

State of Georgia } In the Name of God, Amen, I, Sarah Mason of said State and County being
Pelle County } of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life do in it
right and proper before my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the
property which a kind Providence has blessed me to therefore make this my last will and
testament hereby revoking all other testaments made by me.

Item 1st

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner according to
my circumstances and condition in life.

2d Item

I give bequests and devises to William S. York, my Negro servant bearing about twenty five years
of age.

3d Item

I give bequests and devises to my beloved brother Richard Mason the sum of twenty five cents
also my beloved brother Churchill Mason the sum of twenty five cents also to my beloved brother
Larking Mason the sum of twenty five cents also to my beloved brother John Mason the sum
of twenty five cents also to my beloved Edward Mason the sum of twenty five cents also to my
beloved sister Nancy Ray the sum of twenty five cents also to my beloved Sister Elizabeth
Ray and the sum of twenty five cents.

4th Item

I desire and direct that all the balance of my effects after disposing and discharging as
above directed be divided equally amongst my brother Larking S. Mason children to wit
Mathilda C. York, Elizabeth C. York, Jasper H. S. John Wm. William J. Mary Jones
Lucy, Frederick S. Larking Jr. and Stephen Johnson Mason.

5th Item

I hereby countersign this my last will and Testament this the
Twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and
Fifty Eight.

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Sarah ^{Wm} Mason (S)

Signed sealed delivered and published by Sarah Mason as her last will and testament
in the presence of us The Subscribers who subscribe our names hereunto in the presence of said
testator at her special instance and request and of each other this Twentieth Day of September the 15th
1858 - East - Et.

Elias D. Nightower

Joseph H. Morgan

H. Williamson

Court of Ordinary October First 1858

Georgia } Came into open Court at this regular session of the Court Joseph H. Morgan and
Pelle County } Hugh H. Allen and being duly sworn deposed that they saw Sarah Mason sign
and publish the aforesaid as her last will and testament while of sound and disposing mind
And that they witness the same for her at her request and in her presence and of each other on the day
it purports to have been executed

Joseph H. Morgan

Signed and Subscribed in open Court October First 1858

Hugh Allen

Stephen A. Borders Ordinary

Georgia } I William S. York do solemnly swear that the aforesaid writing contains the true last
Pelle County } Will and Testament of Sarah Mason so far as I know or believe and that I will
will and testify to the same by first paying the debts and then the legacies contained in said
will so far as the property will extend and the law requires me and that I will make a true and
just Inventory of said Estate and a just return thereon when demanded required to be given to the
Court to understand and believe you are

Quebec October First 1858

Stephen A. Borders Ordinary

William S. York

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