

Book of Wills (A)

Georgia } Court of Ordinary
 Cometa County } April Term - 1852

In open Court came
 Hugh Brewster and Abner R. Willborn
 two of the subscribing witnesses who being
 duly sworn depose & say that they saw
 the Testator sign, seal, declare & publish
 the writing contained in this paper his
 last will & testament, freely, voluntarily
 & of his own & without any compulsion
 or influence whatever, that at the time
 of the execution of said will & testament
 said Testator was of sound & disposing
 mind & memory, that they signed said
 will at the instance & request of the tes-
 tator & in his presence & the presence of
 each other & that they also saw George
 W. Keely sign as a witness,
 Sworn to & Subscribed in } H. Brewster
 open Court - April 5th 1852 } A. R. Willborn
 Albert Rainey O. C. C.

Georgia } In the name of God Amen.
 Cometa County } I, Gilbert D. Greer of said
 County, being sick & weak
 of body, but of sound mind and dispo-
 sing memory, considering the certainty
 of death & the uncertainty of the time
 thereof, to the end that I may be the
 better prepared to leave this world when
 it shall please my God to call me
 hence, have now determined to direct
 what disposition shall be made of my

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my property after my decease: and after maturely considering the circumstances & condition of all those among whom as my heirs at Law or the objects of my gratitude or affection in my judgment my estate should be distributed. I do make, publish & declare this to be my last will & testament, hereby revoking & making null & void all former last wills & Testaments & writings in the nature of last wills & testaments by me heretofore made -

Item 1st after my decease it is my desire that my body shall be decently buried, and that my funeral charges & just debts shall be paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item 2nd It is my wish that my daughter Mary W. Keill shall immediately upon my decease take into her possession & enjoyment to her & her heirs absolutely the five following named negroes, to wit: Sidney & his infant child Nancy, Hilly & Dophney together with their increase, if any, which said five negroes, I have heretofore verbally given to my said daughter but have never delivered them. I also bequeath to my Daughter my Piano.

Item 3rd It is my will & desire that my wife, Sarah A. L. Greer shall have absolutely to her & her heirs & independently of any bequest or devise herein after made the following named negroes to wit. Vina, Joe, Andy, Ellen, Alfred, Sam, Phillis

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Item 4th I. furthermore bequeath
 + devise to my said wife for & during
 her natural life the whole of the residue
 of my estate. both real & personal not
 hereinbefore disposed comprising the re-
 mainder of my negroes, my homestead,
 + all other lands, plantation utensils
 stock, waggons, carts, my family carrying
 provisions, house hold & kitchen furniture
 to remain & be kept together, used and
 enjoyed, by my said wife in the same
 way as though I were living; and at
 the death of my said wife, it is my will
 + desire that the whole of the above men-
 tioned residue of my estate, result
 to and rest absolutely in fee-simple in
 my Daughter Mary W. Hill, if then living
 + her issue if any, but if my said Daughter
 should at that time be dead without
 issue or afterwards, leaving no issue then
 + in either of said events it is my desire
 + will that the said residue of my estate
 as above mentioned at that time remain-
 ing, be equally divided among the lawful
 children of ~~Thomas & Jane Mangrum~~ ^{deceased}
~~the~~ lawful children of James A. Greer
 deceased, the lawful children of Wm
 D. Greer, deceased, and the lawful children
 of Nathaniel H. Greer who is now living.

Item 5th I further give & bequeath
 to my beloved wife, Sarah A. L. Greer,
 after the payment of all my just debts
 as aforesaid, to be used and enjoyed by
 her as she pleases + without accountability
 all of my present crop of Cotton on land

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& money demands of every description that may be due or owing to me at the time of my decease.

Item 6th It is my will & desire that my Executor hereinafter named shall & do have the right & privilege of incurring any expense that he may deem necessary to incur in the management of the affairs pertaining in anywise to my estate. Said expenses to be defrayed by him out of the assets of my estate and furthermore it is my desire & will that my said Executor be exempt from the necessity & legal obligation of making annual returns as Executors of this my last will & testament in relation to my estate aforesaid as he would otherwise by law be required to do leaving him free to consult his own time & convenience as to making any such returns and entirely optional with him as he may see cause whether he shall make any such at all or not.

Lastly - I do nominate & appoint my Friend Andrew B. Calhoun of said County & State to be the sole Executor of this my last will & testament.

In testimony whereof I the said Gilbert D. Greer have to this my last will & testament here subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 22nd day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Ninety.

Signed, Sealed & delivered by the said Gilbert D. Greer to be his last will & testament in presence of what his

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our names as witnesses hereto.

The words "to her & her heirs" absolutely
interlined at the 4th & 11th lines from
bottom of first page before signed & published

H. Brewster

A. B. Willborn

G. W. Neely

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