

In the name of God Amen. I John Atwell of Richmond County  
and State of Georgia, being weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory  
Wills be given to God for the same, Resolving that what appointed for a man  
Dead, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, touching  
such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this  
life. I give demise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form  
First of all I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Sumner Atwell the plantation  
whereon I now live together with all the plantation tools, two feather  
beds and bedsteads and furniture, two mares, eight, Horses and two Cattle  
and her choice of six Cows & Calves, ten Ewes thirty hied of Hogs, two  
hens & Pigeons, to be hers during her life, and after her Death dividing  
the same to be divided amongst my Children, also it is my request that  
my Wife may have all my Kitchen and house furniture for the above mentioned  
time. Secondly. I give and bequeath to my son James Atwell two hundred  
Acres of land where he now is building and a Negro Boy named Sam  
and a Girl slave named Edy, a sorrel Horse a Cow and Calf, four Pigs  
Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my son Medding Atwell a Negro boy  
named Leaster and a Girl named Leaphonia one feather bed and furniture  
Fourthly. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elender Atwell a Negro Clerk named  
Ruth when she marries, if she lives single my Executor to hire Ruth  
out and my Daughter Elender to receive the benefit thereof after her  
death if no lawful issue to be divided amongst my Children.  
I give and bequeath to my Daughter Polly Atwell a Negro Girl named  
Michael. I give and bequeath to my son John Atwell a Negro Girl  
named Victory. I give and bequeath to my son Mendin Atwell a Negro  
boy named Isaac. The balance of the land at my Wife's death I mean  
to be equally divided between my two sons named John & Mendin.  
I desire that the Negro named Walking should be hired out for the  
maintaining & educating of the young Children, and when  
they are of age for a calling to be sent to the same.  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of  
May 1841.

and the said William named Effie for the within mentioned  
and any person that any other part of my property that may be  
owed after my decease, after paying all my just debts should be  
divided amongst my Children, and I do furthermore appoint  
as executor my beloved Wife Susan as well my Executors and  
Attorneys named Trilcher and Thomas Gabard my Executors of my  
last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal this 18th September 1815.

Signed, sealed & published in the  
presence of Wm <sup>his</sup> Lilles  
Sarah & Watt, Thomas Gabard  
Daniel Dowel, Richmond thought,

John J. Atwell  
(mark)

At a meeting of the Justices of the Superior Court, sitting for  
Ordinary purposes, at the Court House on Monday the 6th day of November  
1815.

Present Walter Leigh &  
Holland <sup>Justices</sup> } Ex officio Justices

The foregoing last Will and Testament of John Atwell decd, was  
presented to the said Justices, and William Lilles a subscribing Witness  
thereunto made oath that he was personally present & 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  
together with Sarah Watt, Thomas Gabard, Daniel Dowel and Richard  
thought 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 said Will be presented to the next term  
of Ordinary to be admitted to record.

Test. Isaac Herbert, Clerk

At a Court of Ordinary held in and for the County of Richmond  
on Monday the 8th day of January 1816.

The foregoing last Will and Testament of John Atwell decd  
was presented in Court. Whereupon it was ordered that the same be  
admitted to record.

Test. Isaac Herbert, Clerk