

In view of the uncertainty of life, Aaron W. Grier of the State of Georgia and County of Taliabero, being of sound mind and memory do make ordain and establish this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I desire that that portion of my property given off to my sons Walter P. Grier and Aaron G. Grier shall be held and possessed by them each separately and distinctly.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Walter P. Grier the following named Negroes to wit, Maria Emily Pierce and Eda, and also my blacksmith rods, gun bands and one third of my hogs sheep cows plantation tools household and kitchen furniture books which are not herein otherwise provided for.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Aaron G. Grier the following named Negroes to wit, Allen Henry Miles Harriet and also one black horse and one third of my hogs sheep cows plantation tools household and kitchen furniture and books which are not herein otherwise provided for.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> All the property named in this item I give to my son Walter P. Grier to have and to hold in trust, for the use and benefit of any child or children that may be born unto my son James A. Grier the following Negroes to wit, Tom, Luke Henry Mahala Shelly Jeff July, and also that tract of land lying on the waters of Bear Creek in Warren County whereon my son James A. Grier now resides, and one third of my hogs sheep & cows and household and kitchen furniture, and books not herein otherwise provided for.

My son Walter P. Grier is to have the entire and exclusive control of all property named in this item for the use and benefit of any child or children that may be born to James A. Grier, but it shall in no way be liable to the debts, credits, and liabilities of

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My son James A. Grier or his wife, but my son Walter P. Grier shall at his discretion furnish from time to time provision and support to James A. Grier and his wife if he see fit.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> In case my son James A. Grier dies without a child or children, or in case his children die before becoming of twenty one years of age then I desire all the property named in item fourth to be equally divided between my sons Walter P. Grier and Aaron W. Grier or their representatives.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife Malinda Grier my buggy, three young Calves of her own selection my clock watch and poultry.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> The plantation on which I now reside and any other property that is not herein distributed I desire sold and the proceeds to be equally divided into three parts or shares, one of which parts or shares I give to my son Walter P. Grier, another I give to my son Aaron W. Grier, and the other I give in trust to Walter P. Grier for the use and benefit of any child or children that may be born to James A. Grier under the same provisions and restrictions as contained in item fourth.

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint and nominate Walter P. Grier and Alexander H. Stephens executors of this my will.

Signed, Sealed and delivered on this the thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four before the undersigned witnesses - Thomas R. Moore & Aaron W. Grier. L.P.

James M. Triplett

Oliver D. Moore

John T. Holladay Jr.

Georgia Taliaferro County Court of Ordinary of said County April Term 1864

The last will and testament of Aaron W. Grier of said County in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four before the Court Just

In view of the uncertainty of life, Aaron W. Grier,  
the State of Georgia and County of Telfair, being of  
sound mind and memory do make ordain and establish  
this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking  
all others heretofore made by me.

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given off to my sons Walter P. Grier and Aaron G. Grier  
shall be held and possessed by them each separately and  
distinctly—

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Walter  
P. Grier the following named negroes to wit, Maria  
Emily Pierce and Eda, and also my blacksmith tools,  
iron bands and one third of my hogs sheep cows  
plantation tools household and kitchen furniture  
books which are not herein otherwise provided for.

Item 3<sup>d</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son Aaron  
G. Grier the following named negroes to wit, Allen  
Henry Miles Harriet and also one black horse  
and one third of my hogs sheep cows plantation tools  
household and kitchen furniture and books which  
are not herein otherwise provided for.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> All the property named in this item  
I give to my son Walter P. Grier to have and to hold  
in trust, for the use and benefit of any child  
or children that may be born unto my son James  
A. Grier the following negroes to wit, Tom, Luke  
Henry Mahala Shelly Jeff Guy, and also  
that tract of land lying on the waters of Bear  
Creek in Warren County whereon my son James  
A. Grier now resides, and one third of my hogs  
sheep & cows and household and kitchen furniture  
and books not herein otherwise provided for.

My son Walter P. Grier is to have the entire  
and exclusive controll of all property named in  
this item for the use and benefit of any child or  
children that may be born to James A. Grier,  
but it shall in no way be liable to the  
debts, contracts, and liabilities of

my son James A. Grier or his wife; but my son Walter P. Grier may at his discretion furnish from time to time provision and support to James A. Grier and his wife if he sees fit.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> In case my son James A. Grier die without a child or children, or in case his children die before becoming twenty one years of age then I desire all the property named in Item fourth to be equally divided between my sons Walter P. Grier and Aaron G. Grier or their representatives.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife Maunda Grier my buggy, three young Calves of her own selection my clock watch and poultry.

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Item 8<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint and nominate Walter P. Grier and Alexander W. Stephens executors of this my Will.

Signed, Sealed and delivered on this the thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four before the undersigned witnesses - Thomas R. Moore, Aaron W. Grier, L.B.

James M. Triplett  
Oliver D. Moore  
John T. Holladay Esq.

Georgia Taliabero County Court of Ordinary of said County April 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

The last will and testament of Aaron W. Grier of said County dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1864 in the County of Taliabero, Georgia.

executors nominated in, and by said will, and was  
 proven by the oaths of Owen D. Moore and  
 James M. Triplett, <sup>two of</sup>  
 the witnesses to said will to wit, we do solemnly swear  
 that we saw Aaron W. Grier sign, seal and declare  
 this writing to be his last will and and testament,  
 that he did it freely without compulsion, that he was  
 of sound mind and memory, and we signed the  
 same in presence of testator and at his special  
 instance and request, and in the presence of each  
 other, so help us god.

Proven No and Subscribed in open Court this April 4<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 Attest Joseph D Hammack } Owen D. Moore  
 Ordinary } James M. Triplett

### Litter Testamentary

State of Georgia By the Court of Ordinary of Said County  
 Taliaferro County } To all to whom these presents shall come gratifying

Know ye that on the fourth day of  
 April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
 hundred and sixty four, the last will and testament of  
 Aaron W. Grier late of Taliaferro County deceased was  
 exhibited in open Court and in ~~common~~ form of Law  
 proved and admitted to record, a copy of which is  
 hereto annexed, and administration of all and  
 singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased  
 was granted to Walter P. Grier one

of the executors in and by said will named and  
 appointed he having first taken the oath and performed  
 all other requisites required by law is by order of  
 said Court, and by virtue of these presents legally author-  
 ized to administer the goods and chattels & credits of  
 said deceased according to the tenor and effect  
 of said will and testament, and according to  
 Law, and hereby required to render a true and  
 perfect inventory of all and singular the

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goods, Chattels and credits, of the said deceased, and appraised  
and return to this Court according to law, and to render  
a true and correct acct to the said Court of all  
actions and doings yearly and ~~every~~ year, till  
administration is fully completed.

Witness my hand as ordinary, and the seal of the said  
Court this the fourth day of April 1864.

J. S.

Joseph D. Hammack Ordinary

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen  
Taliafère County } I Barnabas Jones Knowing life is  
short do make this my last will  
hence revoking all others heretofore made by me  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire and direct that all my just debts be  
paid by my executors herein-after appointed  
Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Harriet Jones the tract of land on which I now  
reside in said County containing two hundred acres,  
and my house and lot in Raytown containing one acre,  
during her natural life or widowhood - I also give  
in the same manner all my stock of horses, cows  
and hogs also all of my farming utensils of every  
description whatever - I also give to my beloved  
dear wife natural life or widowhood  
wife all of my household and kitchen furniture  
and also my buggy - All this I give to my beloved  
wife during her natural life or widowhood -  
Should my beloved wife marry again then  
all of my property of every description shall be  
equally divided among my children.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will and desire that my  
property herein willed to my wife be kept together  
during her natural life or widowhood for the  
benefit of my wife and children except my  
house and lot in Raytown - my executors have  
full power to sell part of it if it is necessary to raise  
funds for the heirs or creditors.