

James Esrey Will

State of Georgia In the Name of God Amen I James Esrey of Putnam County do hereby certify and State Appraisers being appointed by the said of said and do hereby Give Mourn and Understanding Considering the Certainty of Death and the Uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly Affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave the World - When it shall please God to Call me Hence do therefore Make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in the Manner and Form following That is to Say First & Principal I Commit my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried and after my debts and General Charges are paid I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Thomas B Esrey a certain Tract or Lot of Land lying in the fourth District formerly Baldwin Town Putnam County containing 197 1/2 Acres known known by Sec 205 and the following Negroes viz North Fred Beck, Miss Hannah Ann B. I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Polly one Negro named Jimmy and her two Children Mary & Ben and a girl named Phil and a horse worth Fifty Dollars during her Natural Life and at her death to go to the heirs of her body Item 2nd Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Harriet one Negro named Betty and her two Children Peggy and Patsy and a Negro Boy named March during her Natural Life then go to the heirs of her Body and also I Bequeath her one horse to be worth Forty Dollars. Item 3rd I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Ruthy three Negroes named Luce Samy Jackson during her Life then to go to the heirs of her body & I also give and Bequeath to my Grandson Thomas son of my Daughter Ruthy one Negro girl named Rachel which Negro his Mother is to have the use of during her Natural Life Item 4th I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca four Negroes named Mahnah Joseph Charity Lydia during her Natural Life and then to go to the heirs of her body and also I Bequeath her one horse to be worth Forty Dollars Item 5th I Give and Bequeath to my dear Beloved Wife the following Negroes that is Philip Sarah Pomp Nancy Esther and three of her Children named Caroline Eliza & one together with them I reserve during her Natural Life and at her death I Give and Bequeath them the above said Negroes to my son Thomas B Esrey all the stock and Personal of my Estate both real & Personal I Give to my dear Beloved Wife during her Natural Life or Widowhood and after her death to be Equally divided amongst all my before mentioned children them and their heirs and assigns I do hereby constitute

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and I present My dear Wife Eliza Essey, Executors and My son Thomas Essey, Executors of My last Will and Testament abiding and abiding all former Wills by (as last for made) ratifying and confirming this & no other to be My last Will & Testament.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set My hand & seal the fifteenth day of May In the Year of our Lords English Reign I being then living & being published and declared by James Essey the before named Testator as for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us.

Ensign Alfred
Thomas Johnston
Bradley Anna
Henry Cullifer

James Essey

Georgia
Palmer County 33 The Within Will of James Essey Descend-
antly proved before us by the Oaths of Ensign Alfred Thomas Johnston
and Bradley Anna Subscribing Witnesses to the same the
16 day of August 1826.

Isby Hudson J. G.
Clyford Clifton J. S. C.

Georgia
Palmer County 34 The Within Will duly approved in open
Court and ordered by the Court to be recorded the 11th
September 1826

Shad. B. Rice c.c.o.

William Richards Will

Georgia
Palmer County 35 I William Richards of the County and State
of Georgia being a good heart and of sound and disposing mind and
memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I
have thought and capacity to do so (Make and publish the
My last Will & Testament and first & principally of all I give
My soul into the hands of my Creator who gave all things to
the Earth to be enjoyed all the days of My Executors having
named as to such worldly estate whereunto it has pleased God to bring
me I dispose of the same as follows I give & bequeath
unto my beloved wife Charity Richards for her good & comfort
such & shall in both and even and at the same when