her natural life or widowhood and at her decease or marriage, I give and bequeath to the rest of my children and equal portion to be divided to them by lot and to be executed by my wife Masinbird, John Davenport, James Colley and Thomas Stephens Sr., whom I do hereby appoint my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this day and date above written.

Acknowledged in presence of:

David Weaver Senr. (Seal)

Wyatt Howell

John Thornton

Richard Goolsby.

PROBATE OF WILL.

You do solemnly swear that you saw the within named David Weaver deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the written instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Wyatt Howell,

Richard Goolsby

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
and ordered to be recorded, March  
Term 1813.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 2nd March 1813.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/30/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EDWARD LLOYD. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #80.)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. I, Edward Lloyd at present of the County of Oglethorpe and state aforesaid do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament and hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made after my debts shall be paid and satisfied, for which payment I subject my property situate in the County of Chatham, consisting of negro slaves, land, furniture and stock. If sufficient, exempting the negroes and other property I am possess in the County of Oglethorpe, provided, the property I may die possessed of in Chatham be sufficient for the payment of my debts and whereas I did verbally give to Mrs. Mary Lloyd, the widow of my deceased brother Benjamin Lloyd during and for her natural life the use of my dwelling house, office and garden ground appertenant thereto, situated in the District of White Bluff County. My will is that the same be in her possession, use and occupancy according to my original intent, provided that there be a sufficiency of property in Chatham County to discharge the claims that may be against me. The residue of my property wheresoever it may be situated and of whatever kind, I give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Sarah Anderson Lloyd and my daughter Rebecca Frances Lloyd, the said property to be kept together and improved for their joint use, until my said daughter shall have attained the age of eighteen years, at which time, the property to be divided equally between them share and share alike; But in case of the death of either of them, before the said child have attained the age of eighteen years, the property to become vested in the survivors.

I nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Sarah A. Lloyd my Executrix and Charles A. Redd of Clark County and Thomas Edward Lloyd of Chatham, both of the state aforesaid, my Executors.

Signed, sealed and delivered, this 28th of March, eighteen hundred and twelve by the testators to be his last Will and Testament. Signed in the presence of us, who in the presence of each other have witnessed the same.

Johnson Bickerstaff  
George Y. Favor  
John P. Nightower.

cont'd.

Edw. Lloyd (Seal)

PROBATE OF WILL.

You do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Edward Lloyd, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court May Term 1813.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

John P. Hightower (Seal)

Recorded May 4th, 1813

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PARMENAS HAYNES. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #81.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Parmenas Haynes, <sup>Says.</sup> of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of all human flesh and that God hath appointed once for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

Item 1st. I resign my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried, at the discretion of my Executors.

Item 2nd. My will and desire is that all my just debts should first be paid and that my negro boy Charles be sold to discharge the same.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Nancy Bailey, my negro boy named Booker also my negro boy named Lewis and no more.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Haynes, a certain negro man named Toby, this with the money of mine he collected some years ago in Virginia, the horses I have given him, with tobacco and cash I have given him, I consider to be his equal part and no more, but ten dollars in cash.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my son, Richard Haynes, a certain negro man named Joseph, also a negro boy named Simon, also a certain parcel of land to be run out of the tract I now live, beginning at my north east corner and running along said Richards line to the Lexington Road, thence down said road to a persimmon tree marked "H", thence to my corner at the fork of a branch and slash below his spring and from thence up said slash to the beginning corner and no more.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my son, Parmenas Haynes a certain negro boy named Tony, also a negro woman named Phillis and her two children Lot and Mace.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sally Jackson, a certain negro woman named Belie and her child Tenah.

Item 8th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Delia Greer, a certain negro woman named Daphney, also a negro boy named Isaac.

Item 9th. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Polly Thornton a certain negro girl named Clavy, also a negro boy named Willis.

Item 10th. I give and bequeath to my son, Jasper Haynes a certain negro boy named Canterbury, also a negro girl named Catty., also a young sorrel mare, my rifle gun and shot bag, also a feather bed and furniture.

Item 11th. I give and bequeath to my son Henry Haynes, a certain negro boy named Kitt, also a negro girl named Hagar, also a horse colt and a large family bible, also a feather bed and furniture.

Item 12th. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Delia Haynes, a certain negro girl named Chainey to dispose of at her pleasure, also I lend her during her natural life or widowhood the following property (to-wit) the balance of my tract of land whereon I now live, three negroes, Jacob, Dervy and Fanny, household goods and furniture, stock of all kinds, not before willed away, plantation tools, together with the present supplies of provision on hand of all kinds; it is further my will and desire that after the death or marriage of my wife, Delia, that the property I have lent her should be divided in the following manner; The balance of my land whereon I live, not willed to Richard, to be equally divided between my two sons, Jasper and Henry, my large looking glass to my son Parmenas, my negro woman Fanny and her future increase to be divided between my son Henry having the one half and my five next youngest children to have the other half divided between them. My negro man named Dervy to be divided as follows; to be appraised and my daughter Delia to have him and pay my daughter Sally one half of what he was appraised at. My negro man Jacob to be divided between my daughter Polly and my son Jasper also what other property I have lent my wife Delia and have not willed away, (or is not hereinafter mentioned) to be equally divided between my six youngest children (to-wit) Parmenas, Sally, Delia, Polly, Jasper and Henry.

Item 13th. I give at my death a certain tract of land lying in the county of Wayne to be equally divided between my son Parmenas and Sally Jackson - And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son, Parmenas Haynes and my son-in-law William Greer, my lawful Executors to this my last Will and Testament and hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 26th of February 1813.

Parmenas Haynes (Seal)

Signed and sealed in presence of;  
Jack Lumpkin - Bartt Greenham - Elisha E. Mason.  
cont'd.

PROBATE OF WILL:

You and each of you do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Parmenas Haynes, deceased, sign and seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Jack Lumpkin  
Elisha H. Eason } Witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at Sept, Term 1813 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

The above will was recorded the 2nd of Nov., 1813.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 1/30/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BAILEY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #84.)

I, Richard Bailey being of sound mind and memory, but believing that it is right all men ought to dispose of their property in that way that suits themselves and to prevent any disputes after my death, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament.

Will and devise is that all my just debts be paid and then I give unto my wife, Ann Richards, Bailey Easter and her nine children (to-wit) Lucy, Peter, Jerry, Jesse, Henry, Dennis, Tener, Caroline and Burwell, Also I give unto my said wife a negro boy named Davy and a negro girl named Chanas to do as she may think proper with and the aforesaid negroes not to be subject to the payment of my debts unless there should not be a sufficiency of other property to discharge the same. I further will that my said wife have the use of my land and plantation during her life or widowhood and at either of the aforesaid events, that my will is and I give the same to my brother, Thos. L. Bailey and his heirs forever. I also give unto my wife aforesaid all my household and kitchen furniture to so with as she may think proper. I also give her any two of my horses that she may choose at my death and all my stock of cattle hogs and sheep. I give unto Thos. L. Bailey a negro boy named Jack. I also give his son, Frederick A ugustus Bailey, a negro girl named Hannah; I give Algernon Sidney Bailey, a negro boy named Joe; I give unto Nancy R. Dix a negro girl named Tillie. I give unto Rich Bailey, son of Henry Bailey, a negro boy named Forrey to be hired out until he arrives at the age of sixteen years. I leave Fellis and her two children to be sold and the money arising therefrom, to the payment of my debts. I will that my negro man Ceaser be set free at my death and that he shall not be sold for the payment of my debts, unless my other property will not discharge them that is not given to my wife.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of May, 1811.

Test:  
John Arnold  
Joseph Hixon  
Hezekiah Tanner

Rich Bailey (Seal)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. CODICIL.

My will is that the tract of land containing two hundred and seven acres be sold and the money arising therefrom the sale be put to interest and the principal and interest to be given to Charles Bailey when he becomes of age. My will is that George Young and Thos. Bailey and my wife be my Executors. Witness my hand and seal this 6th day of July 1811.

Rich Bailey

John Arnold  
Joseph Nixon  
Hezekiah Tanner.

Probate of Will.

You and each of you do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Richard Bailey, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help you God.

John Arnold } Witnesses.  
Joseph Nixon }

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
Sept. Term, 1813 and ordered to be  
recorded.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

The above will was recorded 2nd day of Nov. 1813.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WEASTON WILLIAMS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "E", Page #86.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Weaston Williams do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament.

First. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a christian manner.

To my daughter, Jane Williams, I will and bequeath one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture and of the balance of my estate, both real and personal, I lend to my dear wife, Nancy Williams during her natural life, for her support and for the support of my children and for to school them and when they come of age, to leave each of them a horse and saddle, if that much can be spared, leaving a support for the rest and at the death of my wife, all of my estate to be sold and an equal division to be made among all my children.

I appoint my dear wife to execute this my last will and testament.  
Signed in the presence of: Isam Goss, Henry Johnson and Wm. Z. Williams.  
This the 29th of December 1812. mark

Weaston Williams

Probate of Will; etc.

You, Isam Goss and Henry Johnson do solemnly swear that you the within named deceased sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Isam Goss

Henry Johnson

} Witness

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court, September, 1813 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

The above Will was recorded 2nd of Nov., 1813.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM SUTHERLAND. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #87.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Sutherland of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe being very sick and weak in (or imperfect health of) body but (or) and of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and demise and dispose of in the following manner and form;

First. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary, one negro girl named Orease and one tract of land bought of John Guinn and if my daughter should die without an heir, the negro girl and her increase is to return to my other children; also I give to my son Edmond Sutherland, one negro man named Joseph and one negro boy named Peter and one horse; I also give to my daughter Marthaw, one negro girl named Winney and a negro boy named Anthony and a horse worth sixty dollars. Also I give to my daughter, Elizabeth, one negro lad named Will and a negro boy named Sampson and a sixty dollar horse, and a good saddle and a bed and furniture. Also I give to my son William Sutherland, one negro boy named Nat and one negro boy named Phillip and a sixty dollar horse, a good saddle and a bed and furniture. I also leave a negro boy called Tom to be sold to pay my just debts. I also leave four negroes, viz; a negro man named Anthony, a negro woman named Darius and Hannah and her child and their increase in the hands of Edmond Sutherland and William Sutherland, or any of my five youngest children that shall think proper to pay their part of the rent of the aquadama lots now in my possession for four years to come at seventy dollars per year and after all my debts are paid and the aquadama rents for the above mentioned town of time are paid; what is left to be equally divided between my five youngest children, that is Edmond Sutherland, William Sutherland and my daughter Marthaw Elizabeth and Sarah, together with my stock, household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools. Also, I leave one tract of land lying in Wilkerson on the waters of Rocky Creek to be sold and the money divided equally among my five last named children, if my son Edmond does not sell it, who is at this time gone to sell it. Also I leave one thousand dollars that is in the hands of Paton Lumpkin to be equally divided among my five last mentioned children, and I do hereby make and ordain my son, Edmond Sutherland and William Gresham, Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. this the seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirteen.

William Sutherland (Seal)

Will of William Sutherland, cont'd.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of;  
Wm. Ellis Jr.  
Arthur W. Smith  
George F. Russell

PROBATE OF WILL.

You, William Ellis do solemnly swear that you saw the within named William Sutherland, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God?

Wm. Ellis.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, Jan'y. Term, 1814 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded Jan'y. 7th, 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HUMPHREY TOMPKINS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #59.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. OGLETHORPE COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA.  
I, Humphrey Tompkins being in my perfect senses and of a sound mind and memory, but advanced in years and knowing that in a short time I must give my body to the dust, and my soul to Almighty God that gave it. To prevent all disputes that might happen concerning my property, I give and dispose of it in the following manner (to-wit)

Item the first. I give to my daughter, Nancy Williams, one shilling.  
Item 2nd. I give to my daughter Nancy Williams children, a certain tract of land containing two hundred acres, lying in Wilks County on Pistol Creek, joining Reuben Saffold and others, the said land at the death of my above mentioned daughter is to be sold and the money equally divided among all her children.

Item 3rd. I give to my son, Giles Tompkins, one shilling.  
Item 4th. I give to my daughter Susanna Marks, one shilling.  
Item 5th. I give to my daughter Eleanor Crane, one shilling.  
Item 6th. I give to my daughter, Eleanor Crane's children, a certain tract or lot of land containing two hundred two and half acres, it being lot number sixteen, in the fourteenth district of Baldwin when surveyed, now Randolph County, my daughter Eleanor Crane has the privilege of going on it to live and staying her lifetime. If she should not go on it, I appoint Spencer Cranw, Jr. to rent it out and four years rent to return to my Estate. After that to the benefit of her children when of age.

Item 7th. I give to my daughter, Elizabeth Tompkins, one negro woman Keshiah and her three children, namely, John, Nick and Bill. I give to her and her heirs forever.

Item 8th. I give to my daughter, Polly Crane, one negro man named Jesse, to her and her heirs forever.

Item 9th. I give to my granddaughter Susanna Crane, one negro woman named Reoney and her three children named Easter, Warren and Wingfield, to her and her heirs forever.

Item 10th. I give to my supposed son Simeon Littleton, one negro boy by the name of Leney and one negro woman by the name of Tillie, to him and his heirs forever, but if my supposed son Simeon Littleton should die without a lawful begotten heir of his body, then it is my will and desire that the above named negro boy Leney and negro woman Tillie be sold and the money equally divided among all my children.

It is my will and desire that all my just debts should be paid out of the balance of my estate not yet mentioned or given away and after the payment of my just debts, for it to be equally between all my above named children.

I do constitute and appoint Samuel Bradford and my supposed son Simeon Littleton my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others made by me and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal, this the 20th day of Sept. in the year of our Lord 1813.

Humphrey Tompkins (Seal)

Signed and delivered in the presence of;  
Samuel Strong  
Wm. Bailey  
Samuel Bradford

PROBATE OF WILL:

You, Samuel Strong, William Bailey and Samuel Bradford do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Humphrey Tompkins sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God?

Samuel Strong

Wm. Bailey

Samuel Bradford

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 7th of Jan'y.  
1814. Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, James Wigley of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it.

My wish and desire is that my beloved wife may keep this land and the stock of horses, hogs and cattle and sheep with all other of my goods and chattels to use them in the best manner for the raising and maintaining and educating my children, so long as she remains in widowhood. Should she marry again, then to have one third of my estate and the remaining two thirds be equally divided between my seven children, but the land not to be divided between my wife's natural life and after her death then, to be equally divided between my children with all other parts of her thirds of said estate. Provided any one of my children should marry, my desire is that if there be anything of my estate could be spared, that the Executors may have that part appraised by three good men and each child take it as part of their legacy. I do request and desire that Nancy, my wife and Archelus Pope be, and they are appointed my Executors to act in this my last Will and Testament.

In the presence of;  
John K. Benford  
Rubin A. Ildredge  
his

his  
Jas. x Wigley  
mark.

Wm. x Brown  
mark  
Henry Lansford.

PROBATE OF WILL.

You, Henry Lansford, John K. Burford and Wm. Brown do solemnly swear that you saw the within named James Wigley, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Sworn to in open Court and  
subscribed and ordered to be  
recorded Jan'y. Term 1814.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

his  
Wm. x Brown }  
mark }  
John R. Burford } Witnesses.  
Henry Lansford }

Recorded 7th Jan'y. 1814

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

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STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. I, being in a very low state of health but in sound memory, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in the manner following. Viz; After all my debts is paid, I lend unto my beloved wife Polly, the land whereon I now live and a negro man named George with all the other part of my property except a part of my stock that may be deemed necessary to be sold during her widowhood, and provided that she should marry, then my wish and desire is that my property should be equally divided between my wife and all of my lawful heirs and the money arising from the stock sold. I wish that such of my children as may mostly need it, by the discretion of my Executors to pay to them in part of their legacy, in consequence of which I do appoint my wife Executrix and Joel Colley, my Executor of this my last Will and Testament. This tenth day of Nov. 1813.

Lewis Suddath (Seal)

Signed in presence of;  
John K. Benford  
Samuel Brightwell

Probate of Will, etc.

You, Samuel Brightwell and John K. Benford do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Lewis Suddath, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God?

Sworn to and  
subscribed in open  
Court and ordered to  
be recorded  
Jan'y. Term 1814.

S. Brightwell  
John K. Benford.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded Jan'y. 7th, 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/5/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH BEADLES. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #93.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joseph Beadles of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being of perfect sense and memory but weak in body and calling to mind the mortality of my frame and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following;

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my son, William Beadles, the tract of land including the farm I cultivate and the farm he, (William) cultivates, containing two hundred and sixty two and one fourth acres, be the same more or less, together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, as also all the household and kitchen furniture and farming utensils whatsoever, (except two waggons) and give likewise to him my reading chair and harness and do further and bequeath to my son (William) all my negroes, Frank, Sam, George, Ambrose, Rumsey, Daniel, Patrick, Larkin, Willy, Fellis, Patt and Cynthia, to him and his heirs forever. I likewise give to him my corn and fodder.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Joseph Beadles, my young spotted mare called Charrie, forever.

Item 3rd. It is my will and desire that the balance of my property should be sold at public sale on a credit of twelve months, to-wit, the lot of land of two hundred two and one half acres, drawn in my name in the late land lottery in Baldwin (now Jones) County, the two waggons, the horses (except those already willed) all the cattle, sheep, hogs and all my crop of cotton and the proceeds of said sale when collected, to be appropriated in the following manner - viz; All my just debts, if any, first to be paid and funeral expenses and then all the debts that my son William are owing to be paid out of said money, and then one third of the remainder of said money (whatever the amount may be) I will and bequeath unto my daughter Patsy Dillard and the other two thirds of said money, I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Stanfield.

Item 4th. I do appoint my son, William Beadles and Thomas Jordan Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2nd day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Joseph Beadles (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of;

Joel Barnett

Probate of Will.

Robt. Bledsoe

Robt. Gillispie

You, Joel Barnett, Robert Gillispie and Robert Bledsoe do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Joseph Beadles, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help you God?

Robt. Bledsoe }  
Robt. Gillispie } Witnesses  
Joel Barnett }

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, September Term by the first two witnesses on the 2nd of February 1814 and by the latter interim time on the 7th of Feb'y. 1814.

The within will was proven in valation on the 2nd of Feb'y. 1814 by two of the witnesses and by the other interim time on the 7th Feb'y. 1814.

Recorded the 9th of Feb'y. 1814.

Mat Rainey, C. O. O.

John Moore J. J. C.  
Hudspeth J. J. C.  
H. Luckie J. J. C.  
Interim time  
John Lumpkin J. J. C.  
John Moore J. J. C.  
Robert Freeman J. J. C.

Transcribed 2/5/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JULIA A. MINOR. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #94.)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Julia A. Minor being extremely low in health but of perfect sound mind, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament for the disposition of my worldly effects.

Item 1st. My will is that all my just debts and expenses of all kinds due by me or my Guardian on my account which may hereafter be incurred shall be paid.

Item 2nd. In order in some measure to requite the affection and attention which my kind friend Sarah T. Molloy has shown and I am confident will continue to show towards me during my sickness and confinement and as a testament of my gratitude to her on that account, I give to her such of my wearing apparel as she can appropriate to her use and also a negro boy named

Eleck to be held by her and her heirs. If however, my friend Sarah T. Molloy should die before her marriage and having children, my will is that said negro revert to my estate and be disposed of as my other property.

Item 3rd. My will is that my executor do sell such of my property as he may deem best and upon the best terms in order to pay my debts and expenses first above mentioned, and after they are satisfied, my will is that the whole of the balance thereof be equally divided between my brother William and the children of my father, John Minor by his last wife, share and share alike.

Lastly. I appoint my cousin Thomas W. Cobb, Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of January 1814.

Julia A. Minor (Seal)

Executed in the presence of;

Joseph I. Moore

Since the execution of the above my last will and testament, I have thought it my duty to leave a testimony of my gratitude to Mrs. Mary S. Dixon for the trouble, care and affection which she bestowed upon me during my infancy. Therefore, I publish this my Codicil to my said Will whereby I give and bequeath to my Executor, Thomas W. Cobb his heirs and assigns in trust for the said Mary S. Dixon during her lifetime and after her death, in trust for her children as she may have legitimate or illegitimate and their heirs, a certain negro girl named Nancy and her increase and I hereby ratify and confirm my said last Will and Testament in every other respect except as regards said negro Nancy whom I bequeath as in this Codicil expressed.

Given under my hand this twentieth of January, 1814.

Julia A. Minor (Seal)

Executed in the presence of;

D. Dunn.

Probate of Will.

You, Joseph I. Moore do solemnly swear that you saw the within Julia A. Minor sign, seal, publish and declare the within Julia A. Minor sign, seal, publish and declare the within, or the first part of this instrument to be her last Will and Testament and at the time of her so doing she was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God?

Joseph I. Moore.

Sworn to and subscribed in valation between the stated terms 2nd Feb'y. 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Probate of Codicil to the will, etc.

You, Dudley Dunn do solemnly swear that you saw the named, Julia A. Minor sign, seal, publish and declare the within codicil to the foregoing will to be a part of her last Will and Testament and at the time of her so doing she was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God?

Dudley Dunn.

Sworn to and subscribed in valation between the stated terms on the 2nd of Feb'y. 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 9th of Feb'y. 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/5/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTEMENT OF JOHN OGILBY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #95.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Ogilby being in my perfect senses, doth make this my last Will and Testament- Viz; I give unto my brother, William E. Ogilby my negro man Washington, also my sorrel mare that is in North Carolina and both her colts, also my half of Bonaparte and Ceasar.

2nd. I give unto my mother, Anne Ogilby, my negro girl Matilda and her increase during her life and at her death, to go to my brother, William E. Ogilby. I also give unto my mother my black mare and Gigg.

3rd. It is my will and desire that my brother, William E. Ogilby should pay all my debts and those of the Estate of Francis T. Ogilby, deceased. 4th April 1813.

John Ogilby.

Test;

Rich Ogilby

Christopher Bass.

Probate of Will;

You, Rich Ogilby do solemnly swear that you saw the within named John Ogilby. sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be her last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God;

Rich'd Ogilby.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court and ordered to be recorded, Feb'y Term 1814

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 9th Feb'y. 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Jonathan Ragan of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing that I must shortly depart this life, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. (Wiz)

Item 1st. I give to my daughter Polly Phillips, five dollars, also I lend her my negro girl, Creasy now in her possession during her natural life and at her death I give the aforesaid negro girl and her increase to my two granddaughters, Nancy D. and Cynthia Phillips; to them and their heirs forever.

Item 2nd. I give to my son Nathaniel Ragan, ten dollars.

Item 3rd. I give to my son, John Ragan, one feather bed and furniture.

Item 4th. I give to my daughter, Nancy Callaway one negro girl Zenah now in her possession, also ten dollars which she is to receive at my death.

Item 5th. I give to my daughter, Rebecca Callaway, one negro boy Will, now in her possession, also ten dollars which she is to receive at my death.

Item 6th. I give to my daughter Winny Callaway, one negro girl Hanner now in her possession, also ten dollars which she is to receive at my death.

Item 7th. I give to my daughter Abi Haynes two negroes now in her possession, named Patience and Cealea, to her and her heirs forever.

Item 8th. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Lumpkin one negro girl Chaney now in her possession, also ten dollars which she is to receive at my death.

Item 9th. I give to my son<sup>3</sup> Asa Ragan seven hundred and fifty dollars which he has received as a part of his coto of my estate.

Item 10th. I give to my son Jonathan Ragan six hundred dollars which he has received as a part of his coto of my estate.

Item 11th. I give to my son ~~David Ragan~~ <sup>Asa Ragan</sup> ~~seven hundred dollars~~ <sup>seven hundred dollars</sup> which he has received as a part of his coto of my estate.

*which he has received as a part of his coto of my estate*  
*which is to be divided among his six youngest sons, namely: Asa, Jonathan, David, Jeremiah, Marcus, B. and John Ragan, all the balance of my personal estate including my nineteen negroes, Tobe, Cupit, Hal, Lewis, Lotte, Mell, Jordan, Delpha, Moses, Mary, Silvah, Rhoda, Jack, Dinah, Judah, Hartwell, Sopha, Grasse, Greenville, Vihah and their increase, together with my stock, household furniture and plantation tools, etc. All of the last named property to be sold and after paying all demands against the estate, be so divided as to form an equal division between my six last named children, including the general sums before mentioned that they have received, and are to receive to them and their heirs forever.*

Item 14th. I give to my two sons Marcus B. and John Ragan all that tract of land whereon I now live (containing five hundred and fourteen acres) to be enjoyed in union or sold and the amount of the sale equally divided between them as they and my Executors may think proper, also the crop that has been last made, or is making on the plantation at my death, to them and their heirs forever.

Item 15th. Lastly, do make, ordain and appoint Jonathan Ragan and Thomas Rhodes my true and lawful Executors to execute this my last Will and Testament made. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal April 6th, 1813.

Jonathan x Ragan Sr. (Seal)  
mark

Test;

Jas. Rhodes

Wm. Adams

Richard Rhodes.

deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the written instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Probate of Will;

You, Richard Rhodes and William Adams do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Jonathan Ragan, publish and declare the written instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you

Wm. Adams

Richard Rhodes Sr.

Jas. Rhodes by interrogations.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court by two of the witnesses and the other by interrogations and ordered to be recorded 4  
March Term 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/6/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSHUA JENNINGS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #98.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joshua Jennings of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe knowing that it is appointed for man once to die do make this my last Will and Testament.

First. I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body and my body to be buried in a christian manner and the goods and chattels which the Lord has given to me, I will and bequeath the land with all the property which I possess to remain in the possession of my wife until my oldest child shall marry or come of age. To her one feather bed and furniture and any other stock which my dear wife thinks proper to let her have it at the valuation, and in like manner to each of my children when they marry or come of age, and when my son Caleb shall come of age, I will and desire that one hundred acres of my land be sold and my stock or furniture which my dear wife can spare and of the money arising from the sale, to be equally divided among my children Kizeah, Elijah and Polly. But unto Caleb I will that he shall have one hundred dollars more than the rest if he should not get as much schooling as Elijah had had, but if he should get as much schooling, an equal division among them. I will that my dear wife keep the house and one hundred acres of land adjoining with the stock, furniture and tools etc., to support herself and children in the best manner she can and at her death, for the hundred acres of land to be sold and an equal division among all four of my children.

I appoint my dear wife, Elizabeth Jennings, Executrix to this my last Will and Testament. As witness my hand this 22nd of Dec., 1813. March Term 1814 Court of Ordinary then setting. I, Isham Goss do solemnly swear that I was called upon by Joshua Jennings the within named to write his Will and that the within was dictated to me by the said Jennings as his last Will and Testament, also I believe the said Jennings was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time the said will was wrote and the said Jennings has departed this life without executing the same to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Isham Goss

At the above Term in Open Court, I, Frances Batey do solemnly swear that I went to the house of the within named Joshua Jennings, deceased, and the said Jennings produced this paper and showed it to me and told me it was his last Will and that he wished the first opportunity to execute the same. Also, he said that Jennings was of sound mind and memory to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Francis Batey

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court March Term 1814 and ordered to be recorded.

M. Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 9th of March, 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/6/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH WATERS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B". Page #99.)

AUGUST 1st, One thousand eighteen hundred and thirteen. This my last Will and Testament. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.

First. My desire is that my son Anthony have the plantation and land whereon he now lives containing seventy acres, be the same more or less - to him and his heirs forever.

My desire is that my son, William Waters have the plantation and land whereon he now lives containing sixty acres, bounded by Big Creek on the east of it and the branch on the west of it.

My desire is that my son George Waters have the plantation whereon he now lives including a small field that son William cleared on the east side of Big Creek, with that hold sixty acres to him and his heirs forever.

Fourthly. My desire is that the rest of my plantation and land remain for the use of my now surviving wife and after her death to be equally divided among my three youngest sons, Joseph, James B. and Collings Waters.

Fifthly. My desire is that all the rest of my property to remain my wife's till her death without she thinks proper to make any division of it among children so as for each one to have an equal part.

Sixthly. My desire is that after the death of my wife, that all my property except lands be equally divided among my children George, Susanah, William and Anthony, Nancy, Joseph, Jas. B. Collings, Lucy and Suriah Waters.

Lastly. I appoint my three sons George, William and Anthony for my Executors to this my last Will.

his  
Joseph x Waters  
mark

Witnessed in presence of:

Miller Bledsoe

Thos. Apperson

Wm. Smith.

cont'd.

Will of Joseph Waters, cont'd.

Probate of Will;

You, Miller Bledsoe, Thomas Apperson and Wm. Smith do solemnly swear that you saw the within Joseph Waters, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help you God.

Miller Bledsoe  
Thos. Apperson  
Wm. Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
May Term 1814 and ordered to be  
recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 3rd day of May 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/6/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANCIS CRAWFORD. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #100.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Francis Crawford of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being sick and weak of body but of a sound and disposing mind and a perfect memory, yet calling to mind my mortality and knowing it is appointed for all mankind to die, think fit to make this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I recommend my soul to God who gave it. As for my body, I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner. And as touching what worldly property it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I dispose of it in the following manner and form: It is my will that all my just debts and general charges be fully paid.

- Item. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Crawford, one dollar and fifty cents.
- Item. I give and bequeath unto my son, Joel Crawford, one dollar and fifty cents.
- Item. I give and bequeath to my son, William H. Crawford, one dollar and fifty cents.
- Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Charles Crawford, one dollar and fifty cents.
- Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Bennett Crawford, one dollar and fifty cents.
- Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Tensley, one large trunk.
- Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Anna Barnett, one trunk of a middle size and one bay mare.
- Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Betsy Rhymer, one dollar and fifty cents with the additional hereinafter mentioned.
- Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Frances Crawford, one small trunk and one sorrel colt.

It is my will and I do allow my negro man Toney, one feather bed and furniture to be sold and the money arising therefrom, together with all my money in hand and what is due to me to be collected, and after paying all my just debts and funeral charges, and the legacies particularly mentioned to my sons and daughters within mentined, then what remain of said monies, to be equally divided between my daughters, Lucy, Anna and Frances.

I do appoint and constitute my trusty friend, Joel Barnett, Alexander McEwen and Benjamin Blenton my Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made, and I do declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I do set my hand and affix my seal, this the fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Francis <sup>3</sup> Crawford (Seal)  
mark.

Signed, sealed and pronounced in  
presence of;  
Morton Bledsoe  
Ann McEwen.

PROBATE OF WILL

You Morton Bledsoe, do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Francis Crawford, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be her last will and testament and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in  
Open Court, May Term 1814 and ordered to  
be recorded.

Morton Bledsoe

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 12th of May 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/10/36.



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES SIMS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #101.)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, James Sims being in a low state of health but having my memory and senses perfect, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner. I give to my father Ginsey Sims, all of the property I am possessed with of every description to dispose of as he may see cause. I give it to him forever. I leave my father to see this my last Will and Testament executed. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal, this twenty ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Signed, sealed in presence of;  
Wm. Andrews Jr.  
Jos. Embry

James Sims (Seal)

PROBATE OF WILL;

You, Joseph Embry do solemnly swear that you saw the within named James Sims sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
Sept. Term 1814.

Joseph Embry.

Ordered to be recorded  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded this the above will 7th of Sept. 1814.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/10/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SAMUEL OSTEEN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #102.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Samuel Osteen of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory and considering the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament and first of all, I resign my body to the ground to be buried in decent christian burial and my soul to God who gave it and as to my worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of them in the following manner Viz; First, I bequeath to my son David Osteen, one dollar to be paid him by my Executrix. Likewise, I bequeath to my son Jesse, one dollar, also my son Wallis one dollar to be paid by the same hand. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Tabitha, all the best of my estate, at my own and my wife Sarah Osteen death, both real and personal except one bridle and horned heifer which I give to my grandson William Osteen. I also constitute and ordain my daughter Tabitha Osteen, my sole Executrix. Given under my hand this seventh day of February 1814.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of;  
Hamilton Ragan  
Abadiah Carter  
Robinson Henderson

Samuel x Osteen  
mark

PROBATE OF WILL:

You Robinson Hendon, Obadiah Carter do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Samuel Osteen sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
and ordered to be recorded at Sept.  
Court 1814.

R. Hendon

Obadiah x Carter  
mark

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the above Will 7th Sept. 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/10/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CHRISTOPHER HALES. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #103.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Christopher Hales being poorly of body, but of a sound and disposing mind do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following (to-wit)

Item 1st. It is my will that all my just debts be paid.

Item 2nd. I lend unto my beloved wife Betsy Hales all of my estate during of her natural life or widowhood and for all of my children to live with her and to work together and to be supported out of my estate the very same as they would if I was alive and if my wife should marry again, then all my estate to be divided and for her to have one third part thereof untill her death and for all of my children that has not got schooling for them to cont'd.

Will of Christopher Hales, cont'd.

have as much as eighteen months each and their boarding and clothing out of the part. I lend to my wife for the use that she has of it until her death and at her death, that part to return to all of my children and if my wife should not marry again - after her death that all of my estate be sold, giving twelve months credit and when the same is collected to be equally divided amongst all of my children with the interest thereof when they or any of them should come to lawful age or marry.

I hereby nominate my beloved wife Betsy Hales Executrix and my son James Hales Executor to execute this my last Will and Testament. Witness whereof my hand and seal this 4th day of June 1814.

Christopher x Hales (seal)  
his mark

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence of;

Attested -  
Joel Colley  
Isham Davis  
T. B. Dorsey

Probate of Will-  
You, T. B. Dorsey, Joel Colley and Isham Davis do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Christopher Hales sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in  
Open Court and ordered to be  
recorded October Term 1814.

Joel Colley }  
T. B. Dorsey } Witnesses.  
Isham Davis }

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 5th of Oct. 1814.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/10/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ELIZABETH THORNTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #104.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Elizabeth Thornton being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of all flesh and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

First. I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter to be named.

Secondly. My will and desire is that all my just debts should be paid out of my part of my fathers property which is already sold after discharging my equal part of his just debts.

Thirdly. My will is that my brother Wiley Thornton should have my part in the dowry of my mothers real estate also my chest and bed furniture.

Fourthly. My will is that my part of my fathers real estate except that part in the dowry of my mother before named or willed away be equally divided between my brothers and sisters, except Sally Moore.

Fifthly. My will is that my part of my fathers personally property be equally divided between my mother, Rachel Thornton and my brothers and sisters, Wiley, Becky, Wyatt, Patay, David, Narcisseror, Isam and Dred.

Sixthly. My will is that my brother Dred should have my bed and bedstead.

Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother Wiley Thornton my Executor to carry this my said will into effect - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the seventh day of September 1814.

Elizabeth x Thornton (Seal)  
her mark

Test;

John Thornton  
Frances Thornton  
Mary Smith

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County; At a Court of Ordinary on the 2nd of Jan'y. 1815, personally appeared in Open Court John Thornton, Mary Smith two of the subscribing witnesses

to the within will and after being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God sayeth that they saw the within named Elizabeth Thornton, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be her last will and testament and at the time of her so doing she was of sound mind and memory to the best of your belief so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
Jan'y Term 1815 and ordered to be recorded.

John Thornton  
Mary Smith

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 31st Jan'y. 1815.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/10/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Billups of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being in health and sound in mind and memory and calling to mind that it is once appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, principally and first of all, I recommend my body to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors. Imprimis. I lend to my beloved wife Susannah six negroes, Daniel and Letty his wife, Minny and Nancy his wife, Pat and Catty, also my carriage and two horses and three mules, stock hogs and cattle say 20 head cattle. Furthermore, I will and desire is that my beloved wife Susannah, shall remain and have the use of the house and plantation whereon we now reside for the benefit of herself and my three children, that is to say, Nancy, John and Thomas which is lieu of dower. Furthermore, my will and desire is that at my beloved wife's decease, the above named negroes and their increase and plantation shall return to my beloved children, Nancy, John and Thomas to be divided share and share alike.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son John, all that tract of land purchased from Samuel Knox containing 575 acres, more or less, originally granted to Daniel Butter bearing date 23rd of February 1785 and conveyed from him the said Butter to Samuel Knox. Also, one other tract containing 111 acres be the same more or less, purchased from Samuel Knox surveyed for John Parten and conveyed by Wm. Nichols to Samuel Knox the 9th day of January 1790. Also, one other tract of land containing 108 1/2 acres, be the same more or less, being part of a tract granted to the heirs of Grumbury Chaney on the 19th of January 1785. Also one other tract of land containing 100-3/4 acres, originally granted to John Stewart, also my old blacksmith manpetu with a set of Smith tools, a carpenter fellow Dave, a boy named Nelson. Furthermore, my will and desire is that my son John die without heirs, then his part to be equally divided between my daughter Anne and my son Thomas, share and share alike.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Thomas that tract of land whereon I now live containing 1000 acres, be the same more or less, known to be the land I purchased from John George, which tract I have willed to my wife her natural life. I also give unto my son Thomas one other tract of land containing 33 acres, be the same more or less, joining lands purchased from John George, also one other tract purchased from Josh Jennings containing 34 acres, also one other tract containing 235 acres, more or less known to be the land Elizabeth Carlton now resides on, also one other tract of land containing 60 acres more or less purchased from Joel Beggs. Also, I give unto my son Thomas a fellow named Peter a blacksmith and a set of blacksmith tools, one other boy Parker and one other named Dick. My will and desire is that my beloved son Thomas should die without heirs, then his estate to return to my surviving children and to be divided share and share alike.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Anne three negroes, Quincy, Juddy and Rachel. Also, it is my will and desire that my daughter Anne should receive from my estate six thousand dollars to be paid out of the bonds or notes now in my possession when collected and the six thousand dollars to be put at interest until my daughter Nancy arrives at the age of eighteen and in case she should die unmarried or without heir, then my will and desire is that my surviving children should divide her property share and share alike. My will and desire is that if there should be failure in collecting the money for the bonds in my possession, then my beloved daughter shall be paid out of my estate six thousand dollars and put to the proper above mentioned.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved children, Anne, John and Thomas, all the rest and residue of my property to be equally divided between them on their arriving at the age of twenty one years except my daughter Anne which will be considered of age at eighteen years old. Furthermore, my will and desire that Mildred Whiting shall be maintained out of my estate during her natural life. Furthermore, my will and desire that after my son Thomas arrives at the age of ten years, that my trusty servant Old Hannah shall be set free and allowed yearly maintenance- 300 pounds of pork, 3 barrels of corn, a cow and calf, a home and cloth found from my estate.

Lastly. I hereby constitute and appoint my two trusty friends William Billups and my beloved wife, Susannah, Executrix and Executor to this my last Will and Testament, hereby utterly revoking and disannulling all and every other Will and Testament made for me or to my use whatsoever dated. This 5th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Sealed, signed and acknowledged in presence of; John Billups

PROBATE OF WILL:

Thomas Green Georgia, Oglethorpe County- at Court of Ordinary held in and for John A. Mayne said County and State on the 2nd day of Jan'y. 1815; being the first Monday in the month and year aforesaid, personally appeared in Open Court. Swepson Cox, one of the witnesses to the within will of Capt. John Billups and after being solemnly sworn deposeth and saith that he saw the within John Billups, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and that he subscribed the same as a witness and also saw the other witness subscribe as such in the cont'd

Will of John Billups, cont'd.

presence of the Testator and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of this deponents knowledge and belief so help me God.

Swapson Cox

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
Jan'y. 1815 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 1st Day of Feb'y. 1815.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/10/36.

Will of John Billups, cont'd.

Oath of the Executor and Executrix of John Billups, deceased.  
State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Court of Ordinary, Jan'y. Term 1815.  
Personally appeared in open Court Mrs. Susannah Billups, Executrix and  
William Billups, Executor of the within will, do solemnly swear that this  
instrument of writing contains the true last will and Testament of John  
Billups deceased so far as you know or believe and that you will well and  
truly execute the same by paying first the debts, then the legacies contained  
in the said will so far as the same will extend and the law will charge you  
and that you will make, or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of  
all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased and a  
just return thereof when thereunto required by law, so help you God.

Susannah Billups

Wm. Billups

Sworn to and subscribed in open  
Court this the 2nd day of Jan'y 1815.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 1st of Feb'y. 1815.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PETER GOOLSBY. (Original Will recorded in Will  
Book "B", Page #108.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Peter Goolsby of the County of Oglethorpe  
and State of Georgia being in a perfect state of health and of a sound mind  
and memory; and calling to mind the mortality of all flesh and that it is  
appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and  
Testament.

1st. I give unto my beloved wife, Mary Goolsby one negro girl known by  
the name of Merit during her natural life and after her death the aforesaid  
negro girl and her increase should go to my son Richard Goolsby to dispose of  
at his will.

2nd. I give unto my son Richard Goolsby three negroes, namely Pompey,  
Isaac and Peggy, also all my land which I now possess; also all my stock of  
every kind, also all and singular my goods and chattels consisting of  
household and kitchen furniture, also all my grain of every sort and every  
other vegetable; to him and at his disposal forever.

3rd. I give unto my daughter Sarah Murry Goolsby five dollars.

4th. I give unto William Jennings two negroes namely Robert and Queen  
to him and at his disposal forever.

5thly. I give unto my daughter Molly O. Johnson three negroes namely,  
Stephen, Milly and Delpha, to her and at her disposal forever.

6thly. I give unto my daughter Rebecca Riddle three negroes namely,  
Jenny, Lot, Matilda, to her and at her disposal forever.

7thly. I give unto my daughter Lucy Goolsby fifty dollars to her and at  
her disposal forever.

8thly. I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Stephens namely Nanny and Ann  
to her and at her disposal forever.

9thly. I give unto Simeon Goolsby one negro boy known by the name of  
Patrick when he arrives at the age of twenty one years, also my desire is  
that my son Richard Goolsby should take care of the said negro boy and take  
care of him till he arrives at the age of twenty.

10thly. My will and desire is that all debts that my be owing to me at my  
decease, also my monies which may be in hand at my decease shall go to my son  
Richard Goolsby and to him at his disposal.

11thly. I also appoint Richard Goolsby and John Thornton Executors to this  
my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the fourth day  
of Jan'y. 1812.

Peter Goolsby (Seal)

Mary Goolsby.

Signed, seal and acknowledged  
in the presence of;

Wm. Jones

Renney Eades

Wyatt Hewell

David Thurmon

Jas. P. ye.

(State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County: Personally appeared  
in Open Court Wyatt Hewell, James Pye and David Thurmon  
three of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and  
after being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named  
cont'd.

Will of Peter Goolsby, cont'd.

Peter Goolsby, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

David Thurmon  
Jas. Pye  
Wyatt Hewell.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court and ordered to be recorded March Term 1815.  
Attested.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 8th March 1815.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN HARDIN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #110.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Hardin of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia of sound mind and memory, blessed be God the extending mercy, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and has pleased God to bless me with some of this worlds treasure, shall dispose of it in the following manner (Viz)

Item. I leave my crop of cotton that is now on hand to pay all my just debts and the use of the family.

Item. I give my dear beloved wife, Sally Hardin one negro man Peter, one hundred dollars, a horse and saddle, bed and furniture. I lend to my wife Sally Hardin the tract of land, I said Hardin now lives while she ever remains my widow for the use of herself and the legatees that live with her.

Item. I lend to my beloved wife until Judy and Franklin become of age in case she remains the said Hardin's widow, I lend one negro man Andrew, one negro man Ben Curtis and one negro man Ban, one boy Joseph, one negro woman Charity, one negro woman Massey for the use of support and schooling children and raising the family.

Item. I leave the tract of land near Lexington to be sold when convenient and the money equally divided betwixt my wife, Sally Hardin and all the legatees.

Item. Give my beloved daughter, Elizabeth Hardin one negro girl Loueasy, one negro boy Louis, one bed and furniture, one horse, saddle and bridle, one cow and calf and two sheep.

Item. I have given to my beloved daughter Polly Powell, one negro girl Jenny, one negro boy Adam, one bed and furniture, one horse and saddle and bridle, one cow and calf, two sheep.

Item. I give Martha Hardin one negro boy Benager, one negro girl Fanny, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse, saddle and bridle.

Item. I leave Lucinda Hardin my beloved daughter one negro girl Ciser, one boy Washington (in case his eyesight fails him) I leave her George. one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse, bridle and saddle.

Item. I leave Peamelia Hardin, my beloved daughter one negro girl Ray, one negro boy Tusell, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse, saddle and bridle.

Item. I give my son Benjamin Hardin one negro girl Easter, one negro boy Judge, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse, saddle and bridle.

Item. I give to my son Jno. B. Hardin one negro boy Clark and one negro girl from the estate, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse, saddle and bridle.

Item. I leave to my daughter Caroline, July and Franklin, one negro boy Van, and she will have a girl from my estate, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse, saddle and bridle.

Item. I leave the plantation and kitchen furniture and stock and household furniture to my wife and the legatees as much as is necessary to keep.

Item. I do further say that my wife in case she remains my widow, take out three negroes such as she may think most proper, and the remainder part of the negroes be equally divided when July and Franklin is twelve years of age.

Item. I give to Frank a yellow boy his freedom so long as he lives from the twenty fifth day of December 1815.

I give to Linsey a yellow boy his freedom so long as he lives from the twenty fifth day of December 1815.

I give to Mimey a yellow girl her freedom so long as she lives this twenty fifth day of December 1815.

Item. This being my last Will and Testament made the year of our Lord January 29th, 1815 and assign it in the presence of - I appoint Joseph Walker and Whitaker Powell my Executors.

John Hardin (Seal)

Test:  
Henry Blake  
Robert Holmes  
John Holms

The within Will was recorded the 4th of April 1815.

Court of Ordinary, May Term 1815. Personally appeared in Open Court Henry Blake and Robert Holmes, and after being duly sworn on the holy evangelest of Almighty God depose and saith that they saw the within named John Hardin deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief so help us God.

Henry Blake  
Robert Holmes

Sworn to and subscribed in  
Open Court at the above term  
and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 4th of May 1815.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/12/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN DAVENPORT. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #112.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Davenport of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to-wit-

First. I leave to my mother that part of my plantation whereon she now lives and cultivates at the rates of thirty dollars a year, commencing the twenty fifth day of December, eighteen hundred and three, so long as she lives or chooses to remain thereon and then to return to the original tract of land I now live on.

Second. I give to Lucy Jane M. Moore one negro woman named Flora and her child named Paul, also one negro girl named Kittermer with their future increase to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly. I give to John Davenport Marks Moore, one negro boy James Russell, also one negro woman named Minerva with her future increase, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourthly. I give to my nephew William Moore after my death all the residue of my estate both real and personal of every description whatsoever, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Fifthly. It is my desire that after my death, that my negro woman Betty for her particular attention to her mistress in her lifetime, be allowed a comfortable support during her life out of my estate.

Sixthly. I do appoint William Moore and John H. Marks of Virginia my Executors to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in  
the presence of the underwritten;

John Davenport (Seal)

Nathan Johnson  
Wyatt Hewell  
Rich Floyd.

May Term Court of Ordinary 1815. Personally appeared in open Court at the above term, Nathan Johnson, Wyatt Hewell and Rich Floyd and after being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named John Davenport, deceased, sign seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed  
in open court at the above  
term and ordered to be recorded.

Nathan Johnson  
Wyatt Hewell  
Rich'd Floyd.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/12/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BENJAMIN BALDWIN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #114.)

I, Benjamin Baldwin of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia being sound in mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as witness my hand and seal this the 5th day of October 1813.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son William Baldwin, negroes (Viz) David, Jesse, Molly, Hall and little Anna with all their increase, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Baldwin, negroes (Viz) Jack, Sarah, Lydia, Joe, Amy and Harriett with all their increase to her and heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Baldwin, negroes (Viz) Bob, Moses, Fender, Charles, Hannah and Darkis with all their increase, to him and his heirs forever. cont'd.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Baldwin, negroes (Viz) Supis, Mary, Spencer and Mariah also my kitt and wagon with all the increase of said negroes, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Elizabeth Baldwin, negroes (Viz) Kit and Samboy Leak, Beck and Little Jess with all their increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I lend to my wife Catherine Baldwin, Phillis, Big Anna, Fan and Bill, with all their increase during her natural life and at her death the title and property of said negroes with all their increase to vested in my daughter, Mary Ann Elizabeth Baldwin and her heirs forever. I likewise lend to my, the third part of the tract of land whereon I now live, the third part of my little river tract and also the third part of my lot in Wilkinson in quality and quantity during her natural life and at her death the title and property of said land to be vested in my son Thomas Baldwin and his heirs forever.

It is likewise my will that the remaining two thirds of the above mentioned tracts of land be equally divided between my sons, William and Samuel Baldwin to belong to them and their heirs forever. The division of my Cherokee Corner tract between the above parties to be made by Col. James Luckie, Thomas W. Coy and Charles Strong Esq. and the other tracts (Viz) the land on Little River and in Wilkinson to be divided by persons in their respective neighborhoods, appointed and agreed on by the Executors and parties concerned.

I give and bequeath to my wife, Catherine Baldwin my riding chair, one yoke of oxen and cart, stock of every description to be equally divided, together with the household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools etc., between my wife Catherine Baldwin, my sons William, Samuel and Thomas Baldwin and my daughter Nancy and Mary Ann Elizabeth Baldwin to them and their heirs forever. The distribution of the household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools, etc., to be made by the persons nominated to divide the land, upon which I live. It is also my desire that if either of my sons die without lawful living issue, that the land devised to them by this instrument return to and be equally divided among and titles vested in their surviving brothers and their lawful heirs forever.

It is further my will that if either of my children die unmarried, that the whole of their property be equally divided between their surviving brothers and sisters - my son James has already received his proportionable part of my estate.

It is my desire that my son James G. Baldwin have the entire control of my sons and their property until they attain the age of twenty one.

I do nominate and appoint James Luckie, Esq. and my sons James G. and William Baldwin my Executors to my last Will and Testament. It is my will further that my daughter Nancy, receive one thousand dollars out of any money due to me and the balance of my money due to me and the cash in hand, I wish to be equally divided between my sons William, Samuel and Thomas Baldwin.

Ben Baldwin (Seal)

Test;

Alexander Lester  
Fielding Dillard  
his  
Jas. x Roberson  
mark

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. Personally appeared in Court Fielding Dillard, Alexander Lester, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument of writing and after being duly sworn saith, that they saw the within named, Benjamin Baldwin, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief so help us God.

Fielding Dillard,  
Alexander Lester.

Sworn to and subscribed in open  
Court, July Term 1815 and ordered  
to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 14th July 1815.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/12/36.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. I, Benjamin Baldwin of the County and State aforesaid being desirous to dispose of my property among my family as to promote their future interest and welfare, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament-

1st. I devise that the expenses attending on my last illness be paid and all just demands then or against me.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my son William Baldwin the following negroes (Viz) Carrilier, Jesse, Molly, Hal and little Anna and all their increase, to him and his heirs forever. I also bequeath to my son William Baldwin eighteen hundred dollars in money to be paid to him by installments of two hundred dollars a year with interest from the time the first payment becomes due, which is to be at twelve months from the probate of this will.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Nancy Phinizy the following negroes (Viz) Jack, Zarah, Samboy, Joe, Amy and Harriott, with all their increase, to her and her heirs forever.

cont'd.

I also bequeath to my daughter, Nancy Phinizy one thousand dollars in money to be paid to her out of money arising from debts due or any other money belonging to my estate.

4th. I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Baldwin the following negroes (Viz) Bob, Moses, Fender, Charles, Hannah and Darkie, with all their increase, to him and his heirs forever. I also bequeath my Cherokee Corner tract of land on which I now live to my son Samuel Baldwin and his heirs forever.

5th. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Baldwin the following negroes (Viz) Tupio, Mary, Spencer and Mariah with all their increase to him and his heirs forever. I also bequeath to my son Thomas Baldwin, one thousand seven hundred and sixty five dollars to be paid to him when he comes of age, out of any money due me from debts or other money belonging to my estate.

6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Elizabeth Baldwin the following negroes (Viz) Leah, Beck, Little Jesse, Kit, Lucy, Lydia, with all their increase to her and her heirs forever.

7th. I lend to my wife Catherine Baldwin the following negroes (Viz) Phillis Big Anna, Fan and Bill, with all their increase during her natural life and at her death the said negroes, with all their increase to go to be vested in my daughter Mary Ann Elizabeth Baldwin and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my wife Catherine Baldwin my tract of land on Little River in the County of Oglethorpe, also my tract of land in Wilkinson County, to her and her heirs forever, which bequest is to be taken in lieu and full bare of any claim on my real estate forever.

8th. I direct that my household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools and stock of every kind be sold and the proceeds of sale applied, if necessary, to make up any deficiency that may arise from the want of funds to pay the legacies bequeathed in money.

9th. It is my desire and I direct accordingly that if my son Samuel should die without lawful issue, leaving that the land divided to him go to, and be equally divided among his surviving brothers and their lawful heirs forever.

10th. It is my desire and I direct accordingly, that if either of my die unmarried, that the whole of their legacy, or legacies as given by this will (except the land) go to, and be equally divided between their brothers and sisters and their issue.

11th. My desire is that my wife, Catherine Baldwin keep possession of the place including the possessions where I now live until Samuel Baldwin comes of age together with my son Samuel Baldwin and to enjoy the profits of said place after deducting the expenses of my present illness until Samuel arrives at the age of twenty one years.

12th. It is my desire that if there should be the sum of five hundred dollars left of the residue of my estate after the payment of all the legacies heretofore given, that my son James G. Baldwin receive these from the sum of five hundred dollars and that the balance of the residue of estate be equally divided among the legatees.

I do hereby appoint my son James G. Baldwin and my friend James Luckie, Esq., Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this day 1815.

Benja. Baldwin (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and acknowledged by the testator in our presence;

Stephen Upson  
William Ford.

appeared Stephen Upson, one of the witnesses to the within instrument of writing and being duly sworn saith that he heard the within named Benjamin Baldwin acknowledge the

signature to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Benjamin Baldwin, to be his own signature, that the said Benjamin Baldwin published and delivered the instrument in writing on the twenty fourth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and fifteen as his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and disposing memory and that this deponent subscribed his name to the said writing as a witness in the presence of the said Benjamin Baldwin and at his request on the said twenty fourth day of May 1815.

Stephen Upson

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court  
this third day of July 1815.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 14th July 1815.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/12/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM PAYNE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #119.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Payne of Oglethorpe County do make my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made in manner and form following (that is to say)

Item 1st. After the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Berdit one cow, feather bed and furniture which she has received, also the half of one bond that I have on Richard Berdit.

2nd Item. I give to my daughter Nancy Nichols one cow and feather bed  
cont'd.



Will of William Payne cont'd.

which she has received, also the other half of the aforementioned bond on Berdit.

3rd. I give to my son Abner Payne one young horse one feather bed and furniture, also half of my Smith tools.

4th. Item. I give to my son Floyd Payne one young mare, one feather bed and furniture, also the other half of the aforementioned Smith tools.

5th Item. I give to my beloved wife my plantation whereon I now live for and during her natural life or widowhood, after which I give the same to my two sons, Abner and Floyd, having respect to quantity and quality. Also I give to my beloved wife Aney Payne all the balance of my estate which is not specially named, for and during her natural life or widowhood, after which time to be equally divided between the whole of my children.

Lastly. I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Executrix and my son Abner Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this third day of December 1806

Signed and acknowledged before us;

Robt. Haynes

Edens Reall

George Varner Jr.

his  
Wm. x Payne (Seal)  
mark

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Court Robt Haynes and Geo. Varner Jr. two of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument of writing and after being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named William Payne, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court  
July Term 1815 and ordered to be recorded

R. O. Haynes,  
George Varner Jr.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 14th of July 1815.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/12/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM E. OGILBY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #120.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Ogilby of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in low health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament.

1st. It is my will and desire that my mother shall have the sole and entire use and occupation of the land on which I now live until the expiration of the lease.

2nd. I do give unto my mother, Ann Ogilby all my property of whatsoever description, including my notes and accounts, to have and to hold the same forever.

3rd. That no difficulty may arise with regard to a negro woman Matilda and her increase which was given to my mother by the last will and testament of my brother John Ogilby for her life and at her death to me. I do hereby give to my mother, the said negro woman Matilda and her increase forever.

4th. It is my desire that my mother do dispose of such of the property as she may think proper and discharge all the debts of either of my deceased brothers, John and Francis or myself.

5th. Lastly, I do constitute and appoint my mother Executrix to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I hereunto fix my hand and seal this eighth day of April eighteen hundred and fifteen.

Test;

Joseph M. Molloy  
A. T. Bass

Georgia, Oglethorpe. Personally appeared in Court Ann T. Bass and Lucy Ann Moore and after being sworn saith that they saw the within named William E. Ogilby, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief so help us God.  
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
Nov. Term 1815 and ordered to be recorded.

William E. Ogilby (Seal)

Ann T. Bass  
Lucy Ann Moore

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 8th Nov. 1815.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/12/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Robert Holmes Sen'r. of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this twenty first day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ten and in the thirty fourth year of American Independence, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, First, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Jane Walker and her children two negroes, viz. One man named Jerry about twenty two years of age and one woman named Hannah about nineteen years of age;

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my five heirs viz. John Holmes, Joseph Walker, Robert Holmes, Jr., Samuel Patton and William Holmes a grant for five thousand acres of land lying in the State of Tennessee on Forked Deer River, a branch of the Mississippi and granted to me the testator the twentieth day of December seventeen hundred and ninety one, the land to be divided as near equal in quantity and quality as may be and then drawn for by the above named heirs.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto the methodist connection a part of a grant for twelve hundred acres of land lying in the State of Tennessee on Obian River, Viz. One thousand acres when the land is obtained, to be disposed of by the General Conference, being a tract of land granted to me the testator the twentieth day of December seventeen hundred and ~~thirteen~~ <sup>thirteen</sup>, and I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends John Holmes and Robert Holmes, Jr., Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I the said Robert Holmes Sen'r. have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Rob't Holmes (Seal)

Rob't Holmes (Seal)

signed, sealed, published and declared  
by the said Robert Holmes, Sen'r. the testator  
as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us  
who were present at the time of signing, sealing hereof;  
Stephen C. Granade  
Jno. B. Hardin  
William Chaplain.

William Chaplain, one of the witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn saith that he saw the within named Robert Holmes, deceased sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court at the above term.

Wm. Chaplain

Wm. Chaplain

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 31st day of Jan'y, 1816.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/13/36.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, James Ponder of the County and State aforesaid being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, and well knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make the following disposition of such worldly goods as it has pleased God to bless me with;

First. I give my soul into the hands of my creator well knowing that he will render to me according to the deeds done in the body.

Secondly. I will that my christian burial.

Thirdly. I lend to my beloved wife, Elizabeth during her life or widowhood one negro woman named Fann to her own proper use, benefit and control. Also, one sorrel mare and a new saddle to be purchased out of the proceeds of the present crop, and should the mare above mentioned die or become unfit to ride, to be furnished with another off the plantation. I also leave to my said wife during her life or widowhood, the tract of land whereon I now live containing three hundred and sixty acres, together with the house and furniture not hereafter disposed of, also the plantation tools, horses and stock of every kind to be kept on the plantation for the use of the family. Should however, my executors think it best at any time to sell a part of the stock and apply the money to the use of the family, should they deem it necessary, otherwise, the money to remain in their hands until a first settlement takes place. It is also my will and desire that my two negro man named Tom and Elisha and the negro boy named Abram, remain on the plantation during my wife's life or widowhood, under the management and direction of my son John, who is also to live on the plantation and have the management thereof and a generous share out of the crops made thereon. The remainder of the crops which may not be necessary for family use or consumption, to be sold by my Executors and the money arising therefrom, or so much thereof as they may deem necessary laid out for the use of the family and the remainder kept by them until the death or marriage of my wife, and then to be disposed of as herein-after mentioned.

It is also my will and desire that my daughter, Dilly live with her mother as heretofore and that she be supplied with all necessary clothing out of the proceeds cont'd.

Will of James Ponder, cont'd.

of the plantation so long as she remains unmarried.

Fourthly. I give to my son William at my wife's death or marriage, the above mentioned negro man Tom.

Fifthly. I give to my son Abner at my wife's death or marriage, the above named negro man Elijah. I also forgive him a debt of fifty dollars due by him to me.

Sixthly. I give to my son James H. the tract of land I purchased of Coil containing two hundred and twelve acres.

7th. I give to my daughter Polly Johnson and to her children forever one negro woman named Celly and her daughter Pug, fifty dollars to be paid her when my executors find it convenient to do so.

8th. I give to my son John, the horse he usually rides and my saddle and bridle, a good bed and furniture and fifty dollars out of the present crop of cotton, also the crib of corn called his and the young hogs known as his. And also at my death or marriage, the above mentioned tract of land containing three hundred acres and the above named negro woman Fann and the negro boy named Abram to him and his heirs forever.

9th. I give to my daughter, Dilly three negroes Viz. Phillis, Amy and Charles, which negroes are to remain on the plantation with my wife so long as my said daughter remains single and one of the three during my wife's life or widowhood, should she deem it necessary. I also give to my daughter Dilly, the sorrel mare she usually rides, saddle and bridle and one good bed and furniture. It is also my desire that my Executors purchase her a good trunk out of the present crop and also a suit of black and also suit for my wife such as they may choose.

10th. It is my will and desire that all the stock and other property not disposed of which may be on hand at my wife's death or marriage, be sold by my Executors and the money arising therefrom together with any money which they may have on hand belonging to the estate from sale of crops or stock, be equally divided between my sons, William, Abner and John and my daughters Polly Johnson and Dilly, giving however to my daughter Polly Johnson, fifty dollars over and above her equal part.

And lastly. I appoint, nominate and constitute my sons William and Abner Ponder, my Executors to this my last Will and Testament and do by these present utter and publish this my last Will and Testament, utterly revoking and annulling all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 19th day of December 1815.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of;

James Ponder (Seal)

H. Luckie  
Robt. Carithers  
Jane Luckie.

PROBATE.

Jan'y. Term 1816, Court of Ordinary, Oglethorpe County. approved in open Court H. Luckie and Robert Carithers and after being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named James Ponder, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
Jan'y. Term 1816 and ordered to be recorded.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

H. Luckie  
Robert Carithers.

Recorded 31st day of Jan'y, 1816.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/13/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HUMPHREY HENDRICKS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #124.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Humphrey Hendricks being very sick but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God; calling under the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul in to the hands of almighty God that gave it, and my body to the earth at the discretion of my friends. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith is has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

First. It is my will that my just debts be paid.  
Secondly. I do will and bequeath unto my loving wife Anna, one negro man by the name of Bill, commonly called Buck and one negro boy Spencer and one feather bed and furniture and bedstead, the bed that commonly call her, and her cow and calf and chair.

Thirdly. I will and bequeath to my son Hugh, one negro man by the name of Squire and the set of blacksmith tools that is now in the shop.

Fourthly. I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Herring one negro girl named Rose and one good cow and calf.

Fifthly. I will and bequeath unto the heirs of Nancy Lester, my daughter, three negroes (to-wit) Phebia, Jerry and Fountain and one cow and calf unto the said Nancy Lester. I give and bequeath unto my son John, one negro boy named Peter now in the possession of Robert Smith if he will redeem said negro and one cow and calf. I also wish all the rest of my property that is in this state to be sold on a credit of twelve months and all my just and lawful debts be paid out of it, and the balance to be equally divided amongst my children named above (to-wit) Hugh, Nancy, John and Elizabeth.

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Will of Humphrey Hendricks, cont'd.

I also give and bequeath unto my other three children, namely; Patsy, Tabitha and Sally. All my property now in the possession of Patsy Lawson in Virginia equally after the death of the said Patsy Lawson. I also do appoint my loving wife, Anna and Gresham Herring, my Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th of Feb'y. 1816.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence of us;

Humphrey x Hendricks.  
mark.

Jas. Thompson  
Killis C. Bridges  
Wm. Sanders.

Probate of Will;  
GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. Personally appeared in Court  
Jas. Thompson and Killis C. Bridges, two of the subscribing  
witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn  
saith that they saw the within named Humphrey Hendricks, deceased, sign, seal  
publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and  
Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to  
the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

James Thompson  
Killis C. Bridges.

Sworn to and subscribed in open  
Court at March Term 1816 and  
ordered to be recorded in full.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 20th of March 1816.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/13/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SARAH SMITH. (Original Will recorded in Will Book  
"B", Page #126.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Sarah Smith of Oglethorpe County and the  
State of Georgia being at present in tolerable state of health in body and of  
sound mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, therefore and calling to  
mind the mortality of my body doth dispose of my goods and chattels in manner  
and form following, that is to say, after my just debts being paid.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Blake, the plantation  
whereon I now reside containing three hundred fifty acres to him and his heirs  
forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Henry Blake, two negroes which are  
in my possession at this time by the name of Richard and Chaney, to him and  
his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Jordan, two negroes which  
are in my possession at this time by the name of Isham and Eady, to her and  
her heirs forever. And it is my desire that my negro woman Alse should have  
her choice which of my two children she may choose to live with, Henry Blake  
or Mary Jordan. Whichever may be her choice it is my desire they should take  
her and pay half her value to the other and my desire is that the balance of  
my property of every description, should be equally divided between my three  
children, viz. Henry Blake, Benjamin Blake and Mary Jordan, to them and their  
heirs forever. And I also constitute and appoint my beloved son Henry Blake and  
my son-in-law James Jordan whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and  
Testament, disannulling and making void all others wills by me heretofore made.  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of  
November 1815.

N. B. The words "my property" interlined before Sarah Smith, (Seal)  
Acknowledged in presence of;

Josiah Jordan }  
Josiah Tuck }  
Tabitha Tuck }  
GOERGIA, OGLETHORPE. Personally appeared in open Court,  
Josiah Jordan one of the subscribing witnesses and after being  
duly sworn saith that he saw the within named Sarah Smith,  
deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instru-  
ment of writing to be her last Will and Testament and at the  
time of her so doing she was of sound mind and memory to the best of his  
knowledge and belief. so help me God.

Josiah Jordan.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court,  
March Term 1816 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 20th of March 1816.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN POWELL. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B"  
Page #127.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Powell of the County of Oglethorpe and  
State of Georgia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this  
my last Will and Testament as following;

1st. It is my desire that all my debts be well and truly paid.

2nd. I lend unto my beloved wife Viney Powell all my real and personal  
estate to raise my children upon, during her life or widowhood and in case of  
her marriage again, my desire is that my real and personal estate should  
cont'd.

Will of John Powell, cont'd.

be divided equally among my children then a living, allowing my wife a child's part thereof, but in case any of my children should come of age, or should marry during her, my wife's, widowhood, I hereby allow her to lend any of my property to them, if she should think proper so to do.

3rd. I do constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Viney Powell my soul Executrix to this my last Will and Testament, with power to dispose of such of my property as she may think proper to discharge my debts.  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of January 1816.

John Powell (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged

in presence of;  
Isaac Collier  
Vines Collier  
Peterson Smith

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Court of Ordinary. Personally appeared in open Court Isaac Collier, Vines Collier and Peterson Smith and after being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named John Powell, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Isaac Collier  
Vines Collier  
Peterson Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at May Term 1816 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 20th of May 1816.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/13/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WM. CALLAHAN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #128.)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. This is my last Will and Testament made on the 24th day of June 1813.

First. I commend my soul into the hands of God and my body to the way to be deposited in decent and orderly burial. In making distribution of my estate after defraying my burial and funeral expenses, I bequeath and give unto my beloved son William Calahan my land and plantation together with the crop, wagon and utensils of all kind for the use of said plantation, Bob and Anah my two negroes to be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between my three daughters, Polly, Black, Rebecca, McMurry and Betsy McMurray. Lastly, my household and kitchen goods with my stock to be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided among the whole of my children (to-wit) John Calahan, William Calahan, Polly Black, Rebecca McMurray and Betsy McMurray and if my grandson John Starkey should apply in person, he is to be considered as included in the division of the proceeds arising from the sale of the household goods and stock as above mentioned, my wife to remain in possession of the whole of my estate until her death, provided she should be the longest survivor. I do appoint my son, William Calahan my Executor provided he should survive me, otherwise, I appoint my son, John Calahan and the case after my decease, provided my beloved wife should survive me to belonging to my son William Calahan after decently and fully supplying with every necessary support. Given from under my hand and seal this day and date first mentioned.

Wm. Calahan (Seal)

In presence of;  
Elias Beall  
Francis Everett  
Polly Beall.

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Court of Ordinary. Personally appeared in Open Court Elias Beall, Francis Everett and Polly Beall and after being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named William Calahan, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed to in open Court at May Term 1816 and ordered to be recorded.

Elias Beall  
Francis Everett  
Polly Beall

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 20th of May 1816.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/13/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALEXANDER GORDON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #129.)

I, Alexander Gordon of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound mind, make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

First. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susanah Gordon during her life or widowhood, the following negroes viz: Old Jeny, Juda, Sally, Nancy, Billy Green, Eliza and Nelson and the tract of land whereon I now live, containing two hundred and fifty acres with the choice of two horses out of my stock of horses and the choice of two cows and calves out of my stock of cattle and also two feather beds and furniture. cont'd.

Will of Alexander Gordon, cont'd.

I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Samuel Gordon all that part of my mill tract of land, on Clouds Creek which lies East and South, East of the mill pond, and above the mouth of Freeman's Spring branch, to him and his heirs forever in fee simple.

I give and bequeath to my Executors hereinafter named my tract of land lying on Boushy Creek in the County of Madison, whereon Hawkins Bullock now lived, together with the following negroes (Viz) George, Daniel, Aggy and Tilliza, together with the stocks of cattle, hogs and sheep and the household and kitchen furniture, in trust for the support and maintenance of my daughter Francis Ray Bullock, wife of the said Hawkins during her natural life and after her death the land and negroes shall by my said Executors be equally divided among the children of my said daughter, to them their heirs and offsprings forever.

My will and desire is that my mills on Cloud Creek and the lands adjoining it, not already disposed of, shall be sold by my executors upon such a credit as will enable them to obtain the full value of it, and the money arising from the sale of said mills and lands, shall be equally divided between my grandsons, Viz. the sons of Hawkins Bullock by his present wife.

My will and desire is that my executors give to each of my granddaughters sharechildren of my daughter, Francis Ray, as they come of age, or marry one young negro woman.

I give to my grandson, John Gordon Bullock, the tract of land whereon I now live after the death of my wife.

All the residue of my estate, both real and personal, of which I shall dispossess, I give to my grandsons, Viz. the sons of my daughter, Francis Ray Bullock, to be equally divided between them, their heirs and assigns forever, except Old Jenny and Juda, who shall be free at the death or marriage of my wife. My Executors, after the payment of my just debts, shall appraise, or cause to be valued, all that part of my estate which is not given specially to my grandsons and granddaughters, and shall assign John G. Bullock his equal share thereof and whenever one of my grandsons shall come of lawful age, or marry, the estate shall be again valued and an equal distribution then assigned to each of them as they come of age or marry. But in making such valuation, the negroes which my executors shall intend for my granddaughters according to the legacy herein before given, shall not be included in such valuation and at the death of my said wife, those of my grandsons who shall then be of lawful age, shall then receive their equal share of the property devised to her except the land and Old Jenny and Juda.

Lastly. I nominate constitute and appoint my friends Robert Gillispie, Joel Barnett and Thomas W. Cobb Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set mt hand and seal this 23rd day of April 1813.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of us:

Wm. H. Crawford }  
Morton Bledsoe }  
Susan H. Crawford }

Alex Gordon (Seal)

This is to certify that I, Alexander Gordon being of sound mind and saw the signing, sealing and delivering of my said last Will and Testament, do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Susanah Gordon her heirs and assigns forever a certain negro girl named Fortain and my wish and desire is that this codicil shall be considered a part of my will and annexed thereto. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 4th day of May 1816.

Alex Gordon (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the  
presence of us:

John Gerardine ) Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Court of Ordinary, July Term  
Phillip H. Burford ) 1816 - Personally appeared in Open Court John Gerardine,  
Phillip H. Burford, subscribing witnesses to the Codicil annexed to the will  
of Alexander Gordon, deceased and after being duly sworn saith, that they saw  
the within named Alexander Gordon, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare  
the within instrument of writing to be a Codicil or addition to his last  
Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and  
memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to in open Court 1st of July  
in Term 1816 and ordered to be  
recorded.

John Gerardine  
Phillip H. Burford.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

The within John Gerardine and Phil H. Burford being further sworn saith that at the time Alexander Gordon executed the said codicil, the foregoing will was also read and he acknowledged the whole will and Codicil to be his last will and testament.

Sworn to in open Court, July Term 1816 and  
ordered to be recorded.

John Gerardine  
P hil H. Burford

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 2nd of July 1816.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES MARKS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #131.)

STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. Be it known to all persons, that I James Marks of the County and State aforesaid, do make and ordain the following my last Will and Testament.

1st. It is my will that there be the sum of two thousand dollars paid to my daughter Mary Johnson out of the first net proceeds of my estate.

2nd. So soon as there is other net proceeds sufficient, I desire that there shall be purchased for my great granddaughter, Elizabeth Marks Jordan a likely negro girl about the age of nine years, also a full set of tea china. I likewise give to my said granddaughter, my table and teaspoons which are of silver.

3rd. I give the whole of my estate, both real and personal to my grandson William Mathews Marks and desire that it may be taken immediate possession of by my son, Nicholas M. Marks, who after paying the above legacies, is charged with the management of the same for the benefit of my said grandson until he shall arise at the age of twenty one years.

4th. I appoint my son Nicholas M. Marks Executor of this my last Will in the execution of which he is to be in no manner accountable to any Court or Courts of ordinary, except so far as relate to the recording of it.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the twenty seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord 1816.

James Marks (Seal)

Attest:

Charles L. Mathews

Thomas Wiley

Valentine H. Meriwether

probate of Will;

You, Thomas Wiley and Valentine H. Meriwether do

solemnly swear that you saw the within named James

Marks sign, seal, publish and declare the within

instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his

so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and

belief, so help you God.

Thos. Wiley

Valentine H. Meriwether.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, Sept. Term 1816 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.

Recorded 25th Sept. 1816.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/14/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN ANDREWS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #132.)

STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Andrews of the County and State above written, being in weak and low health, but in sound and vigorous mind, do make, ordain and establish the following as my last Will and Testament, that is to say;

Item 1st. I give my soul to God, through the Lord Jesus Christ; and my body to my friends for neat christian burial.

Item 2nd. After the payment of all my just debts, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Nancy, all my estate, personal and real (except as hereafter disposed of otherwise) for the raising and the education of my children till death, or marriage; then to be equally divided among all the remaining children, or in case of marriage, to have a child's part, and the estate to be directed under the supervision of my Executors.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my oldest son, Marcus, one mare and saddle, one bed and furniture and four hundred dollars, already received.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter, Mary Ann Daniel one negro girl, Fanny to be delivered at the age of eighteen, or marriage and to have no further interest in my estate.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my son John G. one horse and saddle, one bed and furniture and one third part of the tract of land on which I now dwell, to be divided as equal in quality and quantity, as my Executors may think proper, so as not to interfere with the house and farm contiguous to it during the life or widowhood of my beloved wife.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my son Garnett, one horse and saddle, one bed and furniture, one third part of my land, under the same restrictions and circumstances as expressed in the article above.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my son Jarris, one horse and saddle, bed and furniture and the remaining third part of my land, under the same regulations and restrictions.

Item 8th. I give and bequeath to my son, Daniel M. one horse and saddle bed and furniture and as much property or cash, as shall be equal in value to the real estate given to my other sons, as to truth and justice pertaining in the judgment of my executors.

Item 9th. I give and bequeath to my daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth and Emily, one horse and saddle, bed and furniture each and to be made equal to my sons as near as can be out of the remaining part of my estate as my executors may find proper.

Item 10th. It is hereby declared to be my will that my negroes shall remain on the plantation and kept together under the direction of my executors and that if any of my heirs should die without issue or children (except Marcus) then hisher, or their Legacies to return to my estate and be divided cont'd.

Will of John Andrews, cont'd.

among the survivors (except Mary Ann Daniel) and that if my estate should not hold out to afford all the bequeaths above named, then it is my will that my executors shall value those named and deduct from them, by cash or otherwise, as to them may appear most proper, so as to make the others equal.

Item 11th. I hereby appoint and constitute Jesse Mercer, William Watts and Marcus Andrews my executors, with my beloved wife, Nancy as executrix of this my last will and testament. In ratification whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Signed, sealed in the presence of;  
James Daniel Jun'r.

John x Andrews  
his  
mark

Daniel Haines  
Joshua Mercer

Probate of Will;

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in Court, Joshua Mercer and Daniel Haines two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named John Andrews sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Daniel Haines  
Joshua Mercer

Sworn to and subscribed in  
open Court and ordered to be  
recorded Nov. Term 1816.

Recorded 11th of Nov. 1816.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/14/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS RUTLEDGE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #134.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas Rutledge of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind, but calling to mind the mortality of my body and believing as I do that all men have to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Kuzia Brown, twenty five dollars, to her and her heirs forever and I lend her my negro woman Eady during her natural life.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Rutledge, one dollar to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Polly Brown my negro woman Eady and her increase, if any, to her and her heirs forever and to take possession and enjoy her after the death of her mother. It is further my will and desire that my said granddaughter, Polly Brown, have my bay mare that I am now in possession of at my death. It is also my will the said Polly Brown have my carding machine, one pewter dish and bason and flax hackle.

Lastly - I nominate and appoint my two friends John Beasley and Polly Brown my executors to this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 5th of May in the year of our Lord 1816.

Signed, sealed, subscribed and delivered by the above named Thomas Rutledge to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed his name as witness in the presence of the testator.

John Gresham Sen'r.  
William Gresham.

Thomas Rutledge.

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in Court John Gresham Sen'r. and William Gresham, witnesses to the within will and being sworn saith that they saw the within named Thomas Rutledge, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

John Gresham Sen'r.  
William Gresham.

Sworn to and subscribed in open  
Court and ordered to be recorded  
November Term 1816.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/14/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RUBIN JORDAN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page 135.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Reubin Jordan being of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for it, do publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

First. I lend unto my beloved wife, Jannet, all the tract of land on which I live, after running off the land which I hereinafter give unto my two sons Reubin and Fleming. I also lend her one third part of my slaves agreeable to their value and all my household furniture, stock and plantation tools during her natural life.

Secondly. I give unto my son Reubin, one tract of land lying in the fourteenth district Wilkerson, containing two hundred two and one half acres. I also give him all the land I own lying between my spring branch and James Bradleys land running with the meanders or sold branch from my spring to where a small drain comes in therein a straight line to the creek and from my spring cont'd.



up said branch or drain to my back line, containing two hundred acres, more or less. I also give him two negroes (Viz) Bob and Tom to him and his heirs forever.

Thirdly. I give unto my son Fleming, two hundred acres of land, more or less and bounding as follows: Beginning on Long Creek on Thos. Barbers land, thence with said line to my back line, thence along said line to where a parallel line from the head source of a small dreen which makes which makes down from my peach orchard with said Barbers line would strike and from the head source of said drain down to the lower fence of my present clearing, thence a parallel line to the creek. I also give him two negroes (Viz) Bill and Peter to him and his heirs forever.

Fourthly. I give unto my two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth the following negroes (Viz) to Margaret I give Chaney, Malinda, Lucinda and Leathey and to Elizabeth, Betsy and her child, Westly, Aaron, Christopher and Matilda, to them and their heirs forever. But, if either of them should marry and not having living issue at their death, that then the negroes I have herein given shall be considered as a part of my estate and be equally divided among my surviving children.

Fifthly. I give unto my two sons, Mortimer and Charles Scott, the land which I lend to my wife to be sold at her death and the money equally divided between them. But, if one of them should die without arriving at the age of twenty one, then the other to have all the money, and if both should die, it is my wish that the land be equally divided between my two sons, Reubin and Fleming. I also give them all the negroes I lend my wife, together with all I own not already given. I also give them all my household furniture, stock and plantation tools at the death of their mother.

Sixthly. Having provided for my daughter, Jane Ware in her marriage with Martin Crews, I give unto her children three hundred dollars to be paid out in a negro girl as soon as the money can be raised from the profits of my estate.

Seventhly. Having provided for my daughter Martha Gaines in her marriage with James Bradley, I give unto her one shilling sterling.

Finally - I do appoint my two sons Reubin and Fleming Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23 day of April eighteen hundred and twelve.

Reubin Jordan, Sen'r. (Seal)

Signed, sealed in presence of u.;

Benj'n Stovall  
Drury Johnson  
Mathew Jordan

Probate of Will;

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in open Court Benj Stovall one of the witnesses to the within will and after being sworn saith that he saw the within named Reubin

Jordan, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
and ordered to be recorded Jan'y Term, 1817.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Benjamin Stovall

Recorded 5th March 1817.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/14/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EDMOND BOURNE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #137.)

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. I, Edmond Bourne of the State and County aforesaid do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (to-wit)

1st. It is my will that all the property I may be possessed of at the time of my death, both real and personal, (my bed and furniture excepted) be sold on a credit of nine months and that my debts be paid out of the proceeds arising from said sale.

2nd. It is my will that Izza Borgus shall have my bed and furniture and the proceeds of the sale of my other property after the payment of all just debts and demands against me.

3rd. I do constitute and appoint Joseph Vinson, Executor and Izzy Borgus Executrix of this my last Will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of Feb'y, 1817.

Edmond Bourne, (Seal)

Test:

George E. Mathews  
John Landrum  
Wm. P. Triplett

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in Court Wm. Triplett one of the witnesses to the within will and after being sworn saith that he saw the within named

Edmond Bourne, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court and ordered to be recorded  
March Term 1817.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Wm. P. Triplett

Recorded 6th of March 1817.

Transcribed 2/14/36

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. Be it known to all persons that I, Thomas M. Gilmer, do make and ordain the following my last Will and Testament.

1st. I confirm unto my son, Peachy Ridgeway Gilmer, Thomas Lewis Gilmer and John Gilmer a title to all the property which I have already given into their possession, together with one thousand dollars to each of them so soon as it can be conveniently given.

2nd. I confirm unto my daughter, Mary Meriwether Taleaferro a title to all the property which I have already given her in possession; I also give her that tract of land lately purchased for me by my son, Peachy R. Gilmer from Charles Hay lying in the County of Oglethorpe and adjoining land of Thomas Nail and Peachy R. Gilmer and Ferdinand Phinizy.

3rd. To my son George R. Gilmer, I give the sum of five thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing land, also a likely young negro man and woman and a likely boy and girl with the same number and kind of stock, fowls, meat, bed and other articles for housekeeping as I gave to my above named children.

4th. I give to my son, William Benjamin Strother Gilmer all that tract of land lately purchased from Hugh McGehee, together with one hundred acres (off the tract I purchased from Thomas McGehee) By a parallel line with the land I purchased from said Hugh McGehee. I also give him one likely negro woman and a likely boy and girl with the same quantity of stock and other articles for housekeeping as is given to my above named children. It is my will (in consideration of my having in the above bequest of land given my said son William B.I. Gilmer more than my other children) that he attend to the preserving and acting in all other matters to manage for his mother.

5th. To my son Charles Lewis Gilmer, I give one likely young negro man and woman and likely boy and girl, with stock and other articles for housekeeping, such as has been given to my above named children.

6th. To my daughter, Lucy Ann Sophia Gilmer, I give the two tracts of land I lately purchased from James Nash and Briton Caple, lying in the County of Oglethorpe and adjoining lands of Samuel Bradford and others. I also give her a likely young negro man and woman and two likely boys and girls with stock and other articles such as is given to my above named children.

7th. To my son, Charles Lewis Gilmer and James Gilmer, I give my several tracts of land attached to and composing the tract whereon I now live (except that which I have given above to my son William B.S. Gilmer and daughter Lucy A.T. Gilmer) to be equally divided between them at the death of their mother. I also give unto my son, James, one likely young negro man and woman and a likely boy and girl with stock and other articles for housekeeping, such as has been given to my above named children.

8th. To my beloved wife, Elizabeth Gilmer I give a negro girl Myra and her increase to be disposed of as she may think proper. I also give her all my real and personal estate not otherwise disposed of during her widowhood subject to the payment of the above legacies to my children whenever my executors may think the situation of my estate and the comfort and convenience of my said wife will justify the same subject also to the expenses of raising and educating my children not yet of age in such manner as my said executors may think proper.

It is my will also that when my said sons, Charles Lewis Gilmer and James Gilmer arrive at lawful age that my said wife give unto them a sufficiency to work their negroes on, but if my said wife should marry again, it is my will that she have only six negroes, exclusive of the above named girl Myra which negroes she is to have the right of choosing out of any that may at the time of such marriage belong to my estate together with the land I purchased of Micajah McGehee (on which my house stands) and the land I purchased of Shepard with all the household and kitchen furniture and stock of every description during her natural life. The stock however subject to the giving off of any of the before named legacy that may not be paid at such marriage.

9th. At the death of my said wife, I will unto my sons Peachy R. Gilmer Thomas L. Gilmer and John Gilmer a likely negro boy each and that the whole of my estate not above given be equally divided between all my children.

10th. I appoint my beloved wife, Elizabeth Gilmer, Executrix and my sons Peachy R. Gilmer and Thos. L. Gilmer, George R. Gilmer, John Gilmer and William B. S. Gilmer Executors of this my last will and they are hereby authorized and requested to carry into full effect and to manage any part of my estate concerning which directions not specially given as they or a majority of them may think most to the advantage of my said estate.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Thos. M. Gilmer (Seal)

Reuben Jordan)  
Sally Harvie )  
James Bradley)

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Court of Ordinary,  
September Term 1817. Appeared in open Court Reubin Jordan  
one of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument of

writing and after being duly sworn saith that he saw the within named Thomas Gilmer, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Reuben Jordan

Sworn to and subscribed in open  
Court at the above term.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 3rd of Sept. 1817.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

CODICIL TO WILL OF THOS. M. GILMER. (Original Codicil recorded in Will Book "B", Page #145.)

Being still of sound mind, as an addition to my will, I make this codicil. I devise to my son Peachy R. Gilmer and his heirs at the death of my wife Elizabeth my lot of land at the Chalebrate Springs in Madison County Georgia, purchased of Alexander and during until which time the use and possession to belong to my wife.

It is my desire that the said lot of land should never be sold, but remain for the benefit and use of my family. I request my wife and son Peachy that when they are not in the actual possession of said lot that any of my children and their families may make use thereof rather than it be rented or the use given to any others. Signed and sealed in presence of;

Geo. R. Gilmer  
Sophis L. P. Gilmer }  
Thos. L. Gilmer }

Thos. M. Gilmer (Seal)

You, George R. Gilmer do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Thomas M. Gilmer, deceased, sign, seal and publish the within instrument to be a Codicil and addition to his last Will and Testament and at the time of so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help you God.

Geo. R. Gilmer

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
this 3rd day of November 1817 and ordered  
to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 13th of Feb'y., 1818.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/14/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BENJAMIN CROWLEY. (Original will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #140.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Benjamin Crowley of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being sick of body but of sound and disposing mind and of perfect memory, yet calling my mortality and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, think it right to make my last Will and Testament and, First. I recommend my soul to God who gave it, my body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors and as touching what worldly property it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I dispose of same in the following manner and form;

It is my will that all my just debts be paid.

I will and bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarah Crowley, one negro boy named Carter during her lifetime, also one horse named Jimcrack, one bed and furniture, also one hundred dollars in money out of my estate for her support and at her death, said negro and other property left her, to be equally divided among all my children.

I will and bequeath to my son, Benjamin Crowley, one dollar.

I will and bequeath to my son Spencer Crowley one mare named Highstepper.

It is my will that the remainder of my estate be divided into eleven equal parts, one part to be equally divided between my son Charles Crowley and three youngest sons (Viz) Charles, Love and James. One part out of the eleven to my two grandsons, Prior Crowley and little Berry Wilkes, also one part to my daughter, Polly Thornton, one part to my son Samuel Crowley, one part to my son William Crowley, also one part to my son Abraham Crowley, one part to my son James Crowley, one part to my son Archibald Crowley, one part to my son Spencer Crowley.

I appoint my sons, Abraham and James to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. I do hereby revoke, disallow and disannul all former wills by me made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness of which I set my hand and affix my seal this fifteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord and Christ one thousand eight hundred and seventeen and of Independence of the United States of America the forty first.

Pronounced, signed and sealed  
in presence of;  
Jonathan Bailey  
Alex McEwen

Benjamin x Crowley (Seal)  
mark

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Invaluation  
October 15th, 1817. You, Alexander McEwen and Jonathan  
Bailey do solemnly swear that you saw the within named  
Benjamin Crowley, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare  
the within instrument of writing to be his last will and  
testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound  
mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief  
so help you God.

Alex McEwen  
Jon'a Bailey.

Sworn to and subscribed the 15th of  
October 1817 and ordered to ly  
till the next term in Court.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.  
Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Nov. Term. The above will was ordered recorded  
in conformity to the act of Assembly & C- - - Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

GODS WILL BE DONE. I, Murdoch Matheson of the City of Augusta State aforesaid merchant and native of Rosshire Scotland, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, thanks be to God. But being weak in body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die; I recommend my soul to the God of my life through Jesus Christ my Savior and Redeemer and my body to the God of Spirits of all flesh, trusting to rise in glory when soul and body shall be united in glory to all Eternity. My body I request to be buried in a christian and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named; and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with, after payment of my personal expenses and all of my just and lawful debts; I give, devise and bequeath as follows: That is to say, I give, devise and bequeath to my cousin Alexander Matheson in the Parish of Rosshire Scotland, forty pounds sterling. I will and bequeath to my brother, William Matheson two thousand dollars to be paid to him at the discretion of my Executors. The residue of my estate I will and bequeath to my father.

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my esteemed friends, Alexander Matheson, James Frances and Peter Bennock of Augusta State aforesaid merchants Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen and the forty first year of American Independence. It is my desire that the above sum of two thousand dollars is not to be paid over to William under one or two years as aforesaid.

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced by the said testator as for his last will and testament, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names witnesses thereto.

M. Matheson (Seal)

Wm. Strong  
Alex Leggett  
D. Dunn.

In vacation October 15th, 1817, you, William Strong do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Murdoch Matheson sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help me God.

Wm. Strong.

Sworn to the 15th of October 1817 and ordered to ly till Court in course.

Georgia, Oglethorpe 3rd Nov. 1817. Court of Ordinary then setting the foregoing will was ordered to be recorded in terms of the law, etc.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 20th of Nov. 1817.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

I, Murdoch Matheson of the City of Augusta in the State of Georgia, having already on this thirtieth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seven- teen made and executed my last will and testament for the purpose of more fully explaining my intentions concerning the estate therein and this day dispose of, do make, execute and ordain this Codicil thereto, Viz. My will and desire is that in the event my father Roderick Matheson shall have deceased before my death, then all the residue of my estate, which by my said will and testament is bequeathed to him, shall not lapse, but shall by my executors according to their best judgment and procedure be vested in some profitable stock, or funds, either in the United States or Great Britain, the interest, proceeds and profits thereof to be applied to the use, benefit and support and maintenance of my mother during her lifetime and after her death, or in case she shall also be dead, at the time of my decease, then such remainder of my estate shall go to, and be equally divided among my brothers and sisters or their heirs, of any of them be dead, share and share alike, that is to say each brother and sister, or the heirs representing them, taking a share and I do hereby ratify and confirm all and every part of my said will, this codicil being considered a part thereof.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto also set my hand and seal, this thirtieth day of August eighteen hundred and seventeen.

Acknowledged and executed by the testator in our presence, we signing in his presence and in the presence of each other.

M. Matheson. (Seal)

John Grimes  
Miller Grimes)

In vacation October 15th, 1817.  
You do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Murdoch Matheson, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Miller Grimes.

Will of Murdoch Matheson, cont'd.

Sworn to and subscribed on the above date and ordered to ly till next court in course.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.  
Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Nov. Term 1817 in open court the above Codicil was ordered to be recorded in terms of the act, etc.

Mat Rainey, C.C.C.

Recorded 20th Nov. 1817.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Being state of sound mind and memory I make this codicil and addition to the preceding codicil and my last will;

I give and bequeath to Murdock Pratt Matheson, the son of Alexander Matheson of Augusta, Georgia one thousand dollars to be paid out of the residue of my estate after the payment of the legacies given to my brother William Matheson and my cousin Alexander Matheson of Rosshire Scotland and previous to all other legacies and the remainder to my father and mother as previously in preceding will and codicil. Signed and sealed this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen in the presence of;

Geo. M. Mcrimmon  
Wm. M. Martin  
Jno. J. Grimes  
John Grimes

Murdock Matheson (Seal)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. In vacation Oct. 15th, 1817. You, John I. Grimes do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Murdock Matheson sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be a codicil and part of his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

John J. Grimes

Sworn to and subscribed this 15th October 1817 and ordered to ly till the next court in course.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.  
Georgia, Oglethorpe. Nov. Term, 1817. The above codicil was ordered to be recorded in terms of the law, etc.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 20th Nov. 1817.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/19/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PETER SMITH. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B" Page #146.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Peter Smith of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being afflicted in body but sound in mind do make and constitute my last Will and Testament. First of all, I resign my soul to God who gave it, and after my death, I desire that my body be buried at the discretion of my surviving friends. And of the goods and chattels that I do possess, to be disposed of in the following manner -

To my dear wife, Polly Smith, I will and bequeath forever one negro girl called Ninny and one feather bed and furniture. Also, I lend to my dear wife Polly Smith for her support and for the support of Uncle William Smith and Aunt Mary Smith and for the support of my two daughters, Sally and Nancy Smith, and for the support of Sally Smith my aged mother the following property; one negro man called Daniel, one negro woman called Sarah, one hundred acres of land, the lower part of the tract on which I now live, including the plantation on the creek. Also, all my household and kitchen furniture, stock of all kinds and plantation tools, etc., to use and have care of during of her widowhood or natural life, but if she should marry, the above mentioned property to be continued to be used for the support of the three old people and the two children during the lifetime of the old people, then, I will the division of the above property to take place by sale of the whole, to be divided in the following manner. To my daughter Nancy, I will and bequeath a negro boy or girl about five years old, or three hundred dollars of the sale money. Then I desire that there be an equal division between my dear wife Polly Smith, my daughters Lucinda Pedegme Betsy Smith my daughter and Nancy Smith My daughter. I will and desire that the balance of the tract of land be sold and of the money that ariseth from the sale of the land that all my just debts be paid. Also I will and bequeath to my daughter Hulda Smith two hundred dollars to be paid out of the money arising from the sale of the land and if there should not be enough, to be paid when it can without injuring the estate or at the last division. To my dear daughter Polly Felton, I will and bequeath five dollars (The reason I leave her no more she has received nearly her full share already). To my dear daughter Lucinda Pedegme I will and bequath during of her natural life and after death to the lawful heirs of her body forever one certain negro girl called Jenny and her increase.

To my dear daughter Betty Smith, I will and bequeath one negro called Milley, her and her increase to Betty Smith and her heirs forever. Unto my dear daughter Sally Smith, I will and bequeath one negro boy called Elbert, to her and her heirs forever, to be delivered to her when she marries or comes of age. To my dear daughter Nancy Smith, I will three hundred dollars at the last division of the property lent for the support as above, or when she comes of age or marries, or a negro about five years old; and then an equal part with my dear wife and daughters Lucinda, Betty and Sally if the sale of the land first above mentioned should more than pay my debts; and my daughter Hulda; Then the balance I will and desire to be used for the support and schooling of Nancy, Sally Smith, my two youngest daughters. I appoint John Hitchcock and Polly Smith my dear wife Executor and Executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness thereof I do set my hand and seal this 29th of January 1818.

Peter Smith (Seal)

Test:  
Isham Goss  
Mathew Gallaway  
James Gallaway.)

May Term, Court of Ordinary 1818-Probate of Will.  
You, Isham Goss, Mathew Gallaway do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Peter Smith sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help you God.

Isham Goss  
Mathew Gallaway.

Sworn to and subscribed in  
open Court at the above term.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.  
Recorded 11th of May 1818.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/20/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF NATHAN PENNINGTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #148.)

Glynn County, State of Georgia. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.

Be it remembered that I, Nathan Pennington of Saint Simons Island and county aforesaid being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind, blessed be Almighty God, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Viz;

First. I give and bequeath to my nephew Nathan Pennington, of Brunswick County (Virginia) six negroes, Viz. Jim and Annuchie his wife with their four youngest children.

I also give and bequeath to my nephew Howell Short of Oglethorpe County, (Georgia) one negro boy named Washington.

I also give and bequeath to my nephew Nathan Short my negro boy named Sam.

I also give and bequeath to my brother-in-law Labon Short, one hundred dollars of the sum of money which I left in his hands for safe keeping.

I also give and bequeath to Joseph Kidd, one hundred dollars to be paid from the sum I left with Labon Short.

I also give and bequeath to John Granger, one hundred dollars to be paid from the sum I left in the hands of Labon Short.

I also give and bequeath to the children of my sister Betsy Pennington One hundred and seventy six dollars (\$176.) being the balance now in the hands of the said Labon Short.

I also give and bequeath to William Short, my bay mare called Lady.

And lastly, as to all the residue and remainder of my personal estate, goods and chattels of what kind and nature, I give and bequeath to the above named, Labon Short, he paying my funeral expenses and other attending charges during my illness.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventeen (1817)

Signed, sealed and publishes and declared  
by the above Nathan Pennington to be his  
last will and testament in the pursuint of us  
who at his request subscribed our as witnesses.

E. Matthews)  
Geo. Abbott)  
John Cole.)

Nathan Pennington (Seal)

Georgia, Glynn County. Personally appeared before me Isaac Abraham, Clerk of the Court of Ordinary for Glynn County, Edmund Matthes, Esq., who being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that he was present and saw Nathan Pennington sign, seal and deliver the within as his last will and testament and that he was in sound mind and memory at the time and further deposeth and say George Abbott and John Cole sign with himself as witnesses to the same.

E. Matthew.

Will of Nathan Pennington, cont'd.

Sworn to before me this 11th Sept. 1817.

I. Abraham C.C.O.G.C.

Personally appeared before me George Abbott who being suly sworn, says that he saw Nathan Pennington sign the within will and that he George Abbott was a witness to the same.

Geo. Abbott.

Sworn to before me this third day of Nov. 1817.

Samuel Boyd I.J. C.G.C.

Recorded 11th of May 1818.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/20/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS STEPHENS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #150.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas Stephens of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in perfect health of body and of sound mind and memory, thanks be given unto Almighty God for the same; calling unto mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die; do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recomment unto the earth to be buried in christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give demise and dispose of in the following manner (Viz)

First. I lend unto my beloved wife Susannah Stephens, all and singular, my whole estate, both real and personal, during her natural life and after decease to be divided among the surviving heirs of my body in the following manner;

Second. My will and desire is that Nicholas Johnson, Charles L. Mathews and Solomon Jennings should let my surviving negroes into five equal lots and value the same and then let my five children draw for their lots, namely; Joshua Stephens, Wm. Stephens, Thomas Stephens, David Stephens and Nancy Smith and they that draw the highest lots in valuation shall make the lowest lots equal, as the aforesaid commissioners shall think best.

Third. My will and desire is that my household and kitchen furniture, with all my stock of every kind be either sold and divided equally among them just as my Executors should see cause.

Fourth. My will and desire is that my sons, Joshua and William Stephens be my lawful executors to this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies and bequeata by me in any wise before named, willed and bequeathed. Ratifying and conforming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of May 1812.

Thomas Stephens. (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered)

in the presence of;

Wm. Jones

Jesse Martin

Amos Lassiter.

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, May Term Court of Ordinary 1818.

You, William Jones do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Thomas Stephens, sign,

seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time or his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court at the above Term and ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Jones

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 11th of May 1818

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM EDWARDS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #151.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Edwards of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and of perfect memory yet calling to mind my mortality and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, think fit to make this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul to God who gave it, my body I recomment to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors and as touching what worldly property it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of in the following manner and form.

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Will of William Edwards, cont'd.

1st. It is my will that all my just debts and funeral charges be fully paid.  
2nd. I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife, Elizabeth Edwards, my negro woman named Nelley during my wife's lifetime and at my wife's death, said Nelley and issue, if any, to be equally divided among all my children and it is my will that my wife and all my children that are not yet full age or live on the land on which I now live and then be supported on my property both of negroes, stock, household furniture, plantation tools, etc., and that it shall be in the power of my executors to sell at any time any of the perishable property as they may think best for the benefit of my family.

3rd. I will and bequeath to my son Littleberry B. Edwards the tract of land on which he now lives, to be his forever. It is to be accounted to him when a final division of my property takes place at one hundred and fifty dollars. Also, one horse, one bed and furniture at one hundred dollars to be also executed as above.

4th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Susanna Lumpkin, one bed and furniture and when the final division takes place among all my children, that bed and furniture to discount in her part thirty six dollars, also to be discounted in her part one hundred dollars which I gave her in money.

5th. I will to my son Thomas Edwards one horse known by the name of Dick, one set of Smiths tools, horse and tools to discount in his part and when the final division takes place he shall for his trade I have given him for horse tools and trade two hundred and fifty dollars.

6th. It is my will that my children not above named, Viz., my sons Lemuel, Seaborn, William and Mordacai and Gresham do live with their mother, except that my executors should think at a proper age to put any of them to a trade. I also do allow my daughters, Elizabeth, Polly, Nancy, Cynthia, Rebecca and Judith to be under the care of their mother until they come of full age or may marry, if their mother does a good part by them. If my wife does not do a good part by them, then they are to be at the disposal of my executors and at the death or marriage of my wife, all my property then in being, to be equally divided amongst all my children. But if my wife marries, she is to draw a child's part and my son William to have one hundred dollars left on account of his trade.

I appoint my sons Littleberry B. Edwards, Thomas Edwards, Lemuel Edwards and William Lumpkin Sen'r. to be my executors of this my last will and testament. I do revoke disallow and disapprove of all former wills by me made and do declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness of which I set my hand and affix my seal this second day of November and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand eight hundred and seventeen and of the independence of the United States of America the forty second.

William x Edwards (Seal)  
mark

Signed, sealed and pronounced

in presence of;

Alexander McEwen	} State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, March 2nd, 1818, In Vacation present their honors George Hudspeth and Yelvinton Thaxton.
Thomas Scroggins	
Henry Brittain	

You, Alexander McEwen, Thomas Scroggins and Henry Brittain do solemnly swear that you saw the within named William Edwards sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Alexander McEwen  
Thomas Scroggins  
Henry Brittain.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
the above day and date filed until  
May term and then ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey. C.C.O.

Recorded 12th May 1818.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/20/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN NICOLSON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #153.)

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County.  
IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Nicolson of the County and State aforesaid, revoking all others, making this my last Will and Testament.

Item 1st. I give to my son John Nicolson fifty dollars.

Item 2nd. I give to my grandson, John Lewis Nicolson one negro boy by the name of Lacy.

Item 3rd. I give to my sons, Joseph and George Nicolson, the tract of land whereon my son George and myself now live, containing two hundred and fifty acres, being the same more or less, my son Joseph the lower part and my son George the upper part so as to divide the said land equally between them.

Item 4th. I give to my three daughters Jency McLaughlin, Peggy Patrick and Sally Moncrieff three negroes known by the names of Nancy, Augustus and Harry to be equally divided by drawing for by my daughters, paying into the

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hands of my executors the fourth part of the valuation of the three above named negroes for the benefit of my daughter Mary Ellison as her part of my estate.

Item 5th. I give to my daughter Anne Nicolson one negro girl known by the name of Sibby and to the heirs of her body. I likewise give her the household and kitchen furniture that she claims, also my bed and furniture.

Item 6th. I give to my grand children William Nicolson and Prudence Barber forty dollars each, making eighty dollars in the whole.

Item 7th. It is my will and desire that the whole of my unwilled property should be sold at six months credit to pay my just debts and money legates.

Item 8th. In case there should be money enough arising from my unwilled property to pay my debts and money legates, it is my will that it shall be raised by the legates that I have willed my property to and pay agreeable to the value that they receive.

Item 9th. I nominate and appoint David McLaughlin and George Nicolson to execute this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this first day of November 1817.

John Nicolson. (Seal)

In presence of:  
Christopher Bass  
James Burt  
Anderson Fambrough.

Georgia, Oglethorpe County, March 2nd, 1818. Present their honors, George Hudspeth and Yelvinton Thaxton in vacation. You, James Burt and Anderson Fambrough do solemnly swear that you saw the within named John Nicolson, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

James Burt  
Anderson Fambrough.

Sworn to and subscribed on the above date and filed till May Term and then ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 12th of May 1818.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/20/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ABNER PONDER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #155.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Abner Ponder of the County of Oglethorpe in the State of Georgia, being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory and understanding, (praised be God for it) and considering the certainty of death; and the uncertainty of the time thereof; do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following: (That is to say) First and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of Creator who gave it; and my body I commit to the earth at the discretion of my executors herein-after named; and as touching worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to intrust me; I dispose of the same as followeth: I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently may be: I give and bequeath to my dear wife Jane Ponder, two negro women Viz. Phillis and Hannah and the issue which they or either of them may hereafter have for her own use, benefit and disposal. I also give my wife during her life for her support and that of the family, the land and plantation whereon I now live, together with the horses, stock and farming utensils of every kind or so much thereof as may be deemed necessary by my executors to be kept on the plantation for the use of the family, and at the death of my wife, it is my will and desire that my land be equally divided between my sons and all the personal property except the negroes be sold and the money equally divided among all my children.

It is my will that the negroes now engaged in the crop be continued during the present year and thereafter as many kept on the plantation as may be thought necessary by my executors and the remainder hired out annually; And when either of my children shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, or marry, my will and desire is that all the negroes (except those given to my wife) be appraised and divided into as many lots as there are children, out of which the child having married or become of age, shall draw his or her share or lot and in the same manner, at the marriage or arriving of twenty one years of age of each subsequent child, until the youngest becomes of age or marries, at which time or as soon thereafter as may be; it is my desire that an equal division be made among my children of all monies in the hands of my executors. And, if any of my children should depart this life before such time as the part or the portion of him, her or them so desiring, shall become payable through and in such case the part or portion of him, her or them desiring shall go and be equally divided amongst the survivors, provided that in case either of my sons die before they become of age or marry, his portion of the land shall go to his surviving brothers or brother, and lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Executrix and William L. Ponder and Hezekiah Luckie Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Abner Ponder have hereunto set my hand and seal the 17th day of March 1818.

Abner Ponder (Seal)

Will of Abner Ponder cont.

Signed, sealed in the presence of:

Jno. Luckie }  
Wm. L. Ponder }  
H. Luckie. }

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County - Appeared in open Court Jno. Luckie, Wm. L. Ponder and H. Luckie, witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named Abner Ponder, deceased, signed, sealed, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge, so help you God.

Jno. Luckie  
Wm. L. Ponder  
H. Luckie

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court May Term 1818.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 12th May 1818.

Matthew Rainey C.C.O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SEYMOUR POWELL. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #158.)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Seymour Powell Sr. of the County and State aforesaid, now of perfect soundness of mind, but knowing the uncertainty of the hour of death, for the better disposition of my estate, both real and personal after my decease, do make, ordain and constitute this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1st. I direct that all my just debts shall be paid and hereby charge the whole of my estate therewith.

2nd. I lend to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Powell, during her natural life or widowhood, the following property Viz. The tract of land whereon I now live, containing three hundred acres and all the plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture which shall be thereon at the time of my death, unless herein otherwise, also the following negroes, Viz. Isham, Jenny, Nan, Minor, America, Buck, Ned, Dick, Lonnon, Dorcas and Mayer and Hans Children until otherwise disposed of during my lifetime.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Powell the following negroes which he has now in possession, Viz; George, Hannah, and Dennis and the future increase of Hannah, to him and his heirs forever, also after the death of my beloved wife, I give to my beloved son, Thomas, or his heirs, if he should be dead, the following negroes herein before left to my wife during her life or widowhood, Viz. Ned, Buck and Major and the increase of Buck unless otherwise disposed of in my lifetime.

4th. I give to my beloved son, Edward W. Powell, the following property Viz. the tract of land whereon he now lives on Long Creek adjoining Howard Collier and Jackson, containing upward of two hundred acres, to him and his heirs forever. Also the following negroes which he now has in his possession; Gamber, Amy, Hannah, Milly and Lavina and their increase, to him and his heirs forever.

5th. I give and devise to my son Thomas Powell, the tract of land whereon He now lives, on Buffalo Fork of Long Creek adjoining Tillery, the Youngs and myself and containing two hundred and twenty two and one half acres, more or less, to him and his heirs forever.

6th. I give to my beloved son Drury Powell the following negroes which he has now in possession, Viz; Ben, Lucy, Clarisa, Squire and their future increase to him and his heirs forever. I also give to him or his heirs (if he should be dead) after the death of my wife, one bay mare named Lannon which I have heretofore given to my wife during her life or widowhood. I also give to my said son Drury Powell, six hundred dollars to be paid him out of the profits of that part of my estate which I have left to my wife during her life or widowhood; but if I should give to my said son Drury said sum of six hundred dollars, during my own lifetime, then this bequest so far as regards the said sum of six hundred dollars at my death to be null and void.

7th. I give to my beloved son Hudson Powell the tract of land whereon he now lives on Long Creek adjoining Collier, John Hawkins and Rainey and containing upward of two hundred acres to him and his heirs forever. Also the following negroes which he now has in his possession, viz; Oophee, Charlotte, Peter and Delphy and all their future increase, to him and his heirs forever. I also give to my son Hudson, or to his heirs (if he should be dead) after the death or marriage of my wife, the following negroes which I have herein before given to her during her life or widowhood, America, Dick, Dorcas and their future increase and one small still.

8th. I give to my beloved son Lyman Powell, or to his heirs (if he be dead) after the death or marriage of my wife, the tract of land whereon I now live and which I have herein before given to my wife during her life or widowhood. I also give to my said son Seymour the following negroes which he now has in possession (Viz) Jim and Sterling, to him and his heirs forever. I also give to my said son Seymour, or to his heirs (if he should be dead) after the death or marriage of my wife, the following negroes which I have herein before left

Will of Seymour Powell, cont'd.

to her during her life or widowhood, viz; Nan and all the children she has now or hereafter may have, Jenny and Isham and their future increase, also my sixty nine gallon still, after the death or marriage of my wife.

9th. I desire that my son Hudson shall have three hundred dollars paid him out of the profits of that part which I have left to my wife. If I do not pay said sum to him during my lifetime, in which case this bequest is void - and I do hereby further direct that in case I do not pay my son Drury Powell the six hundred dollars herein before mentioned and to my son Hudson the three hundred dollars herein before mentioned, and in the event also that the said sums shall not be raised of the profits of that part of my estate which I have given to my wife during her life or widowhood, then it is my will that the said two sums shall be raised by the sale of the stock of all kinds, plantation utensils and household and kitchen furniture after the death or marriage of my wife.

10th. It is my will and desire that the residue and remainder of my estate, as well as money and debts which I may leave on hand, as the residue undisposed of which I have left to my wife during her lifetime or widowhood, (subject however to the changes and bequest herein before mentioned) shall be divided into four equal parts after the death of my wife, two parts whereof I give to my son Thomas, or to his heirs if he should be dead, and one part thereof to each of my sons, Hudson and Seymour, or each of their heirs, if they or either should be dead.

11th. It is my will and desire that my negro wench Minor live with which of my children she pleases after the death of my wife.

12th. I also direct that that part of my estate not specially and in kind bequeathed, shall be first chargeable with the payment of my debts and in case there should not be a sufficiency without infringing upon the specific legacies, then I will that each of my children shall contribute in proportion to the legacies herein bequeathed them.

Lastly. I hereby nominate and appoint my sons, Thomas, Hudson and Seymour Powell Executors of this my last Will and Testament.  
Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of May 1816.

Signed by the testator in presence  
of us and we sign in his presence  
and of each other.  
Thomas W. Cobb  
Joseph M. Molloy  
his  
Jesse x Hollifield  
mark

Seymour Powell (Seal)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. I, Seymour Powell, Sen'r. of said county and state do make this Codicil to my last Will and Testament heretofore made and executed by me and bearing date on the twenty fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and sixteen, for the purpose of making a slight alteration therein, that is to say, after the death of my beloved wife, I do give to my son, Thomas Powell (or to his heirs if he should be dead) a certain negro boy named Lannon (or Laredon) which boy my said last will and testament in the sixth clause thereof I had given to my son Drury Powell after the death or marriage of my wife and a certain negro boy named Major, which by my ~~last~~ said last will and testament in the third clause thereof I had after the death of my beloved wife, given to my said son, Thomas. I do hereby give and bequeath to my said son Drury Powell, after the death or widowhood of my beloved wife (or to his heirs if he should be dead) and I do hereby satisfy and confirm all and singular the other parts divides, bequeaths and provisions of said last will and testament.  
In witness I have herunto set my hand and seal to this Codicil, this 12th day of August 1817.

Seymour Powell (Seal)

Signed by the Testator in our  
presence, we signing in his  
presence and of each other.

Thos. W. Cobb  
Levi Wilder  
Codicil thereto of Seymour Powell, Sen'r. and made oath that he wrote the said will and codicil at the request of the Testator and was present at the execution of each, that he saw the said Testator subscribe his name to the said will and Codicil, that at the time of his subscribing the same, he was of sound disposing mind and memory, that he together with Joseph M. Molloy and Jesse Hollifield at the time the said will was executed did subscribe their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the testator and of each other, that at the time of the Testators subscribing the said Codicil, this deponent also subscribed his name together with Levi Wilder as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and of each other.

Thos. W. Cobb.

Sworn to and subscribed in open  
Court this 15th of June 1818 and  
ordered to be recorded.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 17th of June 1818.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANCIS MERIWETHER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #162.)

Be it known to all persons that I, Francis Meriwether of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, do make and ordain the following my last Will and Testament.

1st. I leave to my beloved wife Lucy Meriwether all the property of every denomination, I am or may be entitled in right of my marriage connection with her, also my negro girl Sarah, my black horse and Roan filley and one hundred and fifty dollars to purchase a Gigg..

2nd. It is my will that the land which I have purchased in Greene County be sold, the proceeds of which I leave to my wife Lucy, after first paying out of it eight hundred dollars to my father which sum I borrowed of him to make payment in part for said land.

3rd. I leave all the remainder of my property of every description to my father, Thomas Meriwether to be by him disposed of in such manner as he may deem proper.

4th. I appoint my father Thomas Meriwether Executor of this my last Will who I wish to be in no manner accountable to any court or Courts of Ordinary in its execution. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of August 1815.

Francis Meriwether (Seal)

Test:  
William Meriwether } State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Court of Ordinary  
Valentine Meriwether } June Adjourned Term 1818.  
Chas. L. Matthews } You, Valentine Meriwether do solemnly swear that you  
heard the within Francis Meriwether acknowledge the signing, sealing, publishing and declaring the within to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge, so help you God.

Valentine Meriwether.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at the above term and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 17th of June 1818.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/21/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN STARKEY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #163.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Starkey of Oglethorpe County, being of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, but calling to mind the uncertainty of this sublunary world and that all flesh must yield when it pleaseth God of his mercy to call - do therefore make and constitute this my last will and testament and desire it may be received as such.

First. I resign my soul to God from where it came and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of wife and other exccutors hereafter named. And, as touching my worldly goods, I dispose of it as followeth.  
First, my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid.

Item. I lend to my wife, Elizabeth Starkey, one negro girl named Milley will all my horses, hogs, cattle and sheep, with all my household and kitchen furniture and my desire is, that it should remain in her hands during her natural lifetime or widowhood, also the land to remain in my wife's hands the same length of time as the above named property.

Item. I give to my son Jesse Starkey the tract of land whereon I now live, be the same more or less, I will that after the death of my wife, that all the other property exclusive of the land, be equally divided between all my children, Nancy English, John Starkey, Drusilla Lowe, Gideon Starkey, Betsy Brooks, Jesse Starkey, Mary Ray and Sarah Johnson, and my desire is that Jesse Starkey and Samuel Brooks be my Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Signed, sealed in presence of;  
Test,

his  
John x Starkey  
mark

his  
Labon x Short }  
mark  
his  
David x Lowe }  
mark

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Sept. Term, Court of Ordinary 1818. Personally appeared in Court Gilbert Brooks and Labon Short, two of the witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn sayeth that they saw the within named John Starkey, deceased, make his mark and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Gilbert Brooks,  
Labon x Short  
mark

Will of John Starkey, cont'd.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at the above term and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 10th Sept. 1818.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/21/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ANNE OGILBY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #164.)

I, Anne Ogilby of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound mind, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Ogilby of the State of North Carolina, three negroes to-wit, a negro man named Bob, a negro woman named Fanny and her daughter named Aggy and their increase, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath unto my grandson, John C. Ogilby, son of Richard Ogilby, of the State of North Carolina, a negro boy named Arch, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter, Ann T. Greenwood, wife of Thomas Greenwood, a negro woman named Suckey and her increase (if any) to her and her heirs forever.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath unto Doctor John Gurdine, the following negroes and their increase, to-wit; One negro woman named Hannah and her three children, named Dick, Shadrack and Milly, a negro woman named Lucy and two negro men named Frank and Washington and a woman named Nancy and two beds and furniture in trust for support and maintenance of my daughter Martha Ogilby, wife of Richard Ogilby (of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe) during her natural life and after her death, the negroes aforesaid and the increase thereof, to be equally divided among the children of my said daughter, Martha Ogilby, together with two beds and furniture, to them and their heirs forever.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Mary F. Bass, one bed and furniture.

Item 6th. My will and desire is that my lands and all other property which I may die possessed of which are not herein before specifically willed, be sold to pay my debts and if there should be any money arising from the sale thereof over and above the payment of my debts, my will and desire is that my son Richard Ogilby should have one third thereof; I also give unto Doctor John Gurdine one third thereof to him and his heirs forever. Also I give one third thereof unto Doctor John Gurdine in trust for my daughter Martha Ogilby to be appropriated by him for her in such manner as he may think proper.

Item 7th. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son Richard Ogilby of the State of North Carolina and Doctor John Gurdine, Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me made.

In testimony wher of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 30th day of May 1818.

Anne Ogilby (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us;

John V. Dunn }  
Vines Collier } State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Sept. Term, 1818,  
Coleman Tarpley } Court of Ordinary now sitting you Coleman Tarpley, Vines  
Cuthbert S. Collier } Collier, Cuthbert Collier and John V. Dunn, do solemnly  
swear that you saw the within named Anne Ogilby, deceased,  
sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of  
writing to be her last will and testament and at the time of her so doing, she  
was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
Sept. Term 1818 and ordered to be recorded.

Vines Collier,  
John V. Dunn  
Coleman Tarpley

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 23rd Sept., 1818.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/21/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM HEWELL. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #166.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Hewell of Oglethorpe County, being in my perfect sense, do make and ordain this as my last will and testament - First. My will and desire is that my son Jas. D. Hewell (should he live to return from the army) have my beast and saddle and all my carpenter tools of every description for money lent and services done heretofore.

2nd'ly. My will and desire is that my beloved wife Susannah Hewell have one bed and furniture during her life.

3rd'ly. My will and desire is that all the residue of my property be sold and all my just debts be paid and the overplus be divided equally among my cont'd.

four children (to-wit) Frances Rosberry, Charlotte Pass, Jas. D. Hewell and Susanah Davenport.

4thly. I appoint Wyatt Hewell and Josett Davenport my executors to this my last will and testament, revoking all others to which I hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of Sept. 1818.

William x Hewell  
mark.

Signed and acknowledged in presence of;

John Andrews  
Gabriel Christian  
Josa Ragan.

Probate of Will follows:

You, John Andrews and Josa Ragan do solemnly swear that you saw the within named William Hewell sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help us God.

John Andrews  
Josa Ragan.

N.B. Ragan did not see him sign  
but heard him declare this his will)

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court Nov. Term 1818,  
and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 6th of Nov. 1818.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/21/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HENRY LANSFORD. (original Will recorded in Will, Book "B", Page #167.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Henry Lansford of the State of Georgia and the County of Oglethorpe, being sick and weak of body but of a sound and disposing mind and of perfect memory, yet calling to mind my mortality and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, think it fit and right to make this my last will and testament.

1st. It is my will that all my just debts be paid.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Lansford, my negro woman named Hannah during her lifetime, also my household and kitchen furniture.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Cintha Harris one dollar.

4th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Polly Harris thirty dollars.

5th. I give and bequeath to daughter Susannah Crowley, seventy five dollars

6th. I give and bequeath to my sons William Lansford, Prior Lansford and Samuel Lansford the land on which I now live, to them and their heirs and assigns forever. But note during my wife's widowhood, for it is my will that my wife have the profits of said land during her widowhood.

7th. I give and bequeath to my son Henry Lansford, one dollar.

8th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Brittain, one dollar.

9th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Edwards, one dollar.

10th. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Lucinda Lansford, one negro girl named Mary.

11th. I constitute my son, Henry Lansford, sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

12th. I do revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and declare this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I set my hand and affix my seal this 4th day of March

A. D. 1818, in presence of;

Alexander McEwen  
Thomas Edwards  
William Edwards

Henry Lansford (Seal)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Jan'y. Term, Court of Ordinary 1819. You, A lex McEwen, Wm. Edwards do swear that you

saw the within named Henry Lansford, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
at the above term.

Alexander McEwen  
Wm. Edwards.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 11th of January 1819.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/21/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Griffin of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being in good health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous of setting my worldly affairs while I have strength to do so - do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me made heretofore.

Item 1st. I give to my daughter, Susannah Hubbard a negro woman now in her possession by the name of Alscoy, with her former and hereafter increase as her part of my estate in full.

Item 2nd. I lend yo my daughter <sup>ave</sup> Ave Barnett, a negro woman now in her possession named Letty, and three feather beds and furniture also in her possession during her natural life and at her death, it is my desire that said negro woman Letty and all her increase both heretofore and hereafter together with the three beds and bedding be equally divided between the children of her body. I do also give five dollars to my said daughter to be paid to her by my executors in full of her portion of my estate.

Item 3rd. I lend my son-in-law William Fears a certain negro woman named Milly now in her possession until my grandson Jesse Fears arrives to the age of twenty one years, at which time I will and desire that the said negro woman with her increase both heretofore and ~~hereafter~~ be equally divided between my grandsons Jesse and William Fears and if either of those my two grandsons should die before the said Jesse becomes twenty one years of age, it is my will that the other one should have the said negro woman and increase as forestated when he arrives to the age of twenty one years, this being their full part of my estate.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my son <sup>David</sup> David Griffin, three dollars in full of his portion of my estate (to be paid him by my Executors) having given him considerable heretofore of my different kinds of property.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Griffin three dollars in full of his portion of my estate (to be paid him by my Executors) having given him considerable property of different kinds heretofore.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my son William Griffin, One feather bed and furniture in full of his portion of my estate (to be paid him by my Executor) having given him considerable property heretofore.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Griffin one negro woman named Joe and one feather bed and furniture and in case he should die and not demand the said property (as his full portion of my estate) I wish and desire that my son William Griffin have the same.

Item 8th. I give and bequeath to my son John Griffin, the tract of land whereon I now live containing three hundred acres, more or less, and six negroes (to-wit) Jack, Hannah, Bob, Charles, Sally and Hannah Jun'r., with all my stock of every kind, all my household and kitchen furniture and all my farming utensils and everything I possess except, that heretofore willed away and what will pay all my just debts, and the aforesaid legacies, as his portion of my estate.

I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons William Griffin and John Griffin, Junior, my executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 25th day of May 1815.

John Griffin (seal)

Signed in presence of us;

Joseph Espy } Georgia, Oglethorpe County. March Term, Court <sup>Do</sup> Ordinary  
Burwell Aycock } 1819. You, Joseph Espy, Burwell Aycock and ~~Samuel~~ John Griffin  
David Griffin } do solemnly swear that we saw the within named John Griffin

sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help us God:

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court at the above term and ordered to be recorded.

Joseph Espy  
Burwell Aycock  
David Griffin

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 3rd day of March 1819.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ABRAM SILVEY. (Original will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #170.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Abram Silvey, Sen'r. of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God, for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body, believing that I must shortly depart this life - I theretore make and appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form following (Viz)

Item 1st. My will and desire is that my son James Silvey should have and enjoy for use one negro boy named Willis and one feather bed.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my son Abram Silvey, one negro girl named Charity and one feather bed.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Silvey, one girl named Amelia and one feather bed, also if I die possessed of either horse or mare, it is my will and desire that my daughter, Elizabeth Silvey do have and enjoy it.

Item 4th. It is my will and desire that my son William Silvey have one hundred dollars to be paid out of my estate.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Woodruff, wife of Richard Woodruff, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my son John Silvey, one negro girl named Harriett, if the said John Silvey should return, and if not, the said negro girl to be sold and the money equally divided among the rest of the Legatees.

Item 7th. It is my will and desire that my negro woman named Milley at my decease, be free from all slavery and bondage as fully as though she had been free born.

Item 8th. It is my will and desire that after my decease, if there is any property or effects left, after all just debts are dismissed and paid, that it be sold and equally divided among said legatees.

Lastly. I constitute and appoint William Norton Sen'r. and John Landrum Executors to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore by me made - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord 1819.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of us;

Abram x Silvey (Seal)

Jonathan Norton  
James Norton  
Abraham Silvey  
John Landrum

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. March Adjourned  
Term, Court of Ordinary 1819.

You, James Norton and Jonathan Norton do solemnly swear  
that you saw the within named Abram Silvey, sign, seal,  
publish and declare, or make his mark and publish and

declare the within instrument to be his last will and testament and at the time  
of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge  
and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
at the above term and ordered to be  
recorded.

His  
James W. X Norton  
mark  
Jonathan Norton.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 17th of March 1819.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/24/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MATHEW FINLEY. (Original will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #171.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Mathew Finley of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being weak of body but of sound mind and perfect memory yet calling to mind my mortality and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, I do therefore think it fit and right to make this my last will and testament. And first, I recommend and give my soul to God who gave it, my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner, and touching what property God has blessed me with in this life, I will and dispose of it in the following manner and form;

Item 1st. It is my will that all my just debts and funeral charges be fully paid.

2nd. I will and bequeath to my daughter Anna Smith, two negroes, Rachel and Fortune Jun'r.

3rd. I will and bequeath to my daughter, Nancy Walker, Amy Jun'r and to my grandson, William P. More, one negro boy named Harry.

4th. I will and bequeath to my son Samuel P. two negroes Billy and Liza.

5th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Malinda, two negroes Rose and Henry, one horse and saddle and one bed and furniture.

6th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Polly, two negroes Fortune Senr., Amy Senr., one horse and saddle, one bed and furniture.

7th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Harriot, three negroes Toney, Mary Senr. and Lucy, one horse and saddle, one bed and furniture.

8th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Jane, three negroes, Fred, Ben and Tilda, one horse and saddle, one bed and furniture.

9th. I will and bequeath to my son John J. two negroes, Jake and Mary Junr. one horse and saddle, one bed and furniture.

10th. I will and bequeath to my son James M., two negroes Peter and Fanny, one horse and saddle, one bed and furniture.

cont'd.



Will of Mathew Finley, cont'd.

11th. As for my land, household and kitchen furniture, horses, cows, sheep and hogs, together with my plantation tools, to be for the use and benefit of my six young children (Viz) Malinda, Pally, Harriot, Jane, John J. and James M. and for their support, until my son John J. comes of the age of twenty one years, then said land, stock, etc., to be equally divided between the six last named children.

12th. I appoint my trusty friend, Joseph Espy, executor of this my last will and testament.

13th. I do revoke, disallow and disannul all former wills by me made and declare this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness of which I set my hand and affix my seal this 17th day of January 1819 - and of the Independence of America the 43.

Pronounced, signed and sealed in presence of;

Mathew Finley (Seal)

Alexander McEwen

his

Thornberry x Bowling

mark

William Campbell

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, September Term Court of Ordinary 1819.

You, Alexander McEwen, William Campbell and Thornberry Bowling do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Mathew Finley, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court at the above term and ordered to be recorded.

Alexander McEwen  
William Campbell  
Thornberry Bowling

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 7th day of September 1819.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/24/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ADAM SIMMONS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #173.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD ALLEN. I, Adam Simmons of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being afflicted in body, do make and constitute this my last Will and testament. First of all, after my decease I resign my soul to God who gave it, hoping he will receive it and desire that my body be buried at the discretion of my surviving friends and the goods and chattels that it has been pleasing to God for me to possess, I desire that they shall be disposed of in the following manner.

I will that all my just debts be paid, by sale of the crop in part, or any part of the stock that can be spared and by collections of the debts due to me.

To my dear old mother, I will and bequeath to work for and wait and attend on her during her natural life, one negro woman called Harriot and if her labor should be more than a support, to be put in with the rest of my estate, and if that should fail to be a sufficient support, I will that she have a sufficient support out of my estate during her natural life.

I will and bequeath an equal division of all my estate, both real and personal, among my dear children at the death of my dear wife, or when my youngest child comes of age, or when my dear wife should marry except the land, and to my dear wife I will and bequeath during her natural life, my house and home and one hundred acres of land adjoining and equal part of all my other property, with the children to have and possess during her natural life, then to be divided as before mentioned among my dear children. Also the negro woman loaned to my mother with her increase to be divided or the rest of my property at the death of my mother, the balance of my land to be laid off in lots and my negroes in lots and to be drawn for on the part of my children, each lot to be at valuation by 7 disinterested freeholders. But, I will that as my children comes of age or marry, they shall receive at valuation as above a proportionable part of my estate, so that in the final division of my estate, there shall be an equal division of all my estate, both real and personal, among all my children (to-wit) Jerry Simmons, Lane Simmons, Winney Simmons, James Simmons, Andrew Jackson Simmons, A. B. Simmons, Hannah Simmons, and if my dear wife should bear another child, either son or daughter, I will and bequeath that it shall be made equal with the children already named above.

I appoint, make and constitute and execute this my last will and testament. Adam Everheart, Executor and my dear wife Elizabeth Simmons, Executrix. And further, I give the power to my Executor to sell at public or private sale any of my perishable property or to change it for the advantage of my wife or children so as not to waste it nor spend it. I desire that my children be schooled and clothed and board in raising in a becoming manner. This 23rd of December 1819. Signed, sealed in presence of;

If the property before mentioned should not be sufficient to pay all my just debts. I desire that some part of my land be sold, or other property that can be spared and payment to be made.

Adam x Simmons (Seal)  
his  
mark

Test:

Isam Goss

John Thomason

Joel Berry

cont'd.

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, You, Isam Goss, John Thomason, Josè Embry and Martin Sims do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Adam Simmons, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at January Term 1820.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Isam Goss  
his  
John Thompson  
mark  
Martin Sims  
Joel Embry

Recorded 8th January 1820.

Transcribed 2/24/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF NATHAN EDWARDS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #175.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Nathan Edwards, Sen. of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and of perfect memory, yet calling to mind my mortality and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, think fit to make and ordain this my last will and testament.

First. I give and recommend my soul to God, my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors and as touching what worldly property God hath given me in this life, I dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

1st. It is my will that all my just debts be paid, for which purpose I allow my negro boy Reubin to be sold.

2nd. I will and bequeath to my two oldest sons, Henry L. Edwards and John W. Edwards that part of my land lying on the west side of the still house branch, one third to Henry L. and two thirds to John M., John M's part to take in the still pond and spring to them and their heirs and assigns forever. But be it remembered that my wife Cinthia Edwards to have the use and profits her lifetime.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Lizy Harris, one negro girl named Winney.

4th. To my son Willis D. Edwards, one negro boy named Bob.

5th. To my daughter Achean Edwards, one negro girl named Sarah.

6th. I will and bequeath to my wife Cinthia Edwards during her lifetime or widowhood, all my land not above willed, my negro man Mingo, together with all my other negroes, household stuff, plantation tools, horses, cows, sheep, and hogs except one bed and furniture and one cow to my daughter Achoah, which property given to my wife to be for her support and the support of my other children, Viz: Wm. Edwards, Nathan Edwards, Simon Edwards, Thomas Edwards, Elijah Edwards, and for their support and for the schooling of the three youngest boys to make them as good scholars as my other children, and at the death of my wife, said property to be divided equally amongst my younger children, beginning with Wm. Wade. But, if any of said younger children should die in their minority, the property still to the younger as above and if it may son Wm. H. should when he is twenty years of age choose to live with his mother and work in the plantation, for his to have a hands share in the crop or crops and also the same to all my other boys if they choose so to do. comply as above.

7th. I appoint my wife and my son and my son Nathan to execute this my will and testament and that said son Nathan shall have the care of my wife and three youngest sons as long as he conducts with prudence and propriety.

8th. I do revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and declare this to be my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of August 1818.

Nathan Edwards (Seal)

Signed, sealed in presence of:

John H. Pharr  
John N. McEwen  
Alexander McEwen

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. You, John H. Pharr, John N. McEwen and Alexander McEwen do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Nathan Edwards sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, January Term 1820.

Alexander McEwen  
Jno. McEwen

Mat Rainey, C.C.O. Recorded 8th of January 1820.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/24/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN A. BROUGHTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #177.)

In sound mind and memory and in perfect health, in case of death or some accident, I commit to paper my wish as if I was about to expire. Be it my last will and desire, I wish all just debts to be paid out of moneys owing to me and other surplus property. Also it is my wish that my brother William to have my land on Buffalo. Also, I wish my mother to have my negro woman Patt and Clary her lifetime. Then the woman to return to William Broughton, and the girl, my mother will leave to whom she pleases. Also my interest in the girl left to me by our grandfather. Rebekey, I wish my mother to do as she please with it. Also I wish John A. Broughton, son of William Broughton to have my boy George. Also I wish A analyzer and her sister to have my girl Hannah. Also I wish Elizabeth, Mary & Nancy Leggett to have my girl Hannah. Also I wish Alexander and Sepa Leggett to have ten dollars each. Also Susy Lane ten dollars, also Sarah Hills ten dollars to be paid as soon as it can be collected. As this is my wish, I beg it may be attended to this the 15th of June 1812.

John A. Broughton.

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County: The within will or instrument of writing was submitted by the parties, William Broughton and Mary Leggett to become of record without any proof or investigation. In open Court at January Term, Court of Ordinary, 1820.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 8th of January 1820.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/24/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM MATHEWS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #178.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Mathews of Oglethorpe County, being low in bodily health, but of sound mind and perfect memory, do by these present make will and void all other wills and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First. I commit my body to the dust from whence it was taken and my soul to God as a blank, hoping to find redemption through Jesus Christ.

Item. I give unto my son Littleberry Mathews, one dollar.

Item. I give to my daughter Gason Hanrow, one cow.

Item. I give to my daughter Mary Mofley one dollar.

Item. I give unto my son Presley Mathews, one dollar.

Item. I give to my son, William, one cow.

Item. I give to my daughter/one dollar twenty five cents.

My will and desire is that the remainder of my estate be at my wife's disposal as long as she lives and at her death, it to be equally divided between my Sara Mathews and my youngest son Coalman Mathews, November 25th, 1818.

his

William x Mathews Sen'r.  
mark.

N. B. I give and bequeath the land on which I now live to my son Wm. Mathews. Attest;

John A. Bradley

D. H. Griffith

his

John x Johnston

mark

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County: You, John A. Bradley and John Johnston do solemnly swear that you saw the within named William Mathews, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help us God.

Jno A. Bradley,  
John Johnston

Sworn to and subscribed in open court at January Term 1820.

Mathew Rainey C.C.O.

Recorded 8th of January 1820.

Mathew Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/24/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JANE G. PONDER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #179.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Jane G. Ponder of the County of Oglethorpe (Widow) being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory (Praise be to God for same) do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

1st. It is my will and desire that the two negro women (to-wit) Hannah and Phillis and her youngest child Mary and all the children which they or either of them may hereafter have be equally divided among my daughters as they become of age or marry, and that during the minority of my daughters, the said negroes behired at private hire, that thereby they may be pleased where they

Will of Jane G. Ponder, cont'd.

will be illtreated or abused; and it is also my desire that hire of said negroes be equally divided among all my children - provided my daughters have an equal share with my sons of the profits arising from the plantation. If not, it is my will that the hire of the negroes above mentioned be equally divided between my daughters.

It is also my desire that Hezekiah Luckie have the raising, guardianship and tuition of my two daughters Sally I. G. Ponder and Susan K. Ponder and also that William L. Ponder have the raising, guardianship and tuition of all of my other children during their minority. And, I do nominate and appoint the said Hezekiah Luckie and William L. Ponder Executors to this my last will and testament Signed with my seal and dated this 16th day of September 1819.

Signed, sealed and published in presence of: }

Jane G. Ponder, (Seal)

H. Luckie } Georgia, Oglethorpe County, March Term, Court of Ordinary 1820.  
Wm. L. Ponder) appeared in Open Court, Hezekiah Luckie and William L. Ponder

and after being duly sworn say that they saw the within named Jane G. Ponder, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of her so doing she was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Hezekiah Luckie  
Wm. L. Ponder.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court at the above term and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 8th of March 1820.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/25/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ANN SMITH. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #180.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Ann Smith of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Item 1st. I will and bequeath unto my children herein named the following sums of money (Viz) to Caroline Smith five dollars, to William Smith, five dollars - to Moses Smith, five dollars - to Harrod Thornton Jun'r. five dollars to John I. Smith, five dollars - to Thomas Smith, five dollars - And all the residue of my property that I may die possessed of to my daughter, Elizabeth Smith, and my will and desire is that my good friends George Hudspeth and Pleasant Compton, be my executors to this my last will and testament carried into effect.

Ann Smith (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of us: this fifth day of April 1818.

Test: }  
Isham Davis } Georgia, Oglethorpe County. You, Isham Davis do swear  
Selina Hudspeth) that you saw the within named Ann Smith, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

His  
Isham x Davis  
Mark

Recorded the 4th day of May 1820.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/25/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALEXANDER LESTER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #181.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Alexander Lester of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for his mercy, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make constitute and ordain this to be my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills by me heretofore made. Principally and first of all, I will my soul to God Almighty who gave it in hopes of its gracious acceptance with him and my body I resign to the earth to be buried in a decent manner.

Secondly. My will and desire is that out of my estate all my just debts be paid.

Thirdly. Having given to my son Josiah Lester, one negro man named Sam, one horse, saddle and bridle and other property of considerable value. I make no further provision for him except that I give him the sum of five dollars.

Fourthly. Having given to my daughter Nancy Stamps, one negro girl named Fann, one horse, saddle and bridle, one cow and calf and a feather bed and

furniture. I make no further provision for her except that I give her the sum of five dollars.

Fifthly. Having given to my daughter Sarah Carrington, one negro girl named Cellis, one horse, saddle and bridle, one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture. I also give and bequeath unto my said daughter, the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to her as soon as the same can be spared out of my estate which shall be at the discretion of my executors.

Sixthly. I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Lester at his coming to the age of twenty one years old, one negro boy of the value of four hundred dollars, or the sum of four hundred dollars in cash in lieu thereof, one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred and twenty five dollars, one cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture.

Seventhly. I give and bequeath unto my son Alexander Lester at his coming to the age of twenty one years old, one negro boy of the value of four hundred dollars, or the sum of four hundred dollars in cash in lieu thereof. Also one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred and twenty five dollars, one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture.

Eighthly. I give and bequeath unto my son, George Lester at his coming to the age of twenty one years old, one negro boy of the value of four hundred dollars, or the sum of four hundred dollars in cash in lieu thereof, also one horse and saddle and bridle of the value of four hundred and twenty five dollars one cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture.

Ninthly. I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Lester, at his coming to the age of twenty one years old, one negro boy of the value of four hundred dollars, or the sum of four hundred dollars in cash in lieu thereof, also one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred and twenty five dollars, one cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture.

Tenthly. I give and bequeath unto my son James M. Lester, at his coming to the age of twenty one years old, one negro boy of the value of four hundred dollars, or the sum of four hundred dollars in cash in lieu thereof, also one horse and saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred and twenty five dollars, one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture.

Eleventhly. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Lester, at her marriage, or at her coming to the age of eighteen years old, one negro girl of the value of four hundred dollars, or the sum of four hundred dollars cash in lieu thereof, one horse or mare, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred and twenty five dollars, one cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture.

Twelfthly. I give and bequeath unto my son John C. Lester, one negro boy of the value of four hundred dollars, or the sum of four hundred dollars cash in lieu thereof, one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred and twenty five dollars, one cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture.

Thirteenthly. All my estate, both real and personal, of every description whatsoever after my just debts are paid, I desire may remain in possession of my wife, Martha Lester for the support and maintenance and schooling of my youngest children, namely, Alexander, George W., Henry, James W., and Martha, which said children I desire may each have common education. But, if my son John C. Lester should never apply for his legacy, I desire the same should be equally divided between Robert, Alexander, George W., Henry, James M., and Martha.

And lastly; I do nominate, constitute and appoint my friends Thomas I, Stamps and William M., Stokes Executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this seventeenth day of August in year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of us;

Josiah Cheatham  
Daniel Burford  
his  
Ervin x Elkins  
mark

Sworn to and  
subscribed in open  
Court at September Term  
1820 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 6th day of September 1820.

Transcribed 2/25/36.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

his  
Alexander x Lester (seal)  
mark

Probate of Will.  
State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. You, Josiah Cheatham, Daniel Burford and Ervin Elkins do solemnly swear that you saw the within named Alexander Lester, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help us God.  
Josiah Cheatham,  
his  
Ervin x Elkins  
mark  
Daniel Burford

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE BAILEY. (Original will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #183.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, George Baily being weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First. I recommend my soul to God that gave it to me and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my friends.

Secondly. I will that all my just debts be paid.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Sidney Leverett, the one half of all the lands that I may be possessed of at my death.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sidney Leverett, eighteen dollars in cash at my death.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my grandchildren, Feby Bailey, Peggy Dozer Bailey, George Reed Bailey, Polly Ann Bailey and Josiah Bailey. The other half of my lands to be equally divided among them at my death, and to be in the care of Russell Bailey till they severally become of age, to receive their part.

Item 6th. I consider I have previously given my daughter Susannah Jennings, now Susannah Hudleston, her full proportionable part of my lands.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Eliza Bailey, one feather bed and furniture of good quality.

Item 8th. My will is that my daughter Sidney Leverett have the one third part of all the balance of my property at my death.

Item 9th. My will is that the one other third part of the balance of my property be equally divided among the heirs of my daughter, Peggy Bailey, that is the heirs of her body, Feby Bailey, Peggy Dozer Bailey, George Reed Bailey, Polly Ann Bailey and Josiah Bailey and to be in the care of Russell Bailey till they personally become of age to receive their parts.

Item 10th. My will is that the other one third part of all the balance of my property shall be in the care of my daughter, Susanah Hudleston during her natural life and then be equally divided among the lawful heirs of her body.

Lastly. I nominate, constitute and appoint Robert Leverett, George Hudleston and Russell Bailey Executors to this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen. Interlined before assigned.

Test: George x Bailey (Seal)  
mark

Thomas Green  
John Boswell  
Abraham Leverett

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. November Term, Court of Ordinary 1820. Personally appeared in Open Court, Thomas Green and John Boswell and after being duly sworn say that they saw the within named George Bailey sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at the above Term and ordered to be recorded. Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Thomas Green  
John Boswell.

Recorded 11th day of November 1820.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/25/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES BRIDGES. (Original will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #184.)

Be it remembered that I, James Bridges of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following; (that is to say)

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Susanah Bridges, all my real and personal estate, goods and chattels of what kind and nature during her life or widowhood, and at her death or marriage, I ordain that the whole of the estate, real and personal, be sold on twelve months credit and equally divided between all my children. And do hereby appoint my son Jacob Bridges and George Crawford my Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve. Signed and sealed, published and declared in presence of:

Robinson Hendon  
Burwell Bridges  
Voilett Ponder

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, November Term, Court of Ordinary 1820. Appeared in open Court, Robinson Hendon and Voilett Ponder and after being duly sworn, say that they saw the within named James Bridges, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, cont'd.

his  
James x Bridges (Seal)  
mark

Will of James Bridges, cont'd.

he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief,  
so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
at the above term and ordered to be  
recorded.

Test:  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Robinson Hendon

her  
Vylott x Ponder  
mark

Recorded the 11th day of November 1820.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/25/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE WHITSELL. (Original Will recorded in Will  
Book "B", Page #185.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, George Whitsell, Senr. of Oglethorpe  
County and State of Georgia, being weak of body, but of sound mind and  
memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make  
publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking and  
disannulling all former wills heretofore made by me. Principally and first of  
all, I recommend my soul to Almighty God in hopes of its gracious acceptance  
with him and my body I resign to the earth to be buried in a christian  
manner. And, as for the worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless  
me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in manner and form following.  
First. My will and desire is that out of my estate all my just debts be  
paid.

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Polly Simmons during her  
natural life one negro boy named Aquilla, one negro boy named James Mitchell  
and the sum of thirty dollars cash if that sum should be left after the pay-  
ment of all my debts and legacies contained in this will.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Whitsell one negro  
man named Asa, one negro girl named Syntha, one feather bed and furniture,  
one sorrel horse named Ball, one saddle and bridle of the value of twenty five  
dollars, one good cotton wheel and cards, one cow and my side board and  
dressing table.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Edwards, one negro  
girl named Sarah and one negro man named Stephen.

Fifthly. I give and bequeath unto my son James Whitsell, one negro woman  
named Betty and her child Emeline, one negro boy named Sam, one feather bed  
and furniture, one cow and that half my tract of land whereon I now live to  
him and to his heirs forever, but should he die without lawful issue, I desire  
that his part of my land may be equally divided between George Whitsell and  
John Whitsell and the other part of his legacy is to be sold in the family  
and to be equally divided between Polly Simmons, Martha Whitsell, George  
Whitsell and Sally Edwards.

Sixthly. I give and bequeath unto my son George Whitsell, one half of  
the tract of land contained in the survey whereon my improvements are which  
I purchased of Mathew Clendennin, having respect to quantity as well as quality  
to be equally divided between James Whitsell and George Whitsell, also one  
negro girl named Ally, one negro boy named Asborn, one feather bed and furniture  
and one cow.

Seventhly. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Curay Upshaw one negro  
woman named Hannah and her child Washington, one black colt named Rock and  
the sum of thirty dollars cash. If that sum should be left after the payment  
of all my just debts and the legacies contained in the will.

Eighthly. I give and bequeath unto my son John Whitsell my tract of  
land in Madison County containing two hundred acres adjoining John Ross  
Surray on the waters of Black Creek, one negro man named Camp, one feather  
bed and furniture, one black colt named Ranter, one negro boy named William  
and one cow and my will and desire is that his negro man Camp should be hired  
out and the money arising from his hire to be appropriated in giving my son  
a good english education at the discretion of my Executors.

Ninthly. If any balance or residue should remain after payment of my  
just debts and the legacies contained in this will, I desire that the sum of  
two hundred and twenty six dollars may be applied in building a good hewed  
log house on the northeast end of the tract of land whereon I now live for  
my son George Whitsell.

And lastly, I do nominate constitute and appoint my friend Wm. M. Stokes  
my son George Whitsell Executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal  
this 23rd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and twenty. Interlined before assigned, the words, and one negro boy named  
Sam.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of us:

Henry Farmer  
Thos I Stamps  
Benj Tribble

George Whitsell (Seal)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in Court Henry  
Farmer, Thos I. Stamps and Benj. Tribble and deposed and  
say they saw the within named George Whitsell, deceased, sign, seal, publish  
and declare the within instrument to be his last will and testament and at the  
time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their  
cont'd.

Will of George Whittell, cont'd.

knowledge and belief so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed Henry Farmer  
in open Court and ordered Thos. I. Stamp  
to be recorded March Term 1821. Benj. Tribble.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 9th day of March 1821.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/25/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM ANDREWS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #168.)

STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Andrews of the State and County aforesaid being in a low state of health and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory (thanks be to God) for the same, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this instrument my last will and testament, revoking all former wills made by me.

First. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner, believing in the mortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body to happiness hereafter. And in respect my worldly concerns, my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid as soon as it can conveniently be done.

Item. I give unto my son William G. Andrews the land whereon he now lives bounded as follows: Beginning at the still house branch on Clouds Creek where Thomas Noell's line crosses the same and running up the said branch to a sweet gum tree marked by me, from thence due South to Hartsfields mill road, thence along the said road to Drewry Wrights line, thence along the said line to Clouds Creek, thence up the said creek to the beginning on the still house branch. I further give him all the property I have put him in possession of, together with one negro boy named Ben. I give to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth G. Noell, the land whereon I have settled her beginning on Joseph Embreys line where it crosses Hartsfields Mill Road, thence along the said line to Thos. Noells line thence along the said Noells line to the old still house branch, thence up the said branch to the gum marked by me, thence south to Hartsfield's Mill Road, thence up the said road to Embrey's line at the beginning, together with all the property I have put in her possession. I give it to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my daughter, ~~Ally~~ Andrews three negroes (Viz) Rachel and her child Harriet and one boy named Daniel, one feather bed and furniture, one bay mare and saddle, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs and two sheep, together with five hundred dollars to be raised out of my estate when she becomes of age or marries. The five hundred dollars given in lieu of land. I give it to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Nancy Andrews (Viz) Hannah, Easter and George, one feather bed and furniture, one horse colt called Dick, one cow and calf, two sheep, one sow and calf, two sheep, one sow and pigs and five hundred dollars to be raised out of my estate when she becomes of age or marries, the money in lieu of land and in the other devise, my will is if her colt should die, by cutting or otherwise before she has him in possession, she should have another of equal value. I give it to her and her heirs forever. And further my will is that all my land lying on the south side of Hartsfields Mill Road whereon I now live, with all the balance of my estate whatever it may consist in, be sold and the money arising from the sale thereof, after my lawful debts be paid and the two legacies before devised to be paid in money, the balance that remains to be equally divided among all my children, paying my two youngest children interest on their money till they receive it.

I appoint my nephew Anthony G. Smith and my son William G. Andrews, Executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of December Anno Domini 1819.

Sign, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of:

William Andrews Senr. (Seal)

Robt. S. Smith } Probate of Will.

Thos England } Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Court  
James O. Smith } Robert S. Smith, James O. Smith and Thos. England, three of the

witnesses to the within will and after being sworn sayeth that they saw the within named William Andrews, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, July Term 1821., and ordered to be recorded in full.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Robert L. Smith  
James O. Smith

Thos. his England  
mark

Recorded July 4th, 1821.

Transcribed 2/26/36

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.



Georgia, Oglethorpe County. I, John Harris of the County and State aforesaid do make and ordain and constitute this my last will and testament.

Item 1st. I will and bequeath to my five children, Charles W. Harris, James Harris, Sally Thompson, Nancy Kilgore and Polly Smith, two negro men Billy and Jesse, to be sold and the money they may bring to be equally divided amongst them.

Item 2nd. I will and bequeath the balance of my estate, both real and personal, consisting of the land whereon I now live, containing three hundred and fifty acres and twelve negroes namely; P ompey, Easter, Liah, Lilley, Sam, Peggy, Aaron, George, Mary, Mariah, Sarah and Jerry and my other species of property I possess to my wife Milley Harris and her and my ten children Viz. Elizabeth B. Harris, John D. Harris, Lewis Harris, Patsey Harris, Glary Harris, Thomas Harris, Susannah Harris, William Harris, Gerdine Harris, Jesse M. Harris, the property to be kept together for the support and raising and educating of my said last named ten children until the 1st coming of age or marries, at which time or period they are to draw an equal share, or one eleventh part, if my wife thinks or concludes to spare as much and so on through the said ten children as they arrive of age or marries and my said wife, Milley Harris is to keep said land and plantation and property in her possession, provided she remains my widow. But if she should change her situation by marriage, she is to be entitled only to one eleventh part of said property or estate and the balance to be used for my children as named above and distributed, and it is further my will that my just debts be paid out of the proceeds of the present growing crop.

Item 3rd. I do hereby ordain, nominate my son Charles W. Harris and Eli R. Callaway my Executors to this my last will and testament.

As witness my hand and seal this 2nd day of June 1821.

John x Harris (Seal)  
mark

Witnessed by;

Wm. Lumpkin  
Eli B. Callaway  
William Smith

Probate of Will;

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court William Lumpkin, Eli B. Callaway, and Wm. Smith, three witnesses to the within will and after being sworn sayeth that they saw the within named John Harris, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at July Term 1821.

Wm. Lumpkin  
Eli B. Callaway  
William Smith.

Recorded July 4th, 1821

Matthew Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/26/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM PATMAN. (Original will recorded in Will Book "B", Page 192.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Patman Senr. of the County and State aforesaid, now of perfect soundness of mind, do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me made.

Item 1st. I direct that all my just debts shall be paid and hereby charge the whole of my estate.

Item 2nd. I lend to my beloved wife Susanah Patman, all the rest of my estate, both real and personal during her natural life, to have and to hold free and peaceable possession thereof as long as she lives.

Item 3rd. I give to my daughter, Susanah B. Patman, one negro girl by the name of Such and one horse, saddle and bridle, one cow and calf, one bed and furniture, one sow and pigs and if my said daughter Susanah should have no interest or legacy in the last will and testament of her Uncle William Riggers deceased, I will that my said daughter Susanah be made in property or money out of my estate, equal with the rest of my children who are interested in the last will and testament of their above said uncle, deceased. But if my said daughter Susanah should derive equal interest in the estate of her above named deceased uncle as the rest of my children, I want her to have no advantage of the rest of my children in my own estate.

Lastly; I nominate and appoint my son William Patman and Thomas B. Pinson Sen'r. Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills and testaments by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 25th day of Nov. 1819.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of the testator and we in presence of each other.

John Arnold, Senr.  
Chas. F. Collier  
Henry L. Edwards.

Wm. Patman (Seal)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court Charles F. Collier, one of the witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn sayeth that he saw the within named William Patman, Senr., deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his

Will of William Patman, cont'd.

last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
July Term 1821, and ordered to be  
recorded.

Chas. V. Collier.

Matthew Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded July 4th, 1821.

Transcribed 2/26/36.

Matthew Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN PHILLIPS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", P age #194.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Phillips of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body but of perfect sound mind and memory, knowing that it is appointed for all men to die; do make and order this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me heretofore made.

First. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian manner by my executors hereafter named and as it respects my earthly goods which it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with, to be disposed of in the following manner, (Viz)

Item. I lend to my beloved wife Sarah Phillips, the plantation whereon I now live, with the plantation utensils and the horses with stock of every kind for the benefit of raising and supporting of my children, with this proviso, that as each child becomes of age or married, that then she shall give them one horse and saddle and one feather bed and furniture, or the value thereof. I also lend her during her natural life (the following negroes) Hogan, Sal, Wat, Jane for the same purpose as above stated and after her death the above property, or as much as remains with the above named negroes that are not otherwise divided, to be equally divided amongst all my children or their heirs.

Item. It is my will that as my children become of age, for them to receive the following property (Viz)

Item. Whereas I have given my son Joseph Phillips saddle valued to one hundred dollars, one feather bed weighing forty pounds and its furniture valued to fifty dollars.

Item. I have also given to my son Mark Phillips, one horse and saddle valued to one hundred dollars, one feather bed weighing forty pounds and its furniture valued to fifty dollars.

Item. I have also given to my son Richard Phillips, one horse valued to sixty dollars, one feather bed weighing forty pounds and its furniture valued to fifty dollars, he is to receive in amount proportion to the rest (the two above)

Item. I have given to my son John Phillips one saddle valued to ten dollars, one feather bed and furniture weighing forty pounds and its furniture valued at fifty dollars and he is to receive in amount proportion to the others.

Item. I have given to my daughter Elizabeth Phillips, one saddle valued to ten dollars, one feather bed and its furniture valued to fifty dollars, the bed weighed forty pounds.

Item. I have given to my daughter Delila Phillips, one saddle valued to ten dollars, one feather bed and bedstead and furniture valued to fifty dollars, the bed weighed forty pounds.

Item. I have given to my daughter Sarah S. Phillips, one saddle valued to ten dollars, one feather bed and bedstead and furniture valued to fifty dollars.

Item. I have given to my daughter Martha L. Phillips, one feather bed and bedstead and furniture weighing forty pounds, valued to fifty dollars, also the girl has not received in proportion to the two boys, they are to have the amount made to each of them equal to the boys. Also I have a tract of land in the County of Habersham, thirteenth District No. 188 I wish to be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months, the profits arising from that to go to make, or help make the girls parts equal to the boys. It is my desire that my estate shall not be appraised and that my Executors shall not be compelled to make any returns.

Lastly. I constitute, appoint my beloved wife Sarah Phillips and Mack Phillips my Executrix and Executor to this my last will and testament.

In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of August 1821.

his  
John X Phillips (Seal)  
mark

Signed, acknowledged and published

in presence of:  
John A. Nunnally }  
Wm. Andrews }  
Chesley Arnold }  
Benjamin Woodroof }

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in open Court Wm. Andrews, Chesley Arnold, Benjamin Woodroof and John A. Nunnally the witnesses to the within will and being sworn say, that they saw the within named John Phillips, sign, seal, publish and declare

of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Wm. Andrews

Sworn to and subscribed in open court and  
ordered to be recorded September Term 1821. Chesley Arnold  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O. Recorded Sept. 22, 1821 Benjamin Woodroof.

Transcribed 2/26/36

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DAVID KERR. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #196.)

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. I, David Kerr of State and County aforesaid doth hereby make my last will and testament, this fourteenth day of May Anno Domini one thousand eight and twenty one in in manner and form following;

First. I desire that all my just debts be fully paid and satisfied within convenient time after my decease.

Item 2ndly. I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Alley Kerr what goods, chattels and stock of every kind I have, together with my two feather beds and furniture and all my household and kitchen furniture and all that I claim or possess in this world, to dispose of as she may think fit to do with it and to appoint my said wife to be the executrix and my son Billy Kerr the Executor of this my last will, hereby revoking and disannulling all former will or wills heretofore made by me and publish this to be my last, as now living in health and sound reason as my age will admit of.

Signed, sealed and published)  
and declared in presence of;)  
Henderson Smith  
Redick Smith

Signed, sealed and declared by the Testator  
of his last will.

David Kerr (Seal)

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Dec. 10th, 1821 at an adjourned Term Court of Ordinary in said county, appeared in open court, Henderson Smith and Redick Smith the witnesses to the within will and being sworn say that they saw the within named David Kerr, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Henry Smith,  
Redick Smith

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at the  
above term and ordered to be recorded in full.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded Jan'y. 3rd day 1822.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/26/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANCES DAVENPORT. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #197.)

I, Frances Davenport of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, calling to mind the frailty of all flesh and that it is appointed for all flesh to die, I do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following (to-wit)

1st. My desire is that Mealy Riley, Judy Ann, Sarah Ann and Martha to be equally divided between five of my grandchildren (to-wit) Richard Roseberry, Tom John, Jesse Harwell, John, Jewett Davenport, daughter Mary Frances and John Pass' daughter Frances, which several childrens parts I wish to be given of when they become of age or marry.

My desire is that my son Jesse shall have the tract of land I now live on, provided he moves to this state, if not, to be divided equally among them all. My desire is that my son Jesse have one feather bed and furniture. I wish the balance of my household and kitchen furniture to be equally divided. My wish is that the above named negroes shall be hired out until the children become of age my wish and desire is that Hezekiah Luckie and Jewett Davenport by my executors and I do hereby appoint nominate and constitute the said Hezekiah Luckie and Jewett Davenport be my executors and I do hereby appoint nominate and constitute the said Hezekiah Luckie and Jewett Davenport my true and lawful executors to this my last will and testament to carry the said into full effect.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my my seal this the 24th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

her  
Frances x Davenport (Seal)  
mark

Test:  
Wm. Glenn  
Wm. Glenn Senr.  
N. Johnson

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in Open Court Wm. Glenn Junr. and Wm. Glenn Senr. witnesses to the within will and after being sworn say, that they saw the within named Frances Davenport sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of her so doing she was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God.

Wm. Glenn  
Wm. Glenn Senr.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
March Term 1822.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded March 6th, 1822.

Transcribed 2/26/36.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM WALKER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #198.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Walker of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being through the mercy of God spared, though weak in body yet of perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament and first of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to be buried in a decent christian like manner, and I give and dispose of my worldly goods in the following manner and form after my just debts are all paid.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Walker the tract or parcel of land whereon I now live with all its appurtenances, containing two hundred acres, be the same more or less, together with all my household and kitchen furniture together with all my plantation tools and all my stock of every kind by her free will to dispose of property and enjoy for the use of my family, together with all debts, due to me either by notes, judgments or accounts which I have standing against my debtors. All the above named property I leave to her discretion so long as she remains my widow and I do hereby make her my sole Executrix of this my last will and testament and privilege her to select any person in whom she can most confide to assist her in critical affairs, but provided the said Sarah should marry, she then cease to be my Executrix and is only to have such a part of my estate as the law allows. In such case and in case the said Sarah should marry, it is my wish that the court appoint some other proper person to succeed her in that place and it is my wish also that when my younger daughter that are now single should marry, that my said wife Sarah should make shares equal with those of my daughters that are married. Also my will and desire is that the balance of my estate be kept together for the use of my younger children-until my son William Walker comes of age, and after the death of my said wife Sarah, my will is that my son William Walker shall have the tract of land whereon I now live containing two hundred acres more or less, to him and his heirs forever. And, should my wife Sarah die before my son William becomes of age, my will is that all my personal property then remaining after her death be kept together and the plantation whereon I now live for the use of my loving children that may remain unmarried until my son William comes of age, then the balance to be equally divided among my nine daughters (to-wit) Elizabeth, Rachel, Sally, Jaminas, Nancy, Polly, Aby, Patsy and Margaret and my son William excluded.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of March eighteen hundred and fourteen.

Wm. Walker (Seal)

John Townsend }  
Hail Maxey } Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in open Court Hail Maxey and John Townsend, two of the within witnesses to the within will and after being sworn say that they saw the within named William Walker sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God.

John Townsend  
Hail Maxey.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
March Term 1822.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 5th day of March 1822.

Transcribed 2/26/36.

Matthew Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALEXANDER HAWKINS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #200.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Alexander Hawkins being of sound mind and memory, do make and declare this my last will and testament (Viz)

Item 1st. My desire is that all my just debts be paid.

Item 2nd. I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Hawkins my estate, both real and personal during her widowhood to raise and school my children on until the oldest one comes of age, or either of them marry, or when either of them marry or comes of age, my desire is that my estate, both real and personal should be equally divided between my wife and children, and in case of my wife marrying again, my desire is that my estate, both real and personal and the increase thereof should be equally divided between her and my said children.

Item 3rd. I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Hawkins Executrix and my brother John Hawkins, Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testamony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the twenty second day of October eighteen hundred and sixteen.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged this to Alex. Hawkins (Seal)  
be my last will and testament in presence of;

Isaac Collier }  
Nathan Ellis } State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in open court  
John W. Birdsong. } Isaac Collier and Nathan Ellis two of the witnesses to the within will and being sworn say that they saw the within named Alexander Hawkins, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief, so help us God.

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Will of Alexander Hawkins cont'd.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court and ordered  
to be recorded at March Term 1822.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Isaac Collier } witnesses.  
Nathan Ellis }

Recorded 6th day of March 1822.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/26/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SAMUEL PATTON. (Original will recorded in Will  
Book "B", Page #201.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Samuel Patton of the County of Oglethorpe and  
State of Georgia, being of sound mind and perfect memory, do make this my last  
will and testament in manner and form following. (to-wit)

First. I lend to my beloved wife Mary Patton until my youngest child comes  
of age. Should she continue a widow, the land and plantation whereon I now  
live, with all my negroes, stock of every kind, household and kitchen furniture  
of every kind and plantation utensils; provided my said wife should marry before  
my youngest child comes of age, my executors hereinafter named are at liberty  
to continue the whole of my estate in their hands, if they should take proper  
care of my children and my estate. And, when my youngest child come of age,  
I lend to my said wife during her natural life, one negro of her own having one  
bed and furniture, one horse creature, bridle and saddle, one chest, the  
plantation where I now live with a sufficient quantity of plantation tools, and  
at her death to revert to my estate.

I give to my son Samuel, one negro boy named Bob in lieu of all and every  
part of my estate.

I give to my daughter Susannah Gore, five dollars in lieu of all and every  
part of my estate which may be left, she having been already provided for.

I give to my son Solomon the tract of land in Oglethorpe County which I  
had of Murphey, one bed and furniture and one horse creature, bridle and saddle,  
when he shall come of age and at the death of my beloved wife, the land whereon  
I now live to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my daughter Rebeckah, one horse creature, bridle and saddle when  
she married or comes of age.

I give to my son Solomon and my four daughters, Sally, Syntha, Elizabeth  
and Rebecca, at the time my youngest child comes of age, all my estate of every  
kind, except what I have before given away and lent to my wife, to be equally  
divided among or between them and at the death of my beloved wife, what is  
lent to her, to be also equally divided between them.

It is my will and desire that my executors raise from my estate the horse  
creatures, bridle and saddles disposed of and have them as nearly equal in  
value as the nature of the case will admit.

I do hereby appoint John Herring and Ezekiah Luckie Executors of this my  
last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this  
16th day of February in the year of our Lord 1817.  
Acknowledged in presence of;

Samuel Patton (Seal)

Test:  
Edward Nix } Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in Open Court Edward  
Joseph Stephens } Nix, Joseph Stephens two of the witnesses to the within will  
Obadiah Carter } and after being sworn say that they saw the within named  
Samuel Patton sign, seal, publish and declare the within  
instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his  
so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and  
belief, so help us God.

Edward Nix  
his

Joseph x Stephens  
mark

Sworn to and subscribed in  
Open Court May Term 1822 and  
ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded May 10, 1822.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/27/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARTHA WHITSELL. (Original Will recorded in Will  
Book "B", Page #203.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Martha Whitsell of Oglethorpe County and  
State of Georgia, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to  
God for his mercy and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do  
make and constitute and ordain this my last will and testament, revoking and  
disannulling all former wills heretofore by me made. Principally and first of  
all, I will my soul to God who gave it, in hopes of its gracious acceptance  
with him and my body, I resign to the earth to be buried in a decent manner.

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Will of Martha Whittsell, cont'd.

2ndly. My will and desire is that out of my estate, all my just debts be paid.  
3rdly. Having given to my brother James Whittsell two negroes (Viz) Irs and Cynthia, one horse named Ball and two cows, one sow and five pigs, feather bed and furniture, one sideboard dressing table, two chests, two pots and oven, one pair cards and wheel.

4thly. Having given to my sister Edwards, one side saddle.

5thly. Having given to my nephew, James Simons, when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one, seventy five dollars.

6thly. Having given to my nephew James W. Edwards when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years of age.

7thly. Having given to my nephew James J. Whittsell when he arrives at the age of twenty one years old.

8thly. Having given to my nephew James Crowley the sum of seventy five dollars when he arrives at the age of twenty one years of age.

9thly. I do nominate my brother James Whittsell and Thos. I. Stamps, Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this sixteenth day of Jan'y. 1822.

her  
Martha x Whittsell (Seal)  
mark

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence of us;

Benjamin Wells } Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court  
Benjamin Tribble } Benjamin Tribble, Littleberry Edwards, witnesses to the within  
L. B. Edwards } will and being duly sworn say that they saw the within named  
Martha Whittsell, sign, seal, publish and declare the within  
instrument of writing to be her last will and testament and at the time of her  
so doing, she was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge, so  
help us God.

Benjamin Tribble  
L. B. Edwards.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
May Term 1822 and ordered to be recorded.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 10th May 1822.

Transcribed 2/27/36.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM LAWRENCE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #205)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Lawrence of the County and State aforesaid being in a low state of health but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and constitute this instrument to be my last will and revoking all former wills made by me heretofore.

First. I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it in hopes of its gracious acceptance with him and my body to the earth to be buried in a neat christian like manner by my executors hereafter named. And as touching such worldly property as it has pleased Almighty God to bless me with, my will and desire is that it be divided as follows (Viz) My will and/desire is that all my just debts be paid as soon as possible by my executors, out of my moneys that may be collected or raised out of my estate.

My will and desire is that my executors shall as soon as is convenient, or they may in their judgment think proper, make sale of all my estate, both real and personal to be sold on a credit of 12 months or upward and the amount of said sale or sales, with all the monies in hand, to be divided equally between my wife Lettice Lawrence and my children herein named - Polly Sims, Richard Lawrence, Thomas Lawrence, Patsy Lawrence and William Lawrence, except the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, which I hereby lend unto my daughter Margaret Murry, the same to be paid by my executors into the hands of my son, Zachariah Lawrence and my son-in-law Allen Sims, who I hereby appoint and constitute Trusty, to act in my daughters behalf and to apply the interest arising from the said sum of \$350.00 to the support of her and her children, should their situation be such that the Trusty above named should judge it necessary.

My will and desire is that the above sum, with the interest that may accrue thereon, be equally divided between my daughter Margaret Murry's children when they may marry or become of age. But should the above named Trusty judge the situation of my daughter Murry to be such as to need a part of the above sum for her support, then in that case, I wish the money to be retained in the hands of the trusty and used at their discretion for the support, and at her death to be divided as above.

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Lettice Lawrence and my son Richard Lawrence and Joseph Embry to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this 21st day of January Anno Domini 1822.

William Lawrence (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of:

Wyat Andrews  
Anthony G. Smith,  
Charles Carter

cont'd.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of;

Wyatt Andrews  
Anthony G. Smith  
Charles Carter, Junr.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. July Term Court of Ordinary 1822. Appeared in open Court, Anthony G. Smith, Wyatt Andrews and Charles Carter Junr. the subscribing witnesses to the within will and after being sworn, say that they saw the within named William Lawrence, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and disposing memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court at the above term and ordered to be recorded. M. Rainey, C.C.O.

A. G. Smith  
Wyatt Andrews  
Charles Carter Junr.

Recorded the 5th July 1822.

Transcribed 2/27/36.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE BARBER SENR. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #207.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, George Barber Senr. of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, ordain this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others.

First. I desire all my just debts to be paid.

Secondly. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Margaret Barber, all my property, both real and personal, of which I may die possessed, for and during her natural life, to be used and enjoyed by her during that time and after her death, but not till then to be disposed of in the following manner, to-wit - It is my will and desire that my said wife have the following negroes, namely; that his wife Rhoda and Temp and their present and future increase to dispose of in any manner she may think proper absolutely and unconditionally by her last will or by deed to take effect after her death.

Again, I give and devise to my son William Barber, one hundred of land lying on the south side of the branch joining George Runnells on the east side including the plantation whereon the said William now lives, be the same more or less to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Again I give and bequeath to my son Mat Barber, two negroes to-wit, Fed and Jane to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Again I have heretofore given my son Robert Barber a certain tract of land lying on the Oconee River in Clark County including the plantation whereon he now lives, the same being two hundred and forty acres, be the same more or less, which together with two negroes to-wit Lige and Chaimy that I do now hereby give and bequeath him is and shall be his full share of my estate to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Again, I have heretofore given my son Samuel Barber two hundred two and half acres of land more or less lying in Jones County, on Walnut Creek, which is and shall be his full share of my estate.

Again. I give and bequeath to my son ~~James~~ <sup>Edmund</sup> Barber, one negro man named Edmund, which is together with a tract of land lying on the Oconee river in Clarke County joining Robert Barber and containing one hundred and forty acres already given by me to him and which he has disposed of and is now enjoying the profits thereof, is and shall be his full share of my estate.

Again, I have heretofore given to James Scott who intermarried with my daughter Martha, a tract of land lying in Clark County, joining Robert Barbers and containing two hundred acres, including the plantation whereon he now lives, which is and shall be the full share of the said James Scott or his children by the said Martha in and to my estate.

Again, I give devise and bequeath to my sons, Robert and George as trustees for my daughter Sarah Runnells and her children by George Runnells and a tract for her and their use one hundred acres of land on the south side of the branch, be the same more or less, including the plantation whereon she now lives, also two negroes to-wit Clelia and Kate and her increase and the said property is never to be subject in any manner to the use or contraband of her husband George Runnells, but said trustees are to manage and control the same in trust as aforesaid for the said Sarah and her said children and in case of the death of the said George Runnells, the trust is to cease and the said property is to be equally divided between the said Sarah and her said children.

Again, I give and bequeath to my four grandchildren to-wit, Sally, Nancy, AGGY and Margaret, the two negroes to-wit, Harriott and Remy that I have already given them which shall be in full of their share of my estate.

Again, I give, devise and bequeath to my son George Barber all the tract of land which has not already been herein disposed of and on which I now live, being the balance of said tract and also his six negroes to-wit, Jack and his wife Pinder, Reubin, Burrell, Willis and Nathan, to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Robert and George Barber the Executors to this my last will and testament. of October 1820. whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this eleventh day of October 1820.

cont'd.

Will of George Barber, cont'd.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of us and we in the  
presence of each other.

his  
George x Barber (Seal)  
mark

Test:

Abraham I. Hill }  
Thomas W. Golding }  
Henry Blake, J. P. }

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open  
Court Abraham I. Hill and Henry Blake, two of the  
subscribing witnesses to the within will and after being  
duly sworn say that they saw the within named George Barber, deceased, sign,  
seal, publish and declare this instrument to be his last will and testament  
and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of  
our knowledge and belief so help us God.

his  
Abery x Blake  
mark  
Abraham I. Hill

Sworn to and subscribed in  
Open Court Sept. Term 1822.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 4th Sept. 1822.

Transcribed 2/27/36.

M. Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CHARLES HARDMAN. (Original Will recorded in Will  
Book "B", Page #210.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Charles Hardman being of sound mind and  
memory (blessed be God for it) do make this my last will and testament in  
manner and form following.

1st. I give unto my beloved wife Betsy all the property I have or may  
receive by her. I also give her of my freehold estate two hundred acres more  
or less bounded as follows (Viz) Beginning at a post oak corner of Elizabeth  
Eads land thence along the old road to a small branch, thence down said branch  
to John Gilmore line, thence along said line Lessey Martins line, thence along my  
boundary line to the beginning corner during her natural life or widowhood or so  
long as she may occupy it, the gift to revert in case of her removal from it.  
I also give her four negroes Viz, Jacob, Edmond, Nancy and Betsy during her  
natural life or widowhood. I also give her one horse and a sufficiency of  
corn and meat to supply her family one year and one fifth part of my stock of cattle  
hogs, and sheep and a yoke of oxen and cart if they should be on the farm, and  
one bed and furniture, desk and trunk and one fifth of my plantation tools, all  
the kitchen furniture, glass and crockery ware, knives and forks during her  
natural life or widowhood.

2nd. I give unto my son Robert Smith two negroes William and Fanny, but  
if either of said negroes should die before he, my said son should arrive at the  
age of twenty one, it is my will that the appraised value of said negroes  
shall be paid to him as soon as the money can be raised from my estate. I also  
give him a horse and such furniture and stock as my other children.

3rd. I give unto my son Joel, two negroes, viz; Solomon and Matilda, but  
if either of them should die before my said son Joel arrives at the age of twenty  
one, it is my will that the appraised value of said negro be paid to him so  
soon as the money can be raised from my estate and I also give him one horse  
and such stock and furniture as my other children had.

4th. I give to my son Robert Smith and Joel, all that part of my real  
estate not given to my wife so long as my wife shall live or live upon it, or  
in the event of her remarrying immediately after my death, that they have pos-  
session of the whole, as long as my sons Felix and Will had, after which I will  
that it be sold at one years credit and the money arising therefrom be equally  
divided between my daughter Alice and sons Felix, Will, Robert Smith and Joel.

5th. I will that all that part of my estate not herein disposed of be  
sold at my death, at twelve months credit and the money arising therefrom be divided  
as above.

6th. I will that the whole of the property of every description which I have  
herein given my wife, be sold as above and the money arising therefrom divided  
as above at her death, except the property which I have, or may receive by her  
a title to which I give to her forever.

7th. Revoking all wills formerly made by me, I appoint my son Robert Smith  
Hardman and Francis Reubin Jordan, Executors of this.

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

Charles Hardman (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Charles Hardman to be his  
last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our  
names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

Lewis I. Dupree }  
Coleman Smith }  
John Glenn Senr. }

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open  
Court Lewis I. Dupree, Coleman Smith and John Glenn Senr.  
three of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and  
being duly sworn say, that they saw the within named Charles Hardman, deceased,  
sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last  
will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and  
memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God. Lewis I Dupree  
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court Nov. Term 1822. John Glenn Senr.  
Matthew Rainey, C.C.O. Recorded the 11th day of Nov. 1822. Coleman Smith.



GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas W. Johnson being in a state of common health and perfect soundness of mind, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Impremise. That all my just debts be speedily and lawfully paid then it is my will that my beloved wife Jane M. Johnson have and hold to her own proper use and right all my whole estate, real and personal and with this exception, that my brother Francis Johnson do have my watch and my brother Alexander H. Johnson be given out of my present crop, the sum of sixty dollars and I do further make and ordain my wife Jane M. Johnson, Gabriel Christian and Thomas Meriwether my Executors to this my last will and testament, giving to each of them fifty dollars. But in case my wife Jane M. Johnson should hereafter be the mother of a child, or children the lawful heir or heirs of my own body, then it is my will that an equal division take place between my said wife and child, or children above alluded to in which case all that is willed to my brothers or executors is withdrawn. As witness mt hand and seal this 5th day of January 1818.

Thomas M. Johnson (Seal)

Witness:

W. Moore

Valentine H. Meriwether

John Jordan.

Transcribed 2/27/36.

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court Valentine H. Meriwether one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and after being sworn says that he saw the within named Thomas W. Johnson, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
Nov, Term 1822.

Valentine H. Meriwether.  
John Jordan

Recorded the 11th Nov. 1822.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/27/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LEWIS LESTER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #214.)

December 30th, 1822. I, Lewis Lester being of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being of sound mind and memory through the mercy of God do make this my last will and testament in manner following, (that is to say) I lend unto my beloved wife Roady Lester two negroes known by the name of Will and Fib, one horse and saddle of the value of sixty dollars, one cow and calf, one bed and furniture, together with the use of so much of the building as she may need and land at her will to work her hands upon on the plantation during her life, one sow and pigs as her part of my estate. I give also unto my son Josiah Lester, one negro by the name of Loosy and one by the name of Pinar which he has received. Also one tract of land lying in the County of Oglethorpe adjoining Dillon and others, which he has received as his part of my estate.

2. I give in like manner unto my daughter Polly Short 2 negroes by the name of John and Jim formerly given by me. Also fifty follars to be paid two years after my death as her part of my estate.

3. I give in like manner unto my son Lewis Lester, one hundred and forty acres of land whereon he now lives joining Whitesell and others, one negro boy by the name of Henry and one the name of Jim as his part of my estate.

4. I also give unto my son Pleasant Lester, two hundred acres of land in Madison County whereon he now lives, also two negroes by the name of Absolom and Moriah as his part of my estate.

5. I give in like manner unto my son William Lester two hundred and two and one half acres of land in the County of Morgan, now in his possession, likewise one negro girl Lisy, and one boy by the name of Jack as his part of my estate.

6. I give in like manner unto my son Isom Lester, one negro man by the name of Aeter and one boy by the name of Archy. Also two hundred and forty acres of land on Blond Creek. It being the one half of the tract I now live on, on the East side of said tract, as his part of my estate.

7. I give to my son Jacob Lester one negro boy named Flemin and one boy Sam; and the other half of the tract I live on, on the west side of said tract two hundred and forty acres, one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs as his part of my estate. Also Sarah, I will to Jacob Lester.

8. I also give to my daughter, Elizabeth Whitesell, two negroes by the name of Caroline and Bill as her part of my estate.

Will of Lewis Lester, cont'd.

After all my just debts being pay, the remainder of my estate to be divided between my children and after the death of my wife, his dower also equally divided between my children.

I also nominate and appoint my wife Roady Lester, Lewis Lester and William Lester my joint Executors.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us;

Test:

Thomas Laney  
John Felton

Lewis Lester.

Richard McDonald) Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court Thomas Laney, Jno Felton and Richard McDonald three of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn, say that they saw the within named Lewis Lester, sign, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
January Term 1823.

Thomas Laney  
John Felton  
Richard McDonald.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 10th Jan'y. 1823.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/27/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SALLY HARDIN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #217.)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. I, Sally Hardin of the County and State aforesaid do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner - Viz;

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hardin a negro girl named Mincey to heirs forever and one bay mare:

Item 2nd. I give to my son Benjamin Hardin one negro man named Frank and a young sorrel mare to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd. I give to my son John B. Hardin a negro man named Lindsey and a sorrel horse colt to him and his heirs forever.

Item 4th. I give to my daughter Caroline Quillian Lanklin Hardin a bed and furniture which was left me by the will of John Hardin, deceased.

Item 5th. The balance of my estate, both real and personal, consisting of a negro man named Peter, a tract of land drawn by me in the late land lottery, my household and kitchen furniture, etc, after paying my just debts out of the same, I wish to be equally divided between Elizabeth Hardin, Benjamin Hardin and John B. Hardin.

And lastly, I leave my son-in-law Abraham I. Hill my Executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of February 1823.

Sally Hardin (Seal)

A Test: Elisha Trammell) Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared Elisha Trammell David Robinson ) David Robinson, Christopher Bowen I. I. C. and being duly Christian Bowen ) sworn say that they saw the within named Sally Hardin, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of

writing to be her last will and testament and at the time of her so doing she was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
March Term 1823.

Elisha Trammell  
David Robinson  
Christian Bowen.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 6th March 1823.

Transcribed 2/28/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF IMANUEL NORTHUP. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #218.)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. I, Imanuel Northup of the County and State aforesaid, being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do constitute and appoint this my last will and testament in the words following (to-wit)

I wish in the first place all my just debts paid.

Secondly. That the balance of my estate, wearing apparel, etc., be transmitted to the care of S. C. Denning of Savannah and sent him thence to Brown and Ivey of Providence, for Col. Christopher Spink Wickford.

I do constitute and appoint my friends, Adial Sherwood and Richard T. Hanson my Executors. Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of November 1822.

Signed in presence of;

Geo. Lumpkin )  
W.M. Falsbury)

Imanuel Northup (Seal)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County.

In vacation January 27th, 1823. William Falsbury one of the witnesses to the within will came forward and after being sworn dayeth that he cont'd.

Will of Emanuel Northup, cont'd.

saw the within named Emanuel Northup, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief so help you God.

Wm. Salisbury.

Test:

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 6th day of March 1823.

Transcribed 2/26/36.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM STEPHENS. (Original will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #219.)

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Stephens of the State and County aforesaid being sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, do make, ordain, constitute and appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form following (to-wit)

Impremise. I lend to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Stephens at lands on the waters of the Goose Pond, say, five hundred and twenty five acres, together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, also all my beds, chests, trunks, book case, desk, sideboard, crockery ware, glassware and also furniture belonging to the house, also kitchen furniture, plantation tools on said plantation, also oxen and ox cart, also six negroes (to-wit) Ives, George, Jude and child, Classey, a woman Mincey and child Upson, also all the stock on said plantation and two horses, also fodder, corn, oats, wheat and rye, also gin running gear, threshing machine, also one set of blacksmith tools.

2nd. Item. I give unto my son Thomas P. G. Stephens, six hundred dollars, say a note on Lewis I. Dupree for five hundred dollars and one hundred dollars to be raised out of my estate the present year. Also one boy colt and three negroes (to-wit) Henry, Sally and Emily.

3rd Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha T. Stephens, four negroes (to-wit) a boy named Washington, a girl named Mariah, a girl named Silvey and a girl named Leathy, unto her and her heirs forever.

My will further is that my son Minor M. Stephens, take possession of the land and plantation I purchased of W. W. Marks and nine negroes (to-wit) Nelson, Sandy, Tom, Sack, Edmo. I, Anny, Siller, Clabourn and Lucrata, together with all the implements thereon for use of farming. Gin and running gear, corn, fodder and all stock thereon, 4 horses, wagon, gear to use, and employ to the best advantage on said plantation with a reasonable compensation allowed him for his attention to same and pay for the use of his hands thereon employed till the land be fully paid for and all other just debts are paid which I have contracted. And when the same shall be completed, my will is that all the remains of my property, not heretofore disposed of, be divided or sold and divided so as to make my youngest daughter Syntha A. Stephens and my youngest son Joshua William Stephens equal with my four children say Ann Weaver as pr Andrew Weaver receipt Minor, W. Stephens as pr his receipt, which is the amount they have received of my estate. Also, my son Thomas P. G. Stephens as pr property herein designated, and my daughter Martha T. Stephens as pr property herein designated, and after my youngest children named shall be made equal with the others named, that the balance of my property, or effects, be equally divided amongst all my children, (to-wit) Ann Weaver, Minor M. Stephens, Thomas P. G. Stephens, Martha T. Stephens, Syntha A. Stephens and Joshua W. Stephens.

And my will further is, that after my wife, Elizabeth Stephens shall decease, that the property that I have loaned her shall revert to my children as above named to be equally distributed amongst them.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Stephens, my son Minor W. Stephens, Andrew Weaver and my son Thomas P. G. Stephens whole and Sole Executrix and Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other will, or wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 17th day of February eighteen hundred and twenty three.

Signed, sealed, published and declared  
as his last will and testament in presence of  
us; Lewis I. Dupree, } Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared  
Thomas Gallaway } Lewis I. Dupree, Thomas Gallaway and William Glenn, Junior  
William Glenn Junior. } three of the subscribing witnesses to the within will  
and being duly sworn, say that they saw the within named William Stephens, deceased,  
sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last  
will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and  
memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
March Term 1823.

Lewis I. Dupree  
Thos. Gallaway  
William Glenn Junior.

Recorded the 6th day of March 1823.

Transcribed 2/26/36.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. I, Leonard Young of the County and State aforesaid, being of perfect and sound mind, do make this my last will and testament.

1st. I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came.

2nd. I will that my just debts be paid.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my son Frederick Young his heirs and assigns, a negro boy James which I have heretofore delivered to him at the he removed the purchase, before his removal thither. I had given him a tract of land but never made him a title when he removed. I took the said land back by his consent and paid his debts and gave him the said negro boy in lieu thereof, being the said debt compiled at six hundred and fifty dollars and I further give to my said son Frederick the sum of one dollar.

4thly. I give and bequeath to my daughter Betsy Mickelborough two negroes girls, one by the name of Silvey and the other by the name of Lucy, to her and her heirs forever.

5thly. I have given and bequeathed to my daughter Polly Graves, who is now dead, one negro woman Betty and since that time the said woman has had four children, namely, Tom, Jesse, Hanah and Amey, all which negroes I now give to her and her heirs forever.

6thly. I have given and bequeathed to my son Leonard Young, one tract of land containing one hundred and seventy acres on the waters of Long Creek, adjoining George Young and others which land I have since bought back of my said son Leonard and have given him my note for five hundred dollars, a balance of six hundred and fifty dollars I gave him for said land. I also have given him a negro boy named Peter which he has now in his possession, to him and his heirs forever.

7thly. I give to my son, Giles Young, his heirs and assigns, a tract of land containing one hundred and seventy acres on the waters of Long Creek adjoining my son Leonard's old place and George Young and others on which my said son Giles now lives and also a negro girl by the name of Charlotte and her increase that I have heretofore delivered.

8thly. I give and bequeath to my son John T. Young a tract of land whereon he now lives, say 170 acres the place I first gave to my son Leonard and then bought it back of him, also one negro boy Joe, now in his possession to him and his heirs forever.

9thly. I give and bequeath to my son Robert N. Young, his heirs and assigns the tract of land whereon I now live at the death of my wife Polly Young, containing two hundred acres on the waters of Buffalo Creek, a water of Long Creek, also a negro boy Henry, also one horse and saddle worth 80 dollars, one cow and calf, feather bed and furniture, sow and pigs, all which property except the land my son Robert is to have at the age of twenty one years.

10thly. My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate of every kind remain in the hands and possession of my wife Polly Young for the support and maintenance and comfort of my said wife and daughter Susannah. During the lifetime of my said wife and after the death of my said wife, should Leonard be living, then I will and bequeath to her my said daughter Susannah, my negro girl Chaney and if Chaney should die before my daughter Susannah, I then will to my said daughter my negro girl Mary and should my wife die before my daughter Susannah, I hereby appoint my son Giles Young testamentary guardian of the person and property of my said daughter Susannah during her life and at her death, I will the property pointed out in this will for the support of my said daughter, to my said son Giles Young to him and his heirs forever.

11th. My will is that at the death of my wife, all the residue of my estate both real and personal, not especially willed away, be sold and divided equally among Betsy Mickelboro, Leonard Young, Giles Young, John T. Young, Robert N. Young and Susannah Young.

12thly. I appoint Leonard Young and Giles Young my executors to this my last will and testament revoking all former wills and testaments and confirm this and this only to be my last.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 20th day of January 1823.

Leonard Young (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of the Testator and us in the presence of each other.

Peterson Smith }  
T. D. Gilham }  
Mark C. Gilham. }  
ing witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn sayeth that we saw the within named Leonard Young sign, seal publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
March Term 1823.

Mark C. Gilham  
T. D. Gilham  
Peterson Smith

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 6th March 1823.

Transcribed 2/20/36.

**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SUSANAH TOMPKINS.** (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #225.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Susanah Tompkins of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

First, I give and bequeath unto Winney Gunnels all that tract of land that I bought of Wm. Pittard laying in the county and state aforesaid adjoining Jack Meadows, Senr. during the time of her living single and at her death to be equally divided between her two children Sealy Gunnels and William Gunnels. I also give and bequeath unto the said Winney Gunnels all my stock of cattle and hogs. I also give and bequeath unto the said Winney Gunnels my mare and plantation tools. I also give unto the said Winney Gunnels all my household and kitchen furniture (except one bed and furniture) which I also give the same to Sarah Wright and at her death to go to Wm. Wright. As to that tract of land drawn by me in the county of Henry in the State aforesaid, I want it sold to pay all my debts, and if any money is left after satisfying all demands against me, the rest to be equally divided between my three sons Wiserman Bridges, John Bridges and Jonathan F. Bridges.

Lastly, as to all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate of what kind and nature soever, I give and bequeath unto Winney Gunnels whom I hereby appoint sole executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty two.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Susanah Tompkins to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and at her presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

his  
William x Thomas  
mark  
his  
Josiah x Sterling  
mark  
Wiley Carter

her  
Susanah x Tompkins (Seal)  
mark

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared Josiah Sterling one of the witnesses to the within named will and being duly sworn saith that he subscribed the said will as a witness in the presence of the Testatrix and also saw the other witnesses subscribe

their names in her presence as witnesses and she signed, sealed and declared and published the same as her will and at the time of so doing she was of sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
7th of April 1823 at an adjourned Term.

his  
Josiah x Sterling  
mark

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 11th of April 1823.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE CROWDER.** (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #226.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. To all whom these present shall come. I, George Crowder send greeting. Know ye that on the eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two. I, George Crowder of the State and County aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory yet knowing that all men must die, have thought proper to constitute this my last will and testament in form following. I commit my spirit to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent manner.

Item. I desire that all my just debts should be paid out of the first money arising from the sale of my present crop and all monies that may be due me after that. My desire is that all real and personal estate I loan to my beloved wife Nancy Crowder during her natural life or her widowhood, the children to be supported and educated according to the income of the property.

Item. If my wife Nancy Crowder should intermarry, my desire is that she shall have the use of Abba a negro girl of said estate during her natural life, then said negro to return to be the property of my said children.

Item. I desire that after the death or intermarriage of my said wife Nancy Crowder that all my property, real and personal, and its issues be equally divided amongst my seven children (to-wit) Lucy Ann Crowder, Sally Branch Crowder, William Bailey Crowder, George Washington Crowder, Lucy Smith Crowder Pierce Crowder, Nancy Caroline Bailey Crowder to be theirs and the heirs of their bodies forever, share and share alike.

Item. I desire that my executors be allowed to sell my boy Jacob one of the negroes of the estate at any time when they think proper and the money arising therefrom be vested in a negro woman, boy or girl as they may think proper.

Lastly. I do constitute and appoint my friend Jonathan Bailey, my wife Nancy Crowder and William B. Crowder Executors and Executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all others, do acknowledge this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date above written.

George Crowder (Seal)

Will of George Crowder, cont'd.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. Personally appeared in Open Court Thos. M. Smith and Asa Smith, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn exposita and saith that they saw the within named George Crowder, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
May Term 1823 and ordered to be  
recorded in full.

Asa Smith  
Thomas M. Smith.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 6th day of May 1823.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 2/26/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN LUCKIE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #223.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The twenty first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen. I, John Luckie of the County of Oglethorpe being at present in a perfect state of health and of sound mind and memory for which incomparable blessing, I desire to thank the Lord my God, but knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament (that is to say) that I have given several years past, all the property which I intended ever to give him, (to-wit) to my son William Foster Luckie, to my daughter Margaret Elsterry, exclusive of what I have given her. I bequeath unto her my large Margin Bible, any two books which she may choose out of my library, also my walnut bedstead. I do also give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanah McElroy, exclusive of what I gave her heretofore, the sum of twenty five dollars. Unto my daughter Mary McElroy, I bequeath, exclusive of what I have given her, twenty dollars. To my daughter Cynthia Hamilton, I bequeath exclusive of what I have given her the sum of twenty dollars. To my daughter Athana Luckie I bequeath the sum of two hundred dollars. To my granddaughter called and known by the name of Corma Luckie, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. To my grandson called and known by the name of Guilford Luckie I give and bequeath all my wearing apparel and the sum of fifty dollars. To my little granddaughter called and known by the name of Lorian Luckie, I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred dollars. All the property which I may die possessed of, except that at are disposed of. I allow and order to be disposed of at public sale and whatever, if any, above paying the above bequeath to be paid by my executors to the above legatees in proportion to the above bequeath, after taking from the amount of what money arise from the debts due me and from the sale of my property and my funeral expenses and fifty dollars in addition to the request of \$200. dollars to be paid my daughter Athena Luckie- the within bequest I allow to be paid as follows (to-wit) all of them as soon after my decease as the money can be collected, except the within named Guilford Luckie and the within named Lorian Luckie, which I allow to be lent to interest by my Executor until they arrive respectively at the age of sixteen years. All my outstanding debts, if any, to be paid. If any of the within legatees should be dissatisfied with the within distribution or conceive that I have done them injustice, I am willing to leave it to be decided by my brothers, James Luckie, Hezekiah Luckie and William Ponder. I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother James Luckie whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

In presence of us:  
Richard Dent.  
William D. Luckie)

John Luckie (Seal)

Schedule; I do hereby give and bequeath unto my little granddaughter, Cynthia McElroy or Jane, McCall McElroy my bed and all the furniture thereunto belonging. Witness my hand and seal the day and year above.

In presence of;  
Richard Dent  
William D. Luckie)

John Luckie (Seal)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County.

Personally appeared in Open Court Richard Dent and William D. Luckie, two subscribing witnesses to the will and to the within codicil and being sworn saith that they saw the within named John Luckie sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament as also the within codicil and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief so help us God.

Richard Dent.  
William D. Luckie.

Sworn to and subscribed in  
Open Court May Term 1823 and ordered  
to be recorded. Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 6th day of May 1823.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 3/3/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Clift of the County of Hardey and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory, blessed be God, do this twentieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and twenty one, make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say.

First. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Kerren Happach Clift, a negro girl Ginny, to have the right of disposal at will and pleasure. Also, I lend unto my beloved wife Kerren Happach Clift, the whole of my estate, both real and personal, to be at her sole disposal during her lifetime, and at her death to be divided as follows: (Viz) I give and bequeath to my brother Zachariah Clift, one negro boy by the name of George. Also I give and bequeath to my sister, Nancy Clift, one negro woman by the name of Miney. Also an equal division of all the rest of my estate between Zachariah and Nancy Clift after the death of my wife Kerren Happach Clift. And further I hereby appoint and constitute my said wife Kerren Happach Clift, my sole Executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of;

William Clift (Seal)

Joel Colley

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in Court Joel Colley and Berriman G. Merit, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named William Clift, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament of writing to be his last will and testament and

Polly x Colley  
her mark  
Berriman G. Merit

at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief and that they saw Polly Colley sign the same as a subscribing witness.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court at July Term 1823 and ordered to be recorded.

Joel Colley  
Berriman G. Merit.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 8th day of July 1823.

Transcribed 3/3/36.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH GARLINGTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #231.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joseph Garlington of the County and State aforesaid, being sick in body, but of sound mind and memory, do make constitute and appoint this my last will and testament, in manner and form following.

Item. 1st. My will is that all my just debts be paid.

Item 2nd. After the payment of all my just debts, as before devises, I lend to my beloved wife, Nancy H. Garlington, the balance and whole of my estate (after paying my debts as above mentioned) both real and personal during he natural life and at her death, I will the same to all my surviving children in equal proportion.

Lastly. I hereby nominate and appoint my brother Conway Garlington, Executor and my wife Nancy H. Garlington, Executrix of this my last will and Testament. This 30th April 1823.

Jos. Garlington (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of us and we in presence of each other.

Alex F. Hill } Georgia, Oglethorpe County. personally appeared in Open Court  
Thomas Dunn } Alex F. Hill and William B. Rainey two of the subscribing  
Wm. B. Rainey } witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn say that they saw the within named Joseph Garlington, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Wm. B. Rainey  
Alex F. Hill.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court July Term Court of Ordinary 1823.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 8th of July 1823.

Transcribed 3/3/36.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joseph M. Molloy of the County and State aforesaid, do make this my last will and testament when I intermarried with my wife Elizabeth S. Molloy, I received with her my negroes Harrison and little John, a negro girl by the name of Lucy which I have sold to Grace Mitchell, two hundred dollars in cash, a bed and bedstead with some other articles of household furniture that my wife who never doubts my affection for her while I was living may have no reason to suppose that the idea of an eternal separation from her could in the slightest degree alter my affection toward her. It is my will and desire and I do hereby will and bequeath to my said wife Elizabeth S. Molloy, the two negroes I received with her, Harrison and Little John and to supply the place of Lucy which I have sold and the two hundred dollars in cash which I have spent. I do further give her the house and two lots which I now live on in the town of Lexington, the Gigg and Gigg horse of which I may die possessed, together with all and singular the household and kitchen furniture that I may own at the time of my death, to her and her heirs forever. In absolute fee simple, I do likewise will and bequeath to my wife, Elizabeth, for and during the term of her natural life my negroes, John Diver, Watt Aggy and Sam and after her death in trust to my executors herein after named for the use of my mother during her life, and after her death, to be equally divided between my three sisters, Sarah T. Meriwether, Elizabeth Cole and Nancy D. Cole, or the survivors of them, to them and their heirs forever. With regard to all other property of which I may die possessed and not herein before mentioned, particularly I give it to my wife and her heirs forever. My desire is that all my debts shall be paid by my wife as soon after my death as possible and for this purpose I hereby empower her (if a majority of my executors shall deem it necessary) to sell any of the property herein willed to her that she may think proper except the negroes willed to her for her life. But with regard to them, I do not wish them disposed of in any way either by her or her second husband (if she should marry again) and provided the said negroes should be sold or hired for a longer term than one year exchanged or disposed of in any manner either by my wife or any husband she may hereafter marry, or provided the said negroes should be levied on to satisfy the debts of my wife, or of any husband, she may hereafter marry, then, in either of these events, I give and bequeath the said negroes to my executors in trust for the purpose herein before expressed. I did not intend by the foregoing clause to prevent my wife from having the said negroes as often as she may think proper but I do not wish the trust herein created to be defeated in any manner or by any person. I have frequently observed in the course of my life the many difficulties which all women have encounter who manage their own business, the great danger to which they are exposed and the many impositions to which they are liable from the dishonesty of mankind. My last desire therefore to my wife is that as soon as the grief which she will feel for the loss of husband shall have so far subsided as to admit of her again entering into the pleasures of the world that she should select some industrious, steady, prudent and above all sober and respectable man to supply the place of him who is no more and may she be as happy with him as I hope and believe she has been with me.

I wish my wife and my uncle John and Joseph I. Moore and Thomas W. Cobb to act as my executor. I hope they will all qualify as such and see my intentions fulfilled.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twelfth day of March eighteen hundred and twenty (being this day twenty six years old) and in the forty fourth and fifth of American Independence.

Joseph M. Molloy (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us;

George R. Gilmer }  
Alex F. Hill }  
F. L. Stewart. }

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court, George R. Gilmer, Alex F. Hill and Fred S. Stewart, three of the subscribing witnesses to the written to the within will and being duly sworn

deposeth and saith that they saw the within named Joseph M. Molloy, deceased, sign, seal publish and declare this instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God. Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court Oct. Adjourned Term 1823.

Fred L. Stewart  
George R. Gilmer  
Alex F. Hill

Recorded the 8th Oct. 1823.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.



IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Hannah Sneed of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia being of a sound mind and memory but calling to mind that I am getting old and must go the way of all flesh, do make this my last will and testament (to-wit) I give one feather bed and furniture to my grandson Henry Holloway Garvin to him and his heirs forever.

2nd. I give to my granddaughter Levina Adams Garvin, to her and all her heirs forever, all the rest of my property that I possess, claim or have a right to (to-wit) All my household and kitchen furniture, one gray mare, my body clothes and one tract of land drawn in the County of Early and 21st District and No. 70 as well as can be recollected and every article known to be mine after my just debts are paid and satisfied, and I do hereby appoint my granddaughter Levina Adams Garvin to execute and carry into full effect this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of August 1823.

Hannah x Sneed  
mark

Test;

Samuel Strong }  
Richard Garvin }  
Ona Garvin }

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Jan'y Term. Court of Ordinary 1824. Personally appeared in Open Court, Samuel Strong, Richard Garvin and Ona Garvin, the witnesses to the within will and after being sworn on the Holy Bible saith that they saw the within named Hannah Sneed, Deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be her last will and testament and at the time of her so doing she was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed at the above Term.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

L. Strong  
his  
Richard x Garvin.  
mark  
Ona Garvin.

Recorded the 9th day of January 1824.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ANN GRIFFITH. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #236.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Be it known that I, Ann Griffith do make and ordain the following my last will and testament.

1st. My daughters Susan Eberhart and Mary Johnson in my opinion, not having received from their father an equal proportion with the others of our children, I leave them the following negroes, viz; To my daughter Susan, I leave my negro boy Frank and to my daughter May, my negro boy Barton Taliaferro.

2nd. It is my will that the remainder of the negroes at my disposal be equally divided amongst all my children, including one of the legatees, the children of my son John Griffith, deceased, and this equal division to be made in the following manner, viz; To my son Robert, I leave my negro boy Hack. To my son James, I leave my negro boy Peter. To my son David, I leave my negro boy Kemp Porter. To my daughter Susan Eberhart, I leave my negro girl Polly. To my daughter Mary Johnson, I leave my negro woman Dafney and her two children, Sarah Ann and Benjamin, with their future increase. Each of those negroes which are mentioned in this 2nd section of my will are to be valued and the whole amount of the valuation to be divided into seven equal shares and those of my children who may have more than an equal proportion agreeable to valuation given them. By this second section of my will shall be bound to pay so much to my daughter, Nancy Eliat and the children of my son John, Deceased, to whom I have given no negroes, and also to those to whom I may have given less than an equal proportion as shall make my part equal to each other.

I do appoint my three sons Robert Griffith, James Griffith and David Griffith my Executors. Written this 12th day of Dec. 1820., her

and signed in the presence of;  
Rebecca Meriwether  
Thos. Meriwether  
David Meriwether

Ann x Griffith (Seal)  
mark  
It is my request to my children that my son David have negro man James and my daughter Nancy, negro woman Dinah at their valuation price.  
her

Ann x Griffith  
mark

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared, David Meriwether, one of the subscribing witnesses to this will and being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he saw the within named Ann Griffith, deceased, acknowledge, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be her last will and testament and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound mind and memory to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

David Meriwether.

Sworn to and subscribed Oct. 1823,  
in Open Court.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 9th January 1824.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas B. Dorsey of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in a terrible state of health of body and of a sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament and in the manner and form following.

Item 1st. I will that all my just debts be paid out of my estate.

Item 2nd. My will is that Agga Ritter and Eastar be at liberty to go and work for themselves after my death.

Item 3rd. My will is that my loving wife Sally Dorsey have and enjoy all of my estate during of her natural life.

Item 4th. After my wife's death, I give and bequeath unto all of her sisters, all of the wearing clothes and all of our beds, bed clothing, bedsteads, cords and mats, two chests, two trunks, loom and gear that doth belong to it and slaves by giving of Liza Whatley, formerly Liza Huckaby and equal share thereof to be theirs and theirs forever.

Item 5th. After my wife's death I give and bequeath to my cousin Clement Dorsey, Wallace, Lewis and Tillar and all of Tillars children to be his and the heirs of his body forever. If he should not have no heirs of his body, then the above named negroes, Lewis and Tillar and all of their increase is to be returned back to my estate after cousin Clement and brothers and sisters and their children that is, every child to have an equal part with the father and mother.

Item 6th. After my wife's death, I give and bequeath to my brother William Dorsey, all of the rest of my negroes that I may have at my wife's death that I have not given away in legacy, but Betty the mother and grandmother of the greater part of the negroes that I have and he is to take Betty home and see that she is well treated during of her life and to see that she is not abused either by white nor black and to have all necessities to nourish her in, her old age, both eating and wearing and to be waited on by one of her children, Ioney, her daughter provided my brother William Dorsey should be alive at the time of my wife's death, if he should not be alive, the above named negro is to be divided equally between all of my brothers and sisters and their children.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my loving wife Sally Dorsey, all of my money and all of the debts due me at my death, and all she makes by the farm and by the work of the negroes, for her to do with it as she pleases, provided she wills it away, and if she does not, it is to be divided equally between my brothers and sisters and their children.

Item 8th. After my wife's death, all after parts of my estate that I have not given away in legacy to be sold on a credit of twelve months and then the money is collected, to be equally divided between Bro. Jarrett's children and sister Ridens children and sister P raero children to be theirs and their heirs forever.

And lastly, I hereby nominate my loving wife Sally Dorsey, my sole Executrix to execute this my last will and testament during of her life and after her death my brother William Dorsey and Cousin Clement D. Wallace my Executors to execute this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us and that on the 19th of February 1821.

Thomas Beach Dorsey (Seal)

her  
Lucrease x Huckaby) Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in  
mark } Open Court Richard Banks, Lucrease Huckaby and Elizabeth  
Elizabeth Banks } Banks, three of the subscribing witnesses to the within  
Richard Banks. } will and after being duly sworn sayeth that they saw the  
within named Thomas B. Dorsey, deceased, sign, seal,  
publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and  
testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the  
best of our knowledge and belief so help us God.

Richard Banks

her

Elizabeth x Banks

mark

her

Lucrease x Huckaby

mark

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
the 5th of Jan'y. 1824.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 9th of January 1824.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RUBIN JOHNSON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #242.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Rubin Johnson of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being in sound health of body and of mind and memory, praise be to God for the same and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have opportunity so to do, make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any other time heretofore made, and first and principally - I commit my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent christian manner. And as to the worldly goods with which it hath pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of the same in the following manner -

First. It is my will that my wife Sarah Johnson should have one bed and all the furniture with it that she brought here with it, and all the rest of the things that she accumulated by her industry since she has been here, and also one cow and one sow, the cow and sow she is to keep during life, or as long as she stays about here and a sufficient support out of what is on hand and a white heifer is her own property, to dispose of as she thinks proper and I will that she should have all the kitchen furniture that belongs to her. Also, I give my daughter Elizabeth Gowers, one dollar and also to Sally Mathews, one dollar. And also to Viney Freeman, one dollar. And, also to Joseph Elberry, one dollar. And the balance of my property, after paying my just debts, I will that it should be disposed of between my two sons, Carey and William Johnson in the following manner:-

I will that Carey Johnson shall have one half of the sheep, hogs and also one third of the land I have in Early, if not disposed of in my life, and I will that my son William Johnson should have all the balance of my property that is no other way disposed of. Furthermore, I do constitute and appoint my wife, S Sarah Johnson and my son William Johnson and my son Carey Johnson, Executors to this my last will and testament. In testamentary whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this eighteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, in the presence of; Test:

Isham Hendon  
Edward Carter  
Robert G. Carter

Rubin x Johnson (Seal)  
mark

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Appeared in Open Court Edward Carter and Robert G. Carter, two of the witnesses to the within will and after being sworn say, that they saw the within named Rubin Johnson, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
and ordered to be recorded in full except  
the NB May Term 1824.

Edward Carter,  
Robert G. Carter.

Mat Rainey, C.O.O.

Recorded the 5th day of May 1824.

Transcribed 3/4/36.

Mat Rainey, C.O.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BENJAMIN TRIBLE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #244.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Benjamin Tribble of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do publish this; to be my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all other wills heretofore made.

IMPREMISE. First, it is my will and desire that my body be decently interred by my friends and executors and I will and bequeath my soul to Almighty God who gave it in hopes of its gracious acceptance with him.

Item. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of my estate and the remainder to be disposed of in the following manner:

Item. I give and bequeath my beloved son Spilsby Tribble, one bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Josiah Tribble, one bed and furniture and one horse and fifteen dollars.

I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Tribble, one bed and furniture, one horse, bridle and saddle and fifteen dollars. And the rest of my children I leave one dollar apiece. And the rest of my estate, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife her lifetime and after her death, to be equally divided amongst all my children if my son Benjamin pays up what he owes the estate. If not, to be out out with one dollar.

It is my will and desire that my Executors sell the land to pay my debts if they think proper.

Item. I do nominate and constitute and appoint my beloved wife and son Thomas Tribble and Spilsby Tribble, Executors of this my last will and testament and hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this the 27th of May in the year aforesaid 1824.

Benjamin x Tribble (Seal)  
mark

Test: Jesse Carter  
Charles Carter  
Robert G. Carter

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court, Jesse Carter, Charles Carter Senr. and Robert Carter the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn depose and say that they saw the within named Benjamin Tribble, deceased, sign (or make his mark) seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court at July Term 1824.

Jesse Carter  
Charles Carter, Senr.  
Robert G. Carter

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded July 12th, 1824.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 3/4/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM HARDMAN. (Original will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #246.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Hardman of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in bad health of body, yet of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die, and considering the mortality of my body, do make, constitute and ordain this to be my last will and testament. That is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body, I do recommend it to be buried in a christian like manner, at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive it again by the power of Almighty God. And, as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, will and dispose of it in the following manner, that is to say - First, all just debts be paid.

Item. I give and bequeath all the negroes I am in possession of at this time, or may die possessed of, unto my beloved wife Zellely Hardman and all their increase during her widowhood or her natural life with the plantation I now live on, with all my stock, household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools etc during the same period of time and whenever the said Zellely Hardman, my wife shall feel encumbered with said negroes or any other property of any kind, it is my will that my wife, Zellely Hardman call three disinterested persons to value said property of what kind soever and at the valuation of said property to be equally divided among my children, share and share alike. I also will and desire if not sold by me in my lifetime, one tract of land lying in Henry County, thirteenth District, No. eighty six, to be sold by my wife Zellely and the money arising from the sale of said land to be divided among my children equally, share and share alike.

Item. I will and bequeath unto my son John Hardman, all the property I have given in my lifetime, to hold free from any encumbrance, and equal share and share alike of all other property when divididd is made except the land I now live on which will be disposed of as hereafter mentioned.

Item. Patsy Barnett, wife of Benjamin Barnett, I give and bequeath all the property I have given them in my life time, free from all encumbrance, and the land that I now live on at the death of my wife, Zellely, the land to be sold and equally divided among my five daughters, viz; Patsy Barnett, Fanny Pool, Nancy Floyd and Betsy Brooks. Sally Huff and my son John Hardman is to have not part in the division of this piece of land, but in all the other divisions equally.

Item. Fanny Pool, wife of Wm. Pool, I give and bequeath all the property I have given them in my lifetime, free from all encumbrance, said Fanny, wife of said Pool, both of them are to have no more of my than is above named with the negro I gave him a bill of sale for instead of a deed of gift.

Item. I give and bequeath to Betsy Brooks, wife of Thomas Brooks, all the property I gave them in my lifetime, free from all encumbrance. I give said Brooks a negro girl named Mervra, which I gave him a bill of sale for, which gives it the appearance of a sale made by me to said T. Brooks. I gave said negro and now bequeath said negro to him.

Item. I give and bequeath to Nancy Floyd, wife of Robert Floyd, all the property I gave him in my lifetime, free from all encumbrance except three hundred I gave him as lent, which money he has to pay no interest on, and said Floyd, if he pays the money, then he is to have his share equal. If not pay the money, my wife Zellely, or my executors that will be appointed hereafter, to stop it until they are all equal.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Sally Huff, wife of Robert Huff, all the property I gave them in my life time free from any encumbrance.

I do ordain and constitute this to be my last will and testament, revoking all other wills and testaments whatever and I do appoint my wife, Zellely Hardman and Robert Huff sole Executors to this my last will and testament, April 22nd, 1824. We have affixed hereunto hands and seal.

William x Hardman (Seal)  
mark

Signed and sealed in presence of us;

Test;

James Macoy

David Colley

Wm. Hardman)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court, James Macoy, David Colley and William Hardman, the witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn deposed and say that they saw the within named William Hardman, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in  
open court at July Term 1824.

James Macoy } Qualified  
David Colley } witnesses.  
Wm. Hardman }

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 12th day of July 1824.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BANKS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #248.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Richard Banks, being poorly of body but of sound and disposing mind, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the name and form following (to-wit)

Item 1st. My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid.

Item 2nd. I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Banks, all of my estate during her natural life or widowhood except those beds, bedsteads and furniture that is already given to my children.

Item 3rd. After my wife's death or marriage, it is my will and desire that all of my estate shall be sold, giving twelve months credit, except the beds, bedsteads and furniture already given to my children.

Item 4th. It is my will and desire that all of my children live together and be supported out of my estate, schooling, clothing and boarding until married and I also give my wife the preference and privilege of all of the children that we have had since we have been married, to live with her, if she should marry again.

Item 5th. I will and bequeath to my two oldest daughters, Polly and Neemie, to have the beds, bedsteads and furniture that is called theirs to have them now delivered to them.

Item 6th. It is my will and desire that all of the rest of my children to have a bed bedstead and furniture if they be raised by the family out of my estate before my wife's death or marriage and if not raised, that each of them to have the value of Polly and Neemie's beds, bedsteads and furniture. When my estate is sold, the value thereof collected, if they should be of lawful age or married.

Item 7th. It is my will and desire that all of my children, together with my wife, if she should marry, to have an equal share or part of all my estate and I ordain and appoint my wife Elizabeth Banks and James Banks, my Executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th March 1824.

Richard Banks (Seal)

In presence of us:  
Noah Lacy  
G. Hudspeth  
Columbus Hudspeth

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court, Noah Lacy, George Hudspeth and Columbus Hudspeth, three of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn deposed and saith that they saw the within named Richard Banks, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare this instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
Sept. Term 1824. and ordered to be  
recorded in full.

G. Hudspeth  
Noah Lacy  
Columbus Hudspeth.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 10th Sept. 1824.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM FREEMAN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #250.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Freeman of the State and County aforesaid, being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament.

Item 1st. I give my body to the grave and my spirit to God who gave it.  
2nd. I give to my beloved wife Dorothy Freeman the tract of land whereon I now live containing two hundred and fifty acres adjoining Moon and others, also one tract of land in Clark County containing two hundred and ten acres adjoining Sheets and others. Also, an interest in a tract of land in the County of Wilks whereon Francis Freeman now lives adjoining Mrs. Wooton and others. Also one negro girl named Let, also other personal property consisting in horses, cows, hogs, household and kitchen furniture and all other property not herein before named or herein after, expressly willed to some other person.

3rd. It is my will that out of the above named property, that all of my just debts be first paid.

4th. I give to my beloved brother, John Freeman one tract of land in the 5th District of Dooly County containing two hundred two and 1/2 acres, known by No. 170.

5th. I give to my beloved brother Joseph Freeman, one tract of land in the County of Gwinnette, containing two hundred two and 1/2 acres in the 7th District and known by No. 298.

6th. I give to the present children of my beloved half brother Allen Freeman, one tract of land in the County of Hall, containing two hundred two and 1/2 acres in the 11th District, known by No. 132.

7th. I give to my half brother Allen Freeman, one dollar.  
Item 8th. I give to my beloved half brother George Wesley Freeman, one dollar.

Item 9th. I give to my beloved brother Henry Freeman, one dollar.  
Item 10th. I give to my beloved half brother Laban Freeman, one dollar.

Item 11th. I give to my beloved half sister Ailey Orr, one dollar.  
Item 12th. It is my will that the gifts made from the 7th to the 11th Items in this will, be paid out of the legacy left to my beloved wife.  
Item 13th. I leave my beloved wife Dorothy Freeman, Executrix of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of August 1824.

Wm. Freeman

Signed in presence of;

Jack Lumpkin. } Personally appeared in Open Court, Charles Moore, Francis  
Chas Moore } Moore and John Ellis, three of the subscribing witnesses to  
Francis Moore } the within will and being duly sworn depose and saith that  
John Ellis } they saw the within named Wm. Freeman, deceased, sign, seal,  
publish and declare this instrument of writing to be his  
last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound  
mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God.  
Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
Sept. 7, 1824 and ordered to be  
recorded.

Chas. Moore  
Francis Moore  
John Ellis.

Mathew Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 16th Sept., 1824.

Transcribed 2/4/36.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN GRIMES. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #253.)

State of Georgia. GODS WILL BE DONE.  
I, John Grimes of the village of Lexington, State aforesaid, Merchant and native of Scotland, being of sound mind and memory and understanding, thanks be to God, but being weak in body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die; I recommend my soul to the God of my life through Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and my body to the God of the Spirits of all flesh, trusting to rise in glory where soul and body shall be united in glory to all Eternity. My body I request to be buried in a christian and decent manner at the discretion of my executors herein after named and as to what worldly estate, both real and personal it hath pleased God to bless me with, I wish and request my executors to dispose of as they may think proper and after paying all my just and lawful debts, the remainder to be divided among my wife and children agreeable to the laws of the state.

I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Marion Grimes Executrix and my son John J. Grimes and Daniel M. Grimes (all of Lexington) and my son in law, James W. Henry of Savannah my Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 24th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen and in the forty first year of American Independence.  
Pronounced, signed and sealed in  
presence of;

Elisha Strong  
Jos. H. Mead  
Wm. M. Horton

John Grimes

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court Elisha Strong and William M. Wootan, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn depose and saith that they saw the within named John Grimes, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief and that they also saw the within named Joseph H. Mead subscribe the same as a witness so help us God.

Elisha Strong  
William M. Morton.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court at Sept. Term 1824 and ordered to be recorded in full.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded the 14th day of Oct., 1824.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 3/4/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MATTHEW GALLAWAY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book WB", Page #254.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Matthew Galloway of Oglethorpe County, State of Georgia being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory, thanks be to God for his mercy and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills by me heretofore made. Principally and first of all, I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it in the hopes of its gracious acceptance with him and my body I resign to the earth to be buried in a decent manner.

Secondly. My will and desire is that out of my estate all my just debts be paid.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Polly Galloway during her natural life and to be disposed of at her pleasure, one good horse or man saddle and bridle, one good feather bed and furniture, one pot and pot hooks, one dutch oven, one good cow and calf, one sow and pigs, one half dozen chairs, one hand saw and drawing knife, one trunk, one table, half dozen knives and forks, one dozen plates, two dishes, half dozen cups and saucers, one axe, one frow, one iron wedge and one mattock. I also lend unto my said wife during her natural life the use of the tract of land containing fifty acres which I have in this will directed my Executors to purchase for her, together with my negro man Daniel, my negro woman Patty and my negro boy Jackson, and am ample support of born, fodder and meat to be adjudged of by my Executors. But should my wife marry again, at her marriage I desire that my negro woman Patty remain with her and my negroes Daniel and Jackson be sold by my Executors and the money divided equally between all my children as directed in this will.

Fourthly. Having given to my son William Galloway the sum of one hundred and forty dollars as per his receipt to me, I confirm the same to him.

Fifthly. Having given to my son Levi Galloway, the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars as per his receipt to me, I confirm the same to him.

Sixthly. Having given to my son Willie Galloway, the sum of one hundred and eighty nine dollars as per the receipt to me, I confirm the same to him.

Seventhly. Having given to my son Anderson Galloway, the sum of two hundred and seventy seven dollars as per his receipt to me, I confirm the same to him but he is not to have any more of my estate until all my children shall have received the amount of two hundred and seventy seven dollars.

Eighthly. Having given to my son Brittain Galloway the sum of one hundred and fifty nine dollars, I confirm the same to him.

Ninthly. Having given to my son James Galloway the sum of two hundred and three dollars and twenty five cents as per his receipt to me, I confirm the same to him.

Tenthly. Having given to my son Thomas Galloway the sum of one hundred and seventy one dollars, forty three and three fourth cents as per his two receipts to me, I confirm the same to him.

Eleventhly. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Galloway, at her marriage or coming to the age of eighteen years, one good horse or mare, saddle and bridle, one good feather bed and furniture, one negro girl named Ava provided the said negro is not redeemed by Johnson Hendon or his representative to the said Sarah marriage or coming to the age of eighteen years and the sum of two hundred dollars, but should negro girl Ava die or be redeemed by Johnson Hendon, or his representative previous to the said Sarah's marriage or coming to the age of eighteen years, I desire that my executors may purchase for my said daughter, another negro girl of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars or pay her the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars cash, exclusive of the two hundred dollars left to her by this will.

Twelfthly. I give and bequeath to my son Nathan Galloway, one good horse or mare, saddle and bridle at his coming to the age of twenty one years, one good feather bed and furniture at valuation and whatever they may lack of amounting to the sum of two hundred and seventy seven dollars. I desire that the balance may be paid to him in cash so as to make him up the sum of two hundred and seventy seven dollars.

Intestately. My negro boy Markin I desire may be hired out by my Executor for one year and all the rest and remain of my estate, not particularly mentioned in this will, I desire may be sold on a credit of twelve months and the money arising from such sale, as well as the money arising from the hire of my negro boy Markin, together with the money due to me on Bonds, Mortgage and notes, I desire may be divided amongst all my children as to make each of them share equal.

And lastly. I do nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved son Levi Callaway and Willis Callaway, Executors of this my last will and testament, who are hereby directed to sell and dispose of my negro woman, Edy, my wagon and three horses at their discretion to purchase a tract of land containing fifty acres for my wife. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of us;

Attest:  
Phillip H. Burgford  
Henry Alleb  
Wm. M. Stokey, J.P.

Matthew Callaway (Seal)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court, Henry Allen one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn says that he saw the within named Matthew Callaway, deceased, sign, seal and publish and declare this instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of my knowledge and understanding so help me God.  
Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
Jan'y Term 1825.

Henry Allen

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 4th Jan'y. 1825.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 5/5636.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN DIX. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #256.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County, first day of October 1824. That I, John Dix of the County and State aforesaid do by these present make my last will and testament, revoking all other wills made by me.

1st. I desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors.

2nd. I give unto my daughter Nancy T. Bailey one negro by name of Joe, also one bed and furniture and horse worth sixty dollars and one cow and calf that is now in her possession.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Francis McWhorter one negro boy named Jerry, also one bed and furniture, one horse worth sixty dollars and one cow and calf.

4th. I give and bequeath to my son James T. Dix, one negro boy Stephen with one horse now in his possession, one cow and calf, one bed and furniture.

5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth, one negro boy by name of Winston, one horse, one bed now in her possession, one cow and calf.

6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah W. Dix, when she becomes of age, or marries, one negro boy named Sam, one horse worth sixty dollars, one bed and furniture and one cow and calf and it is to be particularly understood that if the said boy Sam dies before the said Sarah marries or becomes of age, then in that case she is to have one other negro of the same value out of the property that will be in the possession of my wife.

7th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Lobertha Dix when she becomes of age or marries, one negro boy by the name of Isaac, one horse worth sixty dollars, one bed and furniture and cow and calf and it is particularly to be understood that if the said boy Isaac dies before the said Lobertha marries or becomes of age, then and in that case, she is to have one other negro of the same value out of the property that will be in the possession of my wife.

8th. I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth Dix during her widowhood, one tract of land whereon I now live containing three hundred and thirty one acres, also nine negroes Viz: Jacob, Jenny, Sophia, Dick, Lucy, Dilse Paul, Lewis and Randall, with all my stock of every description, together with household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools or utensils, that is, or may not be otherwise appropriated.

9th. Provided nevertheless that if my wife Elizabeth Dix should intermarry, then and in that case, I give and bequeath to the following negroes, Viz: Dick, Lewis and Dilse, together with all the household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools and stock of every description during her natural life and after her death, then my Executors are to take all real and personal property claimed or held by me in trust under the following instructions; that is to say, an equal division between all my children except James Bailey, to whom I have special reasons the one sixth part thereof I bequeath to Nancy T. Bailey and the heirs of her body forever. And I do hereby constitute and appoint William Lumpkin Sen'r. and James T. Dix my lawful Executors this day and year first above written. (the word in trust) interlined before assigned.

Test:  
James Brockman  
Joseph Lumpkin  
J. Houghton

John Dix (Seal)



PROBATE. Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court Joseph Lumpkin and James Brockman, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being sworn on the holy gospel, say they saw the within named John Dix, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief and that they saw J. Houghton sign the same as a witness, so help us God.

James Brockman  
Joseph Lumpkin.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
at Jan'y Adjourned Term 1825 and  
ordered to be recorded in full.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 28th January 1825.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Transcribed 3/6/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JONATHAN BAILEY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #260.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. I, Jonathan Bailey considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, thanks be to the Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, (that is to say) First, my will and desire is that all my just debts be first honorably paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath to my eldest son, George L. Bailey three negroes (to-wit) Armistead a negro man, Dick a negro boy and Letha a girl with her increase to him and my said son George, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Bailey three negroes (to-wit) Dinnie a man, Dinah, a girl and Mary, a girl with their increase to him, my said son John, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Martha Bailey three negroes (to-wit) Burwell, a man, Phillis a woman, and Edna a girl; with their increase to her, my daughter Martha her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Bailey, three negroes (to-wit) Isaac a man, Daphney a woman, and Eliza a girl, with their increase, to her my said daughter Elizabeth, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Bailey, two negroes (to-wit) Ben a man, Doll a woman, with her increase. To her, my said daughter Sally, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Bailey three negroes (to-wit) Guy a man, Allick a man, and Marian a girl, with her increase, to her, my said daughter Polly, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my four daughters, Martha, Elizabeth, Sally and Polly, each of them a good horse and saddle for their own use.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Crowder, a negro man by the name of Charley to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Bailey, one negro boy by the name of Jim to the use of herself and the heirs of her body forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Levi Wilder who married my daughter Lucy, one negro boy named Major to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter, Lucy Ann Wilder, daughter of Levi and Lucy Wilder, one negro girl by the name of Mina with her increase to her and her heirs and assigns forever and in case the said Lucy Ann Wilder should die without issue and while a minor, then to her father Levi Wilder and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I further give and devise my four daughters (to-wit) Martha Bailey Elizabeth Bailey, Sally Bailey and Polly Bailey, their heirs and assigns forever, all that tract of land situate, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid whereon I at present reside to be divided into four equal parts, each to have one fourth part to be distributed by lot, the said tract of land containing by estimation six hundred and eighty six acres, more or less.

Item. I give and devise to my two sons George Bailey and John Bailey, their heirs and assigns forever, all that tract of land on Long Creek, containing by estimation six hundred acres more or less, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid and granted to Nathaniel and Martin Nalls and purchased by me of the estate of William Bailey, deceased, the same to be divided into two equal parts to be assigned to them by lot.

And lastly. It is my will and desire that my other property not herein disposed of, shall be sold under the direction and by my Executors for the purpose of raising money to pay my debts, if any shall exist against me at my death, and after they are all discharged, if there shall be any, money or property yet remaining in their hands, then it is my wish, will and desire and they are hereby directed to pay to my daughter Sally Bailey, the sum of five hundred dollars if as much shall be in their hands, and if not as much as that sum, then such amount as they may have. This legacy is given in consequence of my said daughter Sally not having but two negroes willed to her in this my will. If after the payment of the above directed legacy, then should remain a balance of money or property in the hands of my executors, then such residue to be equally divided among my children.

I hereby appoint my trusty friends, Charles Bailey and John W. Cardwell my

Will of Jonathan Bailey, cont'd.

Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 13th day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the above named Jonathan Bailey to be his last will and testament in presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in presence of the Testator.

John Walton  
John Hardeman  
Chas. V. Collier.

Jonathan Bailey (Seal)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court Jno. Hardeman and Chas. V. Collier two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn depose and saith that they saw the within named Jonathan Bailey, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare this instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory.

Jno. Hardeman  
Chas. V. Collier.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
July Term 1825.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 19th July 1825.

W.M.B. Rainey, Deputy Clerk, C.C.O.

Transcribed 3/5/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HENRY HAYNES. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #264.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Henry Haynes of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, knowing the uncertainty of life and the surety of death, being of feeble body, though sound mind, do make this my last will and testament revoking all others he thereto made.

First. It is my will and desire that my body be decently buried and that all my just debts be paid first.

Item 2nd. I give and desire to my dearly beloved brother Jasper Haynes and the heirs of his body eight negroes (Viz) Fanny a woman, Hager, Fan, Lucinda, Sarah with their increase. Flit a man, George, Aaron, boys all of which said eight negroes I give to my said brother Jasper and the heirs of his body forever.

Item 3rd. I also give unto my said brother Jasper Haynes and the heirs of his body, all my interest in the tract of land whereon I now live, together with all my crops of corn, cotton, fodder and also all my horses, cattle, hogs, household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools together with all the property not herein mentioned which I may be possessed of at my death.

And lastly, I do nominate and appoint my beloved brother Jasper Haynes Executor to this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of October eighteen hundred and twenty five.

Henry Haynes (Seal)

Test:

Charles Bailey  
Samuel Lumpkin  
George W. Birdsong

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally came in Open Court Samuel Lumpkin, George W. Birdsong and Charles Bailey, three of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named Henry Haynes, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare this instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open  
Court Nov. Term 1825.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Charles Bailey  
Samuel Lumpkin  
George W. Birdsong

Recorded 10th Nov. 1825.

W.M.B. Rainey, D. P. C. O.

Transcribed 3/5/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF AMY D. HENDRICK. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #265.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Amy D. Hendrick of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia do make this my last will and testament. First of all after my death, I desire to resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a christian manner and of the goods and chattels which the Lord hath been pleased to confer on me, I devise to be disposed of in the following manner, Viz; My negro man called Bill, my bed and furniture, my horse and saddle and everything that I do possess. I will and bequeath to my daughter,

cont'd.

Will of Amy D. Hendrick, cont'd.

Betsy Herring, the wife of Gresham Herring to use and enjoy during her natural life and after that to her children to be equally divided amongst them this is my last will and testament.

In ratification I hereunto set my hand this the 28th of December 1817.

Test:

Isham Goss  
Nancy Goss

Amy Davis Hendrick

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally came in open court Isham Goss one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn saith that he saw the within named Amy Davis Hendrick, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare this instrument of writing to be her last will and testament and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound mind and memory to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
Nov. Term 1825.

Isham Goss

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 10th November 1825.

Wm. B. Rainey, D.C.C.O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LUCY THAXTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #267.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Lucy Thaxton of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make and constitute this my last will and testament this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty five.

Item 1st. I give my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors and my soul to God who gave it.

Item 2nd. I give to my beloved daughter Patsy Degraftenreed two trunks and all my wearing apparel.

Item 3rd. I give to my two granddaughters Catherine and Polly Degraftenreed each a feather bed and furniture.

Item 4th. I give to my grandson Yelverton Baker and Vincent Monroe Degraftenreed each fifty dollars.

Item 5th. I give to my son Charles Thaxton, one dollar.

Item 6th. I give to my son Yelverton Thaxton, one dollar.

Item 7th. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Johnson, one dollar.

Item 8th. I give to my son William Thaxton, one dollar.

Item 9th. I give to my daughter, Mary Hale, one counterpane or one bed cover.

Item 10th. I give to my son Thomas Thaxton, five dollars.

Item 11th. I give to my beloved grand children, the heirs of Thomas and Isabella Thaxton, to-wit- James, Elizabeth, William, Richard, Thomas, Charles, Mary and Martha Thaxton and all the own brothers and sisters which they may hereafter have, or all the children which my son Thomas and my daughter Isabella may yet have.

The following property viz. All that interest which I now have in the estate of my father Charles, Clay, now deceased formerly of the County Powelton and State of Virginia which claim is now in suit in the Court of Chancery, and it is my will that this estate when received by my Executor, shall be held as a common stock for the above legatees as they arrive at the age of twenty one years each one to receive his or her proper and equal dividend.

Item 12th. I give to my beloved grandson James Thaxton, son of Thomas, one baymare four years old.

Item 13th. I leave my son Thomas, sole Executor of this my last will and testament to collect all debts which are now due me and when a sufficiency shall have been collected, to pay the above monied gifts and not before. Also to manage that estate willed to his children, to collect and receive the same to keep it together as a common stock, make all possible improvements of it and distribute to each of them their part as herein before pointed out.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date first above written.

Lucy x Thaxton (Seal)  
mark

Signed in the presence of;

Jack Lumpkin }  
Matthew Dance }  
David Patrick }

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court Jack Lumpkin, David Patrick and Matthew Dance, three of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn, depose and saith, that they saw the within

named Lucy Thaxton, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare this writing to be her last will and testament and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
Nov. Term 1825.

Jack Lumpkin  
David Patrick  
Matthew Dance

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 15th Nov. 1825.

Wm. B. Rainey, D.C.C.O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE BRITTAIN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #269.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, George Brittain, Sen'r. of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in health as is common for men of my age, but knowing that I am mortal and must die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, Viz;

Item 1st. I lend to my loving wife Judith Brittain my negro woman Nan, with all my household and kitchen furniture and all my stock of each kind during her life for her comfortable support and the payment of my little debts, should there be any.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my son, Henry Brittain the tract of land whereon I now live as also whereon my said son now lives on, containing one hundred and twenty acres, more or less, yet it is hereby understood that my son Henry is to let my wife Judith live on the said land and enjoy every comfortable privilege and blessing which the said land and buildings can afford her peaceably and quietly during her natural life and the said land and promises to be his and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd. It is my will and desire that after the death of my wife, all the property in the first item lent to my wife that there may be remaining, be equally divided between all my children (except Henry) either by sale or otherwise as my executors or those interested therein may choose.

Item 4th. I appoint my son Henry Executor to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of December 1825.

George Brittain (seal)

Signed, sealed and published in the presence of and we in the presence of the Testator.

Mat Rainey, Sen'r.  
Isaac Collier  
Jasper Haynes

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally came and Open Court Matthew Rainey, Isaac Collier and Jasper Hayes three of the subscribing witnesses to the within Will and being duly sworn saith that they saw the within

named George Brittain, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare this instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court  
November Term 1825.

Mat Rainey,  
Jasper Hayes  
Isaac Collier

Mat Rainey

Recorded 15th Nov. 1825.

Wm. B. Rainey, D.C.C.O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GATEWOOD DUNN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #271.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. I, Gatewood Dunn of the County and State aforesaid, being sick and of low constitution, but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that it is ordained for all men once to die, do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others;

First of all, I give my soul to God who gave it. Its existence and my body I resign to its mother clay in a decent christian burial.

Item 1st. My just debts all first to be paid out of my estate.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Anna Tuggle, the present wife of William Tuggle, the one equal fourth part of my estate, both real and personal, to her and her heirs forever.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Betsy Copeland, the present wife of William Copeland, the one equal fourth part of my estate, both real and personal to her and her heirs forever.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Kinebrew the present wife of Little B. Kinebrew, the one equal fourth part of my estate, both real and personal to her and her heirs forever.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Dunn the present wife of Waters Dunn, the one equal fourth part of my estate, both real and personal to be her and her heirs forever.

Item 6th. My will is that none of my negroes be sold but that they be put into four equal lots that my daughter Viz. Anna, Sally, Betsy and Polly cast lots for choice of lots.

Item 7th. My will further is that the whole of the remainder of my estate both real and personal, be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between my four daughters above named.

I do appoint my friend William Tuggle Sen'r., William Copeland and Little B. Kinnchrew and Waters Dunn, Executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of September in the year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Gatewood Dunn.

Signed and acknowledged in presence of us;  
Test:

James Northington.

Benjamin Northington A. Labon Short. cont'd.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. Personally came in Open Court James Northington, Benjamin Northington, William Tuggle Jr., and Labon Short, four of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named Gatewood Dunn deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of your knowledge and belief to help us God.  
Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
Jan'y Term 1826.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

James Northington  
Benjamin Northington  
William Tuggle Jr.  
his  
Labon x Short  
mark

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SETH WARD. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #273.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Seth Ward of the County and State aforesaid calling to mind the frailty of life and being in sound and perfect sence and memory, do acknowledge this my last will and testament.

Item 1st. I do desire to commit my body to the dust from whence it was taken and my soul to God who gave it to me.

Item 2nd. It is my will and pleasure that all my just debts should be paid out of the present crop and if that should not be sufficient to be paid out of the crops made hereafter on the plantation.

Item 3rd. I lend to my wife Mary Ward the plantation whereon I now live together with the plantation tools, household and kitchen furniture, and two third of the stock of all kinds. Also a negro man named Phillip during her natural life and at her death, the above named land and property is to go to my granddaughter, Paulina W. Ward.

Item 4th. I lend to PEGGY Ward, wife of my son William D.C. Ward, Deceased, a negro woman named Charlotte and her daughter Rebeckah and all the increase that either of them shall have hereafter during her natural life and at her decease, the said negroes Charlotte and Rebeckah, together with their increase to go to my granddaughter Paulina W. Ward.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter, Paulina W. Ward, a negro woman named Milley, a negro woman named Rachel, a negro boy named Charley and a negro boy named Jerry, a negro woman known by the name of Milley, a negro woman named Leedy, a negro girl named Julia, a negro girl named Biddy and a negro boy named Abraham.

In case that my granddaughter, Paulina W. Ward should decease without any lawful heir or heirs, then all the property given to her as mentioned above, shall be equally divided between my two brothers Samuel Ward and John Ward and my two sisters Hanah Ward and Dicy Ward.

I do appoint William Campbell Jr., and John Hudson (son of Frederick Hudson) both of Oglethorpe County Executor of this my last will and testament. Subscribed with my hand and sealed with my seal, this second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Signed and sealed in the presence;

Seth Ward (Seal)

Jacob Phinizy  
J. A. Blanton  
William Jewel

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court William Jewel, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn deposeth and saith

that he saw the within named Seth Ward, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the within writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of my knowledge and belief so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
March Term 1826.

William Jewel

Jan'y Term 1827 proven by the other witnesses to-wit;  
Jacob Phinizy and James A. Blanton.

Recorded the 10th March, 1826.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Wm. B. Rainey D.C.C.O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN GREENWOOD. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #275.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Greenwood at present possessing full vigor and soundness of body and mind but about to set out on a long journey, I consider it necessary to make this my last will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made.

In the first place, my will and desire are, that all my just debts be paid and the whole of my property be kept together till that is effected.

Again I desire that the tract of land whereon I now live be laid off in four lots, and that my beloved wife Susan Greenwood shall have the first choice of any one of the said lots of land, the other three remaining lots to be  
cont'd.

Will of John Greenwood, cont'd.

drawn for by my three sons Caleb Baker, Samuel and William Greenwood.

Item. My desire is that my negroes possibly thirty one in number be apportioned in the above manner and their increase, my wife having the first choice, the other three choices to be drawn for by my aforesaid son, Caleb B. Samuel, and William except two that I shall dispose of hereafter. I also direct that the whole of my horses be divided in the following manner, viz. My son Caleb B. to be put in possession at any time of the colt called Oscar. Samuel the second largest, William to have a horse of equal value when my Executors shall deem it necessary. The remaining part of my horses, my Executors will dispose of in the following manner, viz; My dear wife to make choice of two of the best belonging to the estate, the remaining part to be sold and the money arising from the sale thereof to be appropriated by my Executors as they may think fit to discharge my lawful debts or otherwise. I also direct that my stock of cattle, hogs, etc., be divided in the manner before laid down, and should this division take place before the fall, my desire is that my wife be allowed as much from the crop, say, corn and pork and every other way as may serve her for the year.

I also direct that all the household and kitchen furniture shall remain in her possession and be divided among my aforesaid sons as she may think proper.

I direct ten dollars to be given to my son, Thomas B. Greenwood out of the above property. The reason I give him no money is because he has drawn his proportion from my estate before, for the amount of which I have made him a deed of gift. I also give unto my daughter W. Catherine Thurman, ten dollars for the same reason, viz; having received her proportion already.

Be it specially understood, should my wife Susan Greenwood marry, one half of the aforesaid property granted her if forfeited and is to be divided between my daughter Catherine Thurmond and William, an equal proportion. I further desire, should any of my sons i.e. Caleb B., Samuel or William die before they are put in possession of their property, their or his share shall be divided equally among those remaining, be it understood however it shall descend to none but the three forementioned or their heirs. The forementioned two negroes specially received in the beginning of this instrument, I dispose of in the following manner, viz; One negro boy called Harry, now at the blacksmith trade, I give unto my son William and should he die before he gets the said boy, although it is my desire he shall become in possession of the said boy at twenty one years of age, the price the said boy shall then sell for, is to be equally divided between his brothers, Thomas, Caleb B., and Samuel.

The second negro alluded to known and called by the name of Big Lizzy, I give unto my granddaughter Jane Thurmond, to be delivered to Harry Thurmond her father for the benefit of the said Jane Thurmond and to be specially delivered to my said granddaughter when she marries or comes of age and her heirs forever.

Now be it known, having full confidence in my wife, Susan Greenwood, I appoint them lawful Executors to act on this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I thereunto affix my name and seal, April 15th, 1819.

John Greenwood (Seal)

Anderson Fambrough }  
John V. Dunn }  
his }  
Thos. x Fambrough }  
mark }

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court, Thomas Fambrough, and Anderson Fambrough, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named

John Greenwood, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief, so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in  
Open Court May Term 1826.  
Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

his  
Thomas x Fambrough  
mark  
Anderson Fambrough.

Recorded 2nd May 1826.

Transcribed 3/6/36.

Wm. B. Rainey, D.C.C.O.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN HARRIS. (Original will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #277.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Harris being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory, knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

First. I resign my soul to God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my surviving friends. I will that all my just debts be paid.

Item 2nd. I will unto my beloved wife Levina P. Riscelah and Nancy and their future increase. Also all that part of my land whereon she formerly lived. From a small branch of saplings on Max Creek thence directly by pine stakes to John Thornbros black gum corner, near the top of the ridge near my house, also two and one half acres which I got from William Taylor, joining the former tract during her widowhood, and in case of marriage or death of my said wife, for the land and negroes with their increase of the females to be sold and the money equally divided between my seven children, Fielder excepted, and that my wife, at my death, immediately after a legal assignment move to the premises I have given her above and have the following property at her disposal.

Will of John Harris, cont'd.

One first choice of my stock of horses, two first choice of cows and calves, my old yoke of oxens and cart, two first choice of hogs, her first and third choice of bed and furniture and a sufficient support of everything necessary for herself, family and stock until she can make a crop to be judged by my Executors. Also according to my marriage contract with her, one negro man Phillip, one cupboard with the sum of one hundred and sixteen dollars to be here according to marriage contract. Also one hundred and fifty dollars out of my estate, or cash in hand.

Item 3rd. I will unto my son Overton, all the residue of my land whereon I now live, also that which I bought of Wiley Thornton, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging. Also one waggon and gear, one yoke black steers, one bed and bedstead and furniture which I put in his possession, two cows and calves, one of which he has received.

Item 4th. I will unto my son John F. Harris for his support and benefit during his life, one bed, bedstead and furniture second choice. Also five negroes named Jack, Amy, Annay, Aban and Prince. Also, my will and desire is that my son Overton should take him and the property I have willed him into his possession and that he, the said John F. receive at all times a comfortable support out of the benefits of said property and if at any time my Executors should discover my said son is not duly attended to and decently clothed and support, I do hereby give unto a majority of my Executors full power and authority to remove him, John F., together with the property willed him to some other or others of my children, and that my Executors exercise their power and authority over him and his property at all times during his natural life for his care and support and after his death, for the property and its increase to be equally divided or sold and the money equally divided among my other children, viz; Ancater Cross, Elizabeth Compton, Frances Stephens, Lucy Hitchcock, Polly Phillips, Henrietta Okelly and Overton Harris.

Item 5th. I will that all the residue of my estate not heretofore willed away, be equally divided or sold and the money equally divided between my seven last named children.

Lastly, I do constitute and appoint my son Overton Harris, John Thornton James Phillips, and David Stephens my lawful Executors to carry this my last will and testament into effect.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. Signed, sealed and published and declared this twenty fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and twenty four. In presence of N. B. I will unto my wife her saddle and bridle.

John Harris (Seal)

Witnesses:

Sol Jennings }  
Micajah Hancock }  
Allen Pye }

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared into Open Court Micajah Hancock and Allen Pye two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn depose and saith that they saw the within named John Harris, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare this instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God.

Allen Pye.  
Micajah Hancock

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court  
May Term 1826.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 3rd May 1826.

William B. Rainey D.C.C.O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM PIERCE TRIPLETE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #280.)

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. The last will and testament of William Pierce Triplete of State and County aforesaid. I William Pierce Triplete considering the uncertainty of this mortal life do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, (that is to say)

First. All my lawful debts are to be faithfully and partially and as speedily as possible to be paid after the payment of which debts I do give bequeath and devise in equal shares to my beloved wife Mary Shaw, to my two sons James Monroe and George Conn and to my two daughters Jane, Elizabeth and Charlotte Catherine, all my property both real and personal or of what kind and nature soever. I do give, bequeath and devise unto the aforesaid Mary Shaw, James Monroe, George Conn, Jane Elizabeth and Charlotte Catherine to be equally divided between them when my youngest child shall arrive at lawful age.

I do also hereby appoint my beloved wife, Mary Shaw, sole Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

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

Signed, sealed, published and declared William Pierce Triplete (Seal)  
by the above named William Pierce Triplete his x mark.  
to be his last will and testament in the presence of us  
who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses  
in the presence of the Testator;

Thomas A. Brewer

Edwards Smith

Josi Glenn.

cont'd.

Habane B. Oglethorpe



Will of William Pierce Triplett, cont'd.

Georgia, Oglethorpe County. Personally appeared in Open Court, Edward Smith, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn, doth depose and saith that he saw the within named William P. Triplett, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare this instrument of writing to be his last will and testament or consent thereto and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court May Term 1826.

Edward Smith.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.

Recorded 3rd May 1826.

Wm. B. Rainey, D.C.C.O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JESSE MARTIN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "B", Page #282.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Jesse Martin being weak in body and believing the time of my departure near, though of sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

First. That my body be decently interred and all my just debts paid in manner hereafter pointed out.

Item 1st. I will unto my wife Elizabeth during her natural life, three negroes, Peter, Nancy and Hopey and after her death for the said negroes and increase of the females of them, to belong to my son Hezekiah. Also at her disposal two mares and one colt, one first choice cow and calf, two first choice hogs, one sow and pigs, two first choice bed and furniture and bedstead, one chest, one folding table, six knives and forks, one dish, six plates, two pails, two fire irons, her saddle and bridle, cotton wheel and cards, flax wheel and a sufficient support of everything necessary for herself family and stock until she can make a crop to be judged of by my Executors. Also one hundred dollars out of any money arising from my estate as soon as the same shall be practicable.

Item 2nd. I will unto my son Hezekiah all my tract of land whereon I now live, containing two hundred acres, more or less, adjoining of Stephens Gilmer and others also Davey, Linda, Nelson, Winney and Edmund and increase of the females of them. Also my smithy shop and its contents.

Item 3rd. I will unto my granddaughter, Lucy Martin, daughter of my son Hezekiah, one negro boy William.

Item 4th. I will unto my daughter Lucy Willhite, eight negroes and their increase of the females, of them at present named, Lucy, Coleman, Easter, Martha, Joe Dalton and Wilson.

Item 5th. I will to each of my other surviving heirs five dollars each, also to the heirs of those of my children which are dead five dollars provided they should apply to my Executor for the same within three years after my death. Should any of them fail to apply as above, the money to go to my son Hezekiah.

Item 6th. I will that all the residue of my estate of every sort and article of value be sold and after discharging my just debts moneys willed away and all other law expenditures, for the residue of money to be equally divided between my son Hezekiah Martin and daughter Lucy Willhite, and I do hereby constitute and appoint my two neighbors, John Thornton and Robert S. Hardman my lawful Executors to carry this my last will and testament into effect. Signed, sealed, published and declared this 9th day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, in presence of;

John Glenn Sen'r  
Thomas Stephens  
James Martin.

Jesse Martin (Seal)  
N.B. I will that if I should be a fortunate drawer in contemplated land lottery, that the land drawn by me be sold and the money equally divided between my son Hezekiah and my daughter Lucy, day and date above written.

Jesse Martin (Seal)

John Glenn Sen'r  
Thos. Stephens  
Thomas M. Glenn  
James Martin.

Georgia, Oglethorpe County.  
Personally came in Open Court Thomas Glenn, James Martin, John Glenn and Thomas Stephens, four of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn depose and saith that they saw the within named Jesse Martin, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare this instrument to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind and memory to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court July Term, 1826.

M. Rainey, C.C.O.

John Glenn Sen'r  
Thos. Stephens  
Thomas M. Glenn  
James Martin.

Recorded 5th July 1826.

Wm. B. Rainey, D.C.C.O.