

In the name of God Amen
I John Collins of the County of ...
State of Georgia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory
do make, publish, and declare my last will and testament in
manner as here following

First I desire that my executor herein after named proceed
with the least possible delay, after my death to pay off and
discharge all my just debts, and to enable him to do so, he may
sell, as he shall deem best, any part of my estate, not however
calculated divided, should that property be, in his opinion insufficient
to pay my debts, he may use and employ the whole of my estate
that I possess (except the negroes now in possession of my daughter
Elizabeth) to the end that he can out of the profits thereof raise
a sum of money equal to the whole of my debts, and that be
therewith discharged, and to enable him to raise money to me
and pressing demands of my creditors or of any of them, he may
renew upon the growth of the future profits of my estate, any
sum or sums of money that may be necessary for the satisfaction of my
creditors

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anne, the
Wages, Sums, Peggy, and Lash and their increase
that may be born after the publication of that will, my house
hold and kitchen furniture, (except three beds and bed furniture
and the crops that may be on my upland place the year of
my death, whether it be growing or housed, to her and her heirs
forever, I also give to her for and during her natural life
the Slaves, Lee, Cuffey and Maria, and the increase of man
that may be born after the publication of that will, my
upland place, containing One hundred acres, on which
is my dwelling house together with all the appurtenances thereto
belonging. Also a part of my Swamp plantation, known as the
Wettable gut field, supposed to contain about fifty acres
all the privelidges and appurtenances thereto belonging

Thirdly I give to my Son James Collins, I give and bequeath
him that and several acres of land, being the same
part of my Swamp plantation, and situated on the place
known as the Wettable gut, which I declare to be part of
the same land that I have given, Also the same
part of my Swamp plantation, and situated on the place
known as the Wettable gut, which I declare to be part of
the same land that I have given, Also the same

That is to say, for the sole and separate use of my said daughter
during her natural life, free from the debts and contracts of
her parents or any future husband, and in further trust after the
death of my said daughter for the use of her children, there and
about, and should any of the children of my said daughter
die, leaving children, then living, that are to represent their
parents, I also give and bequeath to George I. Briggs the
one moiety of the land and slaves given to my wife a life estate, to be held
after the death of my said wife for the use, and under the conditions
and limitations in this clause of my will before expressed, I also
give to him for the same uses and under the same conditions
and limitations, one moiety of the land and slaves given
and devised to my son Saml Collins in the third clause of my
will for his natural life, after the death of my said son, I
also give and bequeath to him subject to the same uses, and
under the same conditions and limitations, one moiety of
the slaves and their increase heretofore given and devised
to my daughter Letitia, after the death of my said daughter
should she die without lawful issue then living
legally. To my daughter Letitia I give and bequeath the
slaves Alex, Sally and Pinaas with their future in-
crease after the publication of this will for and during her natural
life with remainder to her lawful issue should she have any
living at the time of her death. But should she die without any
such issue, remainder to my son John W. Collins and to his
issue for the uses expressed in the preceding clause of my will
in equal moieties. I also give to my daughter Letitia
subject to the same limitations, after the death of my
son John the slave Maria and her increase, I also give
to my said daughter a bed and bed furniture above
mentioned. To my son John W. Collins I give and bequeath
and dispose of four hundred and twelve acres of
land being the upper part of my Swamp plantation
and represented by the plat thereof hereto annexed
marked B. declared to be a part of this will, which plat
included the Wade gut field devised to my wife during
her life, which devise is not by this to be affected, and
the slaves Nelly and Patsy and the increase of them
that may be born after the publication of this will.

and Limitations, one moiety of the Land and Slaves given
and devised to my Son James Collins in the third clause of
my will for his natural Life, after the death of my said Son,
I give and bequeath to him Subject to the same uses, and
under the same Conditions and Limitations, One moiety of
my Slaves and their increase hereinafter given and devised
to my Daughter Lotitia, after the death of my said daughter
Should she die without lawful Issue then living
Sixthly. To my daughter Lotitia I give and bequeath the
Slaves Alex, Sally and Pina with their future increase
born after the publication of this will for and during her natural
Life with remainder to her lawful Issue Should she have any
living at the time of her death But Should she die without
lawful Issue, remainder to my Son John W Collins and to his
I give and bequeath the uses expressed in the preceding clause of my will
in equal moieties. I also give to my daughter Lotitia
Subject to the same Limitations, after the death of my wife
Anna, the Slave Maria and her increase, I also give
to my said daughter a bed and bed Furniture absolutely
Seventhly. To my Son John W Collins I give, bequeath
and devise four hundred and twelve acres of
Land being the upper part of my Swamp plantation
and represented by the plat thereof here to annexed and
marked B declared to be a part of this will, which plat
includes the Wade of wet field devised to my wife during
Life, which devise is not by this to be affected, I also
the Slaves Nelly and Sally and the increase of Nelly
that may be born after the publication of this will
eighthly. After the death of my wife Anna, also
one moiety of the Land and Slaves devised to my
James in the third clause of my will, after the death
of my said Son James to whom I have given
a Life Estate in the same also one moiety of
Slaves and their increase devised to my daughter Lotitia
in the fifth clause of my will after the death of
said daughter without lawful Issue then

the more acres of Pine Land on the Savannah River, being
part of the Beall tract, contiguous to Lands of Cousin
others, the one bed and bed of water, so I have and do
to make of the property here of my bequeathed and devised
to him and his Heirs forever.

Seventhly, all the rest and residue of my estate whether
Real or personal not having before specifically
devised, that may remain after the payment of my debts
I Give and bequeath in equal portions to my said
wife, and my children, James, Elizabeth, John B, and
Solomon, to them and their Heirs forever.

Eighthly I nominate and appoint my Son John Collins
to be the sole executor of this my Last and Testament
and hereby expressly revoke all former wills that may have
been made by me, and declare this to be my only Last
will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand
signed Seal this Twenty Second day of March 1833
Signed Sealed, published and declared
by the Testator, to be his Last will
and Testament, and Subscribed by us John Collins
as witnesses thereto, at his request and
in his presence, and in the presence of
each other.

W. C. Allen
John Chavens
Robert Jones

Given
Richmond County

Personally came before us
Benjamin H. W. and James H. Esqrs. Justices of the
Inferior Court of the County aforesaid, John Chavens and
on oath Faith, that he was present and saw John Collins
Sign and Seal the foregoing will and heard him publish
and declare it to be his Last will and Testament
that at his request he Subscribed it as a witness
in presence of the Testator, and that Robert of Allen
Robert Jones, also Subscribed said will in the presence
of said Testator and all in the presence of each
other and Subscribed.

I, John Collins, do hereby certify that I have seen and read the foregoing will and Testament of the said John Collins, and I declare that to be my true and lawful will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty Second day of March 1842. Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the Testator, to be his Last will and Testament, and Subscribed by us as witnesses thereto, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

John Collins

Rt. Hon. John Chavous
Joshua Jones.

Georgia
Richmond County

Personally came before us Benjamin H. Warren and James H. Cooper Justices of the Inferior Court of the County aforesaid, John Chavous and on oath faith, that he read and gave John Collins Sign and Seal the foregoing will and heard him publish and declare it to be his Last will and Testament and that at his request he Subscribed it as a witness in presence of the Testator, and that Robert H. Allen and Joshua Jones, also Subscribed said will in the presence of said Testator and all in the presence of each other. I swear to and Subscribed before us this 13th Day of July 1842.

John Chavous

B. H. Warren JHC RC
James H. Cooper JHC RC

At a Court of Ordinaries held in and for the County of Richmond on March the 5th day of September 1842, the

will and Testament of John Collins was presented in Court and
been sworn in chambers before their Honors. B H Warner and
Hearer by John Chavous a witness Thence was ordered to be
Recorded

I do

Leon P. Grogan

at a Court of Ordinary held in and for the County
of Richmond, on Monday the 18th day of September
the adjournment. John W Collins the Sole Executor named
in the foregoing will of John Collins deceased, came into Court
and was duly qualified

I do

Leon P. Grogan

Richmond County, Georgia In the Court of Ordinary of Richmond County
I John W Collins Do solemnly Swear
that the foregoing writing contains the true Last will and
Testament of the foregoing named John Collins deceased
as far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly
execute the same, by paying, first, the debts, and then the Legacies
contained in said Will, as far as his goods and chattels will
provide for, and the I do charge me, and that I will
make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods
and chattels. So help me God
I swear to before us in open Court this
18th day of September 1842

John W Collins

Robert C. Otter J. H. R.
Walter B. Otter J. H. R.
B H Warner J. H. R.

Table of Reference

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