

34. Georgia } In the name of God Amen. James Chivers (Will)

Chatham County } Know all men that I, James Chivers, of the State and County  
aforesaid, being advanced in life, reduced by sickness and knowing the end of  
all human destiny. But being in perfect mind and memory do make this my  
last will and testament as follows (Wiz).

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Eliza May Bruce Chivers  
five negroes (Wiz.) Isabel, and her eldest child Amanda, Pauline, Antonett and Marinda,  
one bay horse by the name of Buck formerly called hero, Two Cows and Calves one  
feather bed and furniture together with all the furniture of every description then  
as here.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally E. Chivers, all  
all the residue of my property both real and personal upon the Condition  
herein after mentioned. That she keeps together my children not heretofore  
provided for namely Cordelia Ann Chivers, Sarah W. E. Chivers, James Thomas  
Chivers, Joel Josiah Robert Chivers, and William Richard Francis Chivers. Also  
that Child or Children which may be born of my wife Sally E. Chivers, within  
the Ordinary time after my death.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to Frances  
E. Daniel daughter of the wife of William S. Morgan of Putnam County &  
State (aforesaid) Two negroes now in the Occupancy of the said William S.  
Morgan (Wiz.) one negro boy by the name of Lawrence, also one other negro boy by the  
name of Aaron. The said William S. Morgan to have the use of the said Negroes  
during the natural life of his wife, and if the said William S. Morgan should  
depart this life before his wife then the title of the said negroes to be vested in  
his widow Nancy E. Morgan her life time, at her death fall as before bequeathed  
to Frances E. Daniel, and if the said Frances E. Daniel should depart this

life without lawfull issue, the said negroes Lawrence and Aaron shall  
then fall back to my Estate and be equally divided among my lawfull  
children, I also wish One hundred and fifty Acres of land, a small tract  
that adjoins the One I now live on known by the brown tract, adjoining  
James Farmer and Hezekiah Ellington to be sold in such way as my  
Executors may think most Advisable, and also the one half or interest in the  
Sandy Croft tract Containing two hundred and twenty three Acres to be sold  
with the exception of two Acres around my blacksmiths shop for its use,  
if the sale of the land before named, and my present Crop of cotton together  
with the fifteen Bails of last years Crop now in August shall not be  
sufficient to satisfy the Lawfull demands against my Executors shall  
Raise a sufficiency, in any way they may they may think most advisa-

ble after Collecting the debts due me. The property left to my wife  
during her natural life, and after her death to be divided among my children  
as follows (Wiz.)

to attend to my affairs and see that my wife and children left with her well provided for, and that they see that my children be liberally educated and brought up piety, particularly the boys, and particularly attend that they do not associate with the Rabble of the world, particularly restraining them from Grog shops Chicken pecks and immorality of all and every kind as far as in their power. My daughter, be educated as near equal as possible with Eliza, and when they become of age or intermarry they shall be apportioned of the same Valuation of property as Eliza, out of the Estate in the hands of my wife Executors, and I would wish them to understand that my meaning is for them to have as near as possible the same quantity as Eliza, not taking into Consideration the Change of times. - Provided my wife should <sup>inter</sup> marry, Let her off a Childs part and take the remainder into their own possessions, - my children who are under age or unmarried should stay - with my wife provided my Executors may think proper to do so. - The residue of my property or Estate if any after letting off for all the children and wife the same amount of property or equally divided among the children. It is further my wish that my boys be liberally educated in the Rudiments of the English Language &c. and at the time of their becoming of age or previous if my executors think proper to place them to some profession if they or any of them my sons should have a wish to do so. - I do hereby appoint and constitute Robert Chivers and James Dwyer - ham my lawfull Executors to this my last will and testament.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1826.

Test

James Chivers 

Daniel Owen  
Zelotes Adams  
Francis Milkerson

Personally Came into open Court Daniel Owens and Zelotes Adams and being sworn say that they signed, and also saw Francis Milkerson sign the foregoing within instrument as the Will and testament of James Chivers, who signed sealed and published the same in their presence, and the best of their knowledge and belief he was of sound and disposing mind and memory. Sworn to before me this } Daniel Burns  
3<sup>d</sup> day of September 1827. } Zelotes Adams

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State of Georgia } By the Court of Ordinary, for said County.  
 Taliaferro County } On the third day of September 1897, while sitting for  
 Ordinary purposes Robert Chivers and James D. Gresham was duly Qualified  
 as Executors to the last Will and testament of James Chivers late of  
 said County deceased, in open Court, the will and proceedings ordered  
 to be recorded.

Attest Henry Perkins C. C. O.

Last Will and testament of  
 James Chivers late of said County  
 deceased, Georgia Taliaferro County,  
 Register office, duly recorded in  
 book A.W. of Wills pages 34 & 35.  
 September 6<sup>th</sup> day 1897.

Attest Henry Perkins C. C. O.

Georgia }  
 Taliaferro County } By the Court of Ordinary for said County.

To whom these presents shall come greeting:

Know ye, that on the third day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand  
 eight hundred and twenty seven the last will and testament of James Chivers late  
 of said County, deceased, was exhibited in open Court, and in Common form  
 of law, provided and admitted to record, a copy of which is herewith annexed,  
 and Administration of all and singular the goods, Chattels, and Credits of  
 said deceased, was granted to Robert Chivers and James D. Gresham, the  
 Executors in and by said will named and appointed, they having first  
 taken the Oath, and performed all other requisites required by law, they in  
 by order of said Court and by virtue of these presents, legally authorized to  
 administer the goods, Chattels, & Credits of the said deceased, according to the  
 tenor and effect of said Will and testament, and according to laws and they  
 is hereby required to render a true and perfect inventory of all and singular  
 their goods, Chattels and credits of said deceased, and appraised and returned  
 to this Court according to law, and render a true and perfect account, to the  
 said Court of their actings and doings, yearly, and every year, until their  
 administration is fully completed by said Executors.

Witness the honorable Henry D. Thompson, one of the Justices of the  
 said Court of Ordinary, this the third day of September 1897.

Henry Perkins C. C. O.