

Barren County being weak of body but of sound mind memory and understanding calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will and testament in manner following, to wit first I do recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it nothing doubting that at the resurrection both soul and body will again be reunited. That I leave I do leave unto my wife Esther Lanier during her widowhood or life time the following property to wit, all the tract of land and plantation whereon I do now live containing four hundred acres which was granted unto Robert Donelson also one hundred & fifty acres being part of a tract granted unto Mary Cradford which I bought of Mrs. McCardell also forty three acres I bought of Abraham Mot being part of a tract of land formerly sold belonging to Mrs. Cradford also twenty seven acres being part of a tract of land granted to David McCall also ten acres I bought of Robert Little's making six hundred & thirty acres also I do leave unto my wife Esther Lanier during her widowhood or life time all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind or nature and my riding gig my timber carriage and cart with all my plantation tools of all and every kind also all my horses and stock of hogs cattle sheep in short all and every kind of my property all the Negroes that do belong to me consisting of One Negro Man by the name of Ben and one by the name of Adair One Boy by the name of Nelson and one by the name of Peter also the following females One Negro Woman a slave by the name of Lince One Negro Woman by the name of Alice also one Negro Woman by the name of Hannah also One Negro by the name of Sarah also One Negro Girl by the name of Buckey also One Negro Girl by the name of Abber also one Negro Girl by the name of Emma also One Negro Girl by the name of Violet also one Negro Girl by the name of Nancy also One Negro Girl by the name of Nelly I also all the increase of the female slaves all and every article of my household furniture not here mentioned except one bed of furniture which I hereby give devise & bequeath unto my son Joel Lanier and to his heirs and assigns forever and it is further my wish and devise that at the marriage or death of my wife Esther Lanier that all & every of the said property hereby by me bequeathed to my wife Esther Lanier go to and pass unto my son Isaac Lanier and my son Joel Lanier to them and each of their heirs Executors and Administrators share & alike except the bed and furniture I gave to Joel Lanier and except the Negro Slaves and the land I have hereby bequeathed to my wife as aforesaid.

I give devise & bequeath unto my son Joel Lanier all the aforesaid mentioned land hereby bequeathed to my wife at her marriage or death to my son Joel Lanier and to his heirs and assigns forever and it is further my will and devise that all and every of the said Negroes hereby named with their future issue of the female slaves be equally

I do hereby bequeath to my son Thomas M. Lanier and my son Joel Lanier also my daughter  
 Sarah Throckmold the wife of Henry Throckmold and my daughter  
 Polly McCall the wife of Robert McCall making for each  
 two daughters (3<sup>rd</sup> Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter  
 Polly McCall One dollar to her heirs and assigns forever and I give  
 and bequeath unto my daughter  
 my daughter Ann Kelly One dollar to her and to her heirs  
 forever 3<sup>rd</sup> Item I give devise and bequeath unto M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah  
 Throckmold of my daughter Clarissa Jackson One dollar to  
 her heirs and assigns in the place of my daughter Clarissa  
 6<sup>th</sup> Item I give devise and bequeath unto all of the children  
 daughter Clarissa and assigns unto William Jackson aforesaid  
 to them and each of their heirs and assigns forever Lastly I do  
 in and appoint my Esther Lanier my Executor and  
 my Executor to their my last Will and testament revoking  
 all former Wills by me made heretofore Ratifying & Confirming  
 by my last Will and Testament Shaled signed and published  
 declared in the presents of these Witnesses and each in the pres  
 other the tenth day of April Eighteen hundred and thirty six  
 Test Joshua Perry

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Isaac Hodges  
 Thomas M. Lanier  
 Hardy Hodges

Lewis Lanier

Georgia Screven County Before Martin Marsh Isaac  
 and C. C. Stewart three of the  
 of the Superior Court of the County aforesaid personally appeared  
 Hodges & Hardy Hodges who being duly sworn depose and  
 they saw the within named Lewis Lanier sign & execute the will  
 and his last will & testament that said testator that said  
 was of sound and disposing mind at the time of executing it  
 and that Isaac Hodges & Hardy Hodges together with Joshua  
 give & Thomas M. Lanier signed their names thereto as their  
 their presents

Sworn to and subscribed before  
 us this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1837  
 Joshua Perry

Hardy Hodges  
 Isaac Hodges

Recorded this 7<sup>th</sup> March 1837 Joshua Perry C.C. &c.