

William Will
In name of god amen I William Will of
Georgia Putnam County
This place being of sound mind and memory
Knowing the uncertainty of life as made by
My last Will and Testament in the manner and form following
First I give to ~~my~~ wife Elvira Will two of my
best Negroes which ever she thinks proper to choose except
those given away in this Will to my children. I also give her
my best Horse with his saddle & Bridle his Carriage and with
his harness and furniture & two of my best Cows & Calves two
of Hogs and one half of my Kitchen furniture
to do what she pleases with the same Negroes and all.
I also give my beloved Wife during her life for her and my child
that is not married to support upon during her life and for
the support of the above children until they marry or quit
plantation the plantation I am now living on with part of
the Tract of Land I bought from Alexander McDonald
lays on this ^{side} of Creek say twenty or thirty acres, with one
fourth part of my plantation Tools for &c. and provision
and then one year. I then I give my daughter Leahy B.
Lawson some time back one Negro boy named Jo. and other
property I now give my daughter Leahy B. Lawson's Children
the Tract of Land where David Lawson and family is living
together with every thing belonging to said plantation unto the
said Children three years &c. But in not to have possession of
said Land nor receive any benefit that may arise of the said
Land so long as their Mother Leahy B. Lawson thinks proper
to keep in possession the said Land or plantation but when
my daughter Leahy B. Lawson thinks proper to give up her claim
to the above Land my Executors will sell the same and divide
the money between her Children. It is also my Will if
there should be any thing more after making an Equal
division agreeable to this will of the balance of my
property to be divided. My daughter Leahy B. Lawson is
to have any more of said Estate in her own State but she
may have the use of it let it consist in what it may
during her life or as long as she thinks proper to keep
the same in possession but is at liberty to give up the Land
and other property or money to her Children should be
be any I allow my daughter Leahy B. Lawson's Children
to an Equal share in place of their Mother.
But each of my other Children Except John I do not
receive three hundred dollars a piece before my daughter
Leahy's Children can claim any part of my property
in their mother's name before what is given to each child in this
Will

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- 3rd I give my daughter Amelia Porter some time back one
Negrow boy named Frank and other property I now give
one Negrow girl named Abbs
 - 4th I give my daughter Bessy Hudson some time back one
Negrow boy named Head and Fifty Five dollars to pay for
Land at popcastle and other property I now give
her a Negrow girl named Sarah.
 - 5th I give my son Shaddens B. Russ some time back
Four hundred dollars in cash since then I gave him
four hundred dollars in Wlts Land & other property
 - 6th I gave my son John Russ some time back Four hundred
dollars in cash and other property since then I give
him a part of the money I paid to John Oberdorfer ^{for his}
 - 7th I give my son Abraham F. Russ some time back
Two hundred ~~dollars~~ ^{eight} dollars 48 1/2 cts.
 - 8th I give my daughter Nancy W. Hightower some time back
one Negrow girl named Mary and other property since
then I gave her a Negrow boy named Jefe.
 - 9th I give my son Josiah B. Russ one Negrow boy named
Wood his horse saddle & bridle one Bedstead & Lumber
and Two hundred dollars out of the first money that
is raised from the proceed of my Estate.
 - 10th I give my daughter Polly A. Pruitt some time
back one Negrow boy named Elias and other property
since I gave her a Negrow girl named Mariat.
 - 11th I gave my daughter Mary D. Parke some time back
one Negrow girl named Mitter and other property
I now give her a Negrow boy named Jim.
 - 12th I give my daughter Eliza F. Russ one Negrow boy
named Isaac one bedstead and furniture and Two
hundred dollars in cash.
 - 13th I give my daughter Epsy B. Russ one Negrow girl
named Jude one bedstead and furniture and
Two hundred dollars in cash.
 - 14th I give my son William Russ one Negrow boy named
Charles one bedstead and furniture and
Two hundred in cash.
- All the ballance of my property not named in this will
my Executors will take charge of it and manage it in
way they may think will be the most advantage to
my heirs and after all my debts is paid It is my
Will the ballance shall be Equally divided if any
should be left after complying with the Intention
and meaning this will between all of my...

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My children my daughter Lathyr B Lawson and my son John
 Buss as before mentioned but Lathyr B Lawson is to draw in
 place of their Mother as before stated It is also my will that
 my son Abraham B Buss has the liberty of drawing an equal
 share of my Estate as before stated but should he think proper
 to relinquish his own share in said Estate my Executors will pay
 the amount that would be coming to him over to his children
 Children Equally among him or them that is his child or children
 as the case may be. It is also my will that at my wife's
 death the Plantation &c. left for her support shall be sold
 and if Eliza Epsy or Williams should Live their negro before
 they or either of them comes of age my Executors shall
 make the same good to them or either of them as the case
 may be out of the sale of said land that Ballana to be
 Equally divided between all of my children except Lathyr
 B Lawson as before stated and my son John Buss who
 is out to receive any more of my Estate until each and every
 one of my other children except Lathyr B Lawson receives fifteen
 hundred dollars besides what is given them to each of them
 in this will Lathyr B Lawson will draw in place of their
 Mother on the same terms as before stated in their Mothers
 place.

Lathyr I appointed my friend & neighbor John White my son
 Thaddeus B Buss & Josiah B Buss Executors to this my last will
 and Testament as witness my hand and Seal this 15th day of September
 1825

Acknowledged & delivered before us this 23rd June 1825.

William Buss

William Williams

James W. Taylor

Alexander McDonald.

Georgia
 Putnam County

Codicil to the Last Will & Testament of William Buss

It is further my will & desire that my beloved
 Wife Elanor have my negro woman Niece to be her own to do with
 as she may think proper It is further my last will & Testament that
 if my Wife and Executors should think proper it advantageous to
 advise to sell the land together to my beloved wife during her
 life time that they have the full power of disposing of the
 same with my other lands in any way they may think proper
 I give and bequeathed Josiah B Buss eight hundred dollars
 which I have advanced him some time ago & which stand
 charged against a debt book against him in the property book
 in the foregoing & the said property is now subject to the direction of my Executors & I hereby
 I have hereto set my hand this 15th November 1825
 William Buss
 Josiah B Buss, John Buss, James W. Taylor, Alexander McDonald

Probate to Wm. Pres. West & Son

Georgia } The within Will of William Pres produced in
 Putnam County } open Court by Thos B Pres one of the nominated
 Executors in & the same and duly proved by the
 Oaths of Jany W Taylor John Burtin & Andrew Park Subscribing
 Witnesses to the same and ordered by the Court to be recorded
 this 19th day of December 1825

Thos B Pres & Co
 Attys

Recorded 19th January 1826

(500)

Noncupative Will Robert Ashurst decd

Georgia } In the name of God Amen
 Putnam County } I Robert Ashurst of this State once coming now
 suffering under bodily affliction but of sound mind and memory for
 which I give good thanks for the same and calling to mind the
 shortness of my sojourn and knowing that all that born must die do
 make and ordain this my last will and testament principal and first
 of all I give and recommend my soul to the Mercy of God who gave
 it my body I recommend to His original dust & as for the
 worldly goods that it has pleased God to bless me in this life, it is my
 will and desire to dispose of in the following manner and form
 following— It is my will that my mill on Murder Creek and
 the lands that I purchased of mitchell then be sold for the benefit of my
 Estate in a small form one to four years one fourth of the purchase
 money paid annually— the balance of my land to be held in
 reserve for the use and behoof of my wife and children until my youngest
 child be come of age or married after that time to be Equally divided
 between my surviving Legates in such manner and form as they think
 most convenient to the benefit of a majority of my said Legates
 It is further my will and desire that all my negroes with my
 stock of all kinds together with my household and kitchen furniture
 be kept together as one common stock for the benefit of my wife and
 children, to be given off to Each Legate in the manner and form
 following (to wit) Was Each Legate be come of law full age or married
 then the whole shall remain that proportionable part of my Estate in such
 manner and form as my Executors think most beneficial to the interest
 of my Estate not exceeding a Legate's part at that time and Each
 Legate's part to be of the same as the first in proportion as is after
 Each Legate has so Received & when there be a surplus left to be again