

State of Georgia.

In the name of God, Amen: I Hodgen Holmes of the city of
and State aforesaid, being at this time weak in body but of sound and disposing
and knowing that all men must die, and wishing to commit to record
concerning those things whereof it hath pleased God to bless me, - Do make
within this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz:

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Holmes all
both real and personal of what nature or kind soever (except as hereinafter
for and during the time she may remain a widow: but if she should
marry then my will is that my daughter Margaret shall, besides the leg-
after mentioned, be entitled to one half or a demisequal thereof, of all my said
after payment of all my just debts; which it is my will shall be done as
possible out of my said estate, so as not to charge the legacy hereinafter
with any part thereof: To her the said Elizabeth Holmes in manner aforesaid
and to her the said Elizabeth the mother, and Margaret the daughter
and each of them heirs and assigns forever.

Secondly I do hereby give, bequeath, and confirm unto my said
daughter Margaret my negro girl child named Nancy, now about six years
old, to her the said Margaret and her heirs forever, without
any charge of my debts aforesaid or in any other manner whatever.
Thirdly I do hereby will and desire it, that in the event of my said wife
Elizabeth dying, I do hereby declare and intend that then my said daughter shall be
entitled to one half of all my said estate, her said heirs forever, and in case
she should be married, then the mother to be entitled to one half of my said
estate her said heirs forever. In my
presence and in the presence of my friends and neighbors

Augusta, Georgia, and the last wishes of the said testator, as expressed in my last will and testament, and also my last will and testament of the said testator.

In testimony whereof, I the said Hodges Holmes have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the testator in our presence and at his request we have signed our names as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other, the day and date above. Ann Taylor, Barbara Kennedy, Joseph Hutchinson.

At a court of ordinary held in and for the county of Richmond on the 21st day of December, 1840, The within last will and testament of Hodges Holmes, deceased, was read in court, and Joseph Hutchinson, esquire, one of the witnesses thereto being duly sworn, made oath that he was personally present and saw the said testator sign and seal, and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be and contain his last will and testament, that he was of disposing mind and memory according to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he together with Ann Taylor and Barbara Kennedy subscribed their names as witnesses to the same, at the request and in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other. Whereupon it was ordered that the same be recorded.

Test, J. M. Watson, Clerk.

In the name of God, Amen. I Catharine Smith of Augusta, county of Richmond, in the State of Georgia, widow, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say. First, I give and bequeath unto Patsy Cresswell, daughter of Robert Cresswell, of the city of Augusta, the sum of Two hundred dollars. I do also give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Smelt, daughter of Dennis Smelt, of the said city the sum of Two hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath unto John Butler, son of David B. Butler, of the said city, the sum of Two hundred dollars; which said several legacies or sums of money I wish shall be paid to the guardians of the said respective legacies within one month after my decease. I further give and bequeath unto Sally Dray, daughter of Thomas Dray, deceased, heretofore of said city, the sum of Two hundred dollars, which said sum shall be paid and delivered unto her when she the said Sally Dray shall have arrived at an age of legal age, or shall be lawfully joined in the holy bands of matrimony. I further give and bequeath unto Nancy Dray and unto Judy (Susanah) the younger daughters of said Thomas Dray, deceased, the sum of Twenty-five dollars each, to be expended in their education. My will and further meaning is that in case Sally Dray aforenamed depart this life under age or unmarried, then and in either such case the aforesaid sum of Two hundred dollars, to her bequeathed as aforesaid, shall equally go and be divided amongst the aforesaid Nancy Dray and Judy (Susanah) Dray, on their severally becoming of legal age and lawfully married. And further that in case the said Sally Dray depart this life as aforesaid, and that either the said Nancy Dray

Augusta, Savannah and Milledgeville, of the said city, and of my last will and testament, and also my said wife's bequest of the

In testimony whereof, I the said Hodges Holmes have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

Signed, sealed, published, declared by the testator in our presence and at his request we have signed our names as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other, the day and date above. Ann Taylor. Barbara Kennedy. Joseph Hutchinson.

At a court of ordinary held in and for the county of Richmond on the 1st day of January 1844.
The within last will and testament of Hodges Holmes, deceased, was in court, and Joseph Hutchinson, esquire, one of the witnesses thereto, being duly sworn, made oath that he was personally present and saw the said testator sign and seal, and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be and contain his last will and testament, that he was of disposing mind and memory according to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he together with Ann Taylor and Barbara Kennedy, both named as witnesses to the same, at the request and in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other. Whereupon it was ordered to be recorded.

Test, J. W. Watkins
Clerk

In the name of God, Amen. I Catharine Smith of the county of Richmond, in the State of Georgia, widow, do hereby certify that I am of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed by God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say. First, I give and bequeath unto Patsy Crosswell, daughter of Robert Crosswell, of the city of Augusta, the sum of Two hundred dollars. I do also give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Dennis Smith, of the said city the sum of Two hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath unto John Gordon Butler, son of David B. Butler, of the said city, the sum of Two hundred dollars; which said several legacies or sums of money I further certify shall be paid to the guardians of the said respective legacies within one month after my decease. I further give and bequeath unto Sally Dray, daughter of Thomas Dray, deceased, heretofore of said city, the sum of Two hundred dollars, which said sum shall be paid and delivered unto her when she the said Sally Dray shall have arrived at and attained the age of legal age, or shall be lawfully joined in the holy bands of matrimony. I further give and bequeath unto Stacey Dray and unto Lucy (also Susannah) the younger daughters of said Thomas Dray, deceased, the sum of Twenty five dollars each, to be expended in their education. And my will and further meaning is that in case Sally Dray aforenamed depart this life under age or unmarried, then and in either such case the said sum of Two hundred dollars, to her bequeathed as afore-mentioned, shall equally go and be divided amongst the aforesaid Stacey Dray and Lucy (also Susannah) Dray, on their severally becoming of legal age and lawfully married. And further that in case the said Sally Dray depart this life as aforesaid, and either the said Stacey Dray or

Georgia.

I John Shaw of the city of Augusta, do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, to wit:

First. I desire that all my just debts may be as speedily paid as the nature of things will admit of.

2^{dy} I give, devise and bequeath to Jonathan S. Hargis and A. C. Hargis, sons of Soniah Hargis, of the said city, Merchants, one hundred dollars each.

3^{dy} The rest and residue of my estate, of whatever kind and nature, I give, devise and bequeath to my father, Ebenezer Shaw, my brothers Silas and David Shaw, and my two sisters Polly and Sarah Shaw, to be divided equally between them.

4th and lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my Josiah Hargis, executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and my seal, this twentieth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and five.

Signed, Acknowledged, in the presence of
Ralph Ketchum, ~~Abraham~~ A. Leggett, Geo. Watkins } John Shaw,

At a court of ordinary held in and for the county of Richmond on the 4th December 1805.

The within last will and testament of John Shaw, deceased, was read in court, and Abraham A. Leggett, one of the witnesses therein subscribed being duly sworn made oath that he was personally present and did see the said testator sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to be and contain his last will and testament, that he was of sound disposing mind and memory according to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he together with Ralph Ketchum and George Watkins, subscribed their names as witnesses to the same, at the request, and in the presence of the said testator in the presence of each other. Whereupon it was ordered to be

Test. Geo. Watkins

In the name of God, Amen. I William Ahead, of the county of Richmond and state of Georgia, being weak of body but of sound mind and memory, bless God for his mercy, do make this my last testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

1st I give and bequeath to my son Nicholas Ahead, one guinea more in addition to what he has already had of my estate.

Second. As it is my wife's desire to give my daughter Elizabeth Ahead ten or fifteen guineas and a mourning ring, I do therefore give and bequeath to her the said Elizabeth the said sum of ten or fifteen guineas and a mourning ring at the discretion of my executor.

Third. I give, devise and bequeath to my sons William Ahead and Seth Ahead and their heirs forever all my lands in the state of Georgia now undisposed of and remaining in the hands of Robert Ahead, John Ahead, and John Callaway to be equally divided between them but to be disposed of by Seth Ahead for the respective benefit of each.

I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ahead the wife of Alexander A. Williams, and her heirs forever the

I do hereby sever and divide the negro
 Mary, with her children, Mary, Henry,
 and Catherine, and my boy, James, from
 the said plantation and the dolly, the daughter of
 the said husband, and to hold the said negroes, house
 and the said dolly, all together and her heirs for
 the said Alexander M. Allibon, nor any future
 heirs of all or any have, shall have or exercise any right, title
 or interest in the said property, nor shall any part thereof be li-
 able in payment of his debt, or the debt of any future husband
 of the said woman, to the said and separate use and bene-
 fit of the said Allibon and her heirs forever.

And do hereby settle to my daughter Priscilla Sims and her heirs forever, to wit, George, Mary, Rachel, Charles and Betty, with their increase, to have and to hold unto Priscilla Sims and her heirs forever, so that her present husband or any future husband which she may have shall not have any right, title or authority in or over the said negroes, nor either of them be subject or liable to the payment of his debts or any future husband, but the same shall be and remain to and for the separate use of the said Priscilla Sims and her heirs forever.

I give, devise and bequeath to my son Cowles Mead all the
whereof I have already executed a deed to him, and also the nega-
tive that he have and to hold to him and his heirs forever.

Give leave and bequeath to my son, Manson, of said
County, all the lands for which I have executed a deed to him, &
my sons Solomon & Emanuel.

I have devise and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Jones
all the part of land containing three hundred and
thirty seven or less, bounded by Duff and Glascock for which
she is being executed and also the negro slaves Hannah, Na-
nie, Thelma, Lewis, and Andrew and their increase: to have
and hold and enjoy as aforesaid to the said Catharine Jones and
her heirs so that her present husband Thomas Jones nor any of
his heirs may have shall not have or exercise any right, title
or interest in the said land or negroes, but the same shall be an
entire and separate use of the said Catharine Jones
1793

to my heirs and bequeath to my son William Mead and his heirs the remaining part of the Cephaard tract of land lying and being due to my sons Charles & Mathew in fee simple with which Stephen together with all my household

and brought to my son Pitts Mead in trust
the sum of \$1000 and his heirs forty four and
one fourth acres, bounded by Briggs and Linn
and a dead

We hereby constitute and appoint my dear
 friend and business partner, Henry Burleigh,
 to receive and take care of the same, and to
 do all things in and about the same, as he may
 think proper. In witness whereof, I have
 hereunto set my hand and the day of February
 1884.
 Wm. H. Burleigh

At a court of ordinary held in and for the county of Richmond in the
The within last will and testament of John Williams of said
said county deceased was presented in court, and John D. Anderson
one of the witnesses thereto subscribed being duly sworn, and
he was personally present and did see the said testator sign
and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be
his last will and testament; that he was of sound disposing
memory according to the best of his knowledge and belief, and
together with John Hamill, esquire, and James Bringer, subjects
named as witnesses to the same; at the request, and in the presence
said testator and in the presence of each other. Whereupon it is
to be recorded.

Test, John Williams

State of Georgia }
Richmond County } This may certify that I Thomas Dobbins of said county
do hereby make my election for myself and my wife Mary
Redman, for a child's part of the estate of William Redman
being my right of dower of said estate, as witness my hand and seal
day of September, anno Dom: one thousand seven hundred and
Test M^r. Foster, J. P.

Thos. Dobbins

Truly recorded, January 18th 1806

Test, Geo. Watkins

Georgia
Richmond County }

I Laurance Somers of the county of Richmond, calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life, and of sound disposing mind, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament.

First. My good friend Captain John Cornick having been kind enough to obtain a credit for me in Savannah at the shop of Francis H. Melman, to the amount of about five thousand dollars, and occasionally furnished at other places, the goods necessary for keeping up my store in this place, by which he is continually liable for me to that amount - my most desired wish is, that all the property I may die possessed of be sold & disposed of to the best advantage, in the opinion of my Executors hereafter named, in order to raise the sum of five thousand dollars, more or less, & the same to be applied towards a satisfaction of all such sum or sums of money as John Cornick may have heretofore, or may hereafter, or after my death, make himself liable for on my account.

Secondly. All the rest and residue of my estate of Richmond County, I give & bequeath to Mrs Catharine Dugan her heirs - who live in the City of Alexandria, State of Virginia.

Lastly I do nominate & appoint my friend John Cornick & Catharine Dugan both of aforesaid, my Executors to carry into effect, this my last will, according to my last intentions and meaning. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18th day of September, 1806.