

Richmond County, Ga.
In the name of God Amen
I Peter Barnes of the County and State
of Georgia Attorney at Law do make
and declare this to be my last Will &
Testament, (Viz)
I give, devise and bequeath all my
Estate Real & Personal, which I am
possessed of or entitled unto either in
Law or Equity, unto my beloved Wife
Elizabeth Barnes, and to my sons, John
and Patrick, share and save alike. In case
my Wife dies, without making any other
distribution of her part, the same to go to our
two sons John and Patrick, so it is my Will
that if John or Patrick should die, unmarried
or without issue, that the part or parts of
such deceased, to go to my Wife and the
survivors. But this is not to prevent her
or either of our sons after becoming of age
selling or disposing of their separate parts
as either may see fit. In case my sons shall
die under age, (and their mother not living)
that the part of my Estate to descend to
my sons, and conveyed by my Nephews
James & Peter Barnes Esqrs.
share and save alike.
I do hereby appoint my said Wife
during her Widowhood of this my
Will & Testament, and I do appoint
George Walker and Seaborn
my Guardians of any two sons of mine

3rd I do empower my Executor with the
power of either buying or selling part and parts of my
Estate as may be deemed best and to
invest the same in purchases of other
property or monies in public funds.
My Executor is also empowered to make
conveyances in all cases where I have
held property, on the purchase or purchase
paying according to contract.

4th In case my wife survives or on John's
becoming of Age, which ever may first
happen, my Estate be divided; and she to
take and hold her share apart from the
rest from that time. And the division
be occasioned by her marriage, the share
or shares belonging to our sons to be under
the controul and Management of their
Guardians. Until the said my
Executor to apply the profits of my Estate
to the support of herself and the support &
Education of my sons. In testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this twenty third day of July in the year of our
Sovereign Lord 1794.

I am sealed & published by the
testator in our presence &
require your presence
Witnessed by us

Johnis Smith
John Murray
John Powell
John Peyton

Peter Barnes (all)

1794
James
John Head } Before John Head Esquire
Agent of Probate for the
County of Richmon

Personally appeared before me Dennis
Smith and John Murray two of the Subscrib-
ing Witnesses to the last Will and Testament
of Peter Barnes Esquire deceased Who
being duly Sworn on the holy Evangelists of
Almighty God, and made Oath that they
were present and did see the said Testator
sign and deliver the said Will to
be and contain his last Will and
Testament and that he was of sound
disposing memory to the best of their
knowledge and belief and that they
with John Powell Jesse Newton and
William Watkins subscribed their
names to the said Will at the request
and in the presence of the said Testator
and in the presence of each other
Given under my hand & Seal
This 11th day of August 1794
and in the 19th year of American
Independence