

James McShees Will

I, James McShee of the County of Putnam and State of Georgia being in a low
state of bodily health and of declining mind and memory do make
ordain this my last will and testament in writing and in form following. It is my
will and desire that all my (estate) be divided equally among my children
both male and female to go to and become the property of my children Mary McShee and
her natural heirs and after her death my will that my executors shall see that
on such terms as they may think best for the benefit of my heirs and they are
authorized to make title to the purchase of the same and the proceeds of said
property both male and female as aforesaid be equally divided among my surviving
brothers and sisters then & there alive.

William Stowers Will

In the name of God Amen
I William Stowers being weak in body but strong
in mind do make & ordain and do by these presents make and constitute this my
last will and testament. Item 1st It is my will and desire that all that tract
of land known by the Stowers tract and all that tract of land of William W
and two negro slaves (namely) a boy named Dick and a woman named Sally
the present crop of Cotton also one yoke of Steers and one man and cart to be
sold by my executors and the money to be applied to the payment of William W
debt and the other outstanding debts against my estate.
Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my son John Stowers all that tract or parcel of
land lying on the west side of my own and together with all the appurtenances thereunto
belonging and imbedded and furniture & being in full of proportionable part of
my estate. Item 3rd It is my further will and desire that the plantation or tract
of land I now live on and all the stock and the remaining part of the negroes
to be kept together by my executors as a fund for raising and supporting and educating
my wife and children. Item 4th It is my express will and desire that when the my
youngest child becomes of age or marries that my estate be equally distributed among my
wife Mary Stowers and my beloved children viz Elizabeth Stowers Louis Stowers
Gould Stowers & John Stowers & their heirs & assigns & their heirs & assigns
and be divided equally among all the Stowers part for a horse and cart and
furniture already received as a part of proportionable part of my estate.
Item 5th And I do further more constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary
Stowers John Stowers and William Stowers my true and lawful Executors
to do for me and mine when I am deceased and only the said as they would have the
to do for them when they are no more. in Witness whereof I have hereunto set
hand and affixed my seal this 31st day of November 1829 in the presence
Michael Stowers & George Stowers & John Stowers & William Stowers
Silas Stowers & Michael Stowers of the subscribing witnesses this 21st December 1829
Ordered to be recorded in open Court do hereby & I do so
for Nelson Stowers & John Stowers duly qualified as executors & Executors