

(210) Georgia } I James B. Darracott of the County & State of Georgia  
Walden County } being of sound disposing mind & memory do make  
Ordain this to be my last will & testament, hereby  
revoking all other and former wills by me made.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire, and express direction that all  
my just debts be paid,

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I devise and direct that the whole of my estate remaining  
after the payment of my just debts, shall be kept together by my  
executors hereinafter named, for the support of my wife Tabitha  
Darracott, and Sarah Ann Darracott, and John M. Darracott, and  
for the education of said Children until they respectively  
come of lawful age, or marry, the Children having arrived at  
lawful age, or marrying shall receive one third part of my  
whole estate to be ascertained as nearly as may be by any three  
impartial persons chosen for that purpose, by my executors, and  
the Child so receiving his or her share of my estate, shall  
hold the same by an absolute and indefeasible fee simple title

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> If either of my said Children shall die before they arrive  
at lawful age, or marry then the share of my estate to which  
he or she would be entitled to shall go to and be held by the  
surviving Child in manner & form aforesaid

Item 4<sup>th</sup> If both of my said Children shall die under age and conse-  
quently before becoming entitled to their respective share of  
my estate as herein before directed, then I give and bequeath  
my whole estate to my wife Tabitha Darracott in fee simple

Item 5<sup>th</sup> The share of my wife shall consist of one third part of my  
estate to be estimated in like manner as the share of my two  
Children aforesaid, and when so ascertained & set apart she  
shall have in the same an estate for and during the time  
of her natural life and no longer, with a remainder over  
upon her death to my two Children John & Sarah Ann, and the  
heirs of their bodies, but if my wife shall marry again it is  
my desire and special direction that her intended husband  
shall give bond in double the amount of the property herein  
bequeathed to my wife, payable to my executors conditioned for  
the delivery of the same to my aforesaid Children at the  
death of my said wife if they be living and to the heirs of  
their bodies if they shall be dead.

And I further direct that if my wife shall marry again <sup>111</sup>  
her future husband having refused or neglected to give said <sup>bond</sup> as  
aforesaid in five days after said Marriage shall have taken place  
with good security then and in that case the share bequeathed to my  
wife shall be defeated & reverting back to my estate shall go equally  
to my two Children aforesaid and the heirs of their bodies and that  
the division of my said estate shall take place immediately on the  
Marriage of my wife, so that it may be ascertained the portion for which  
said bond is to be given, and that portions belonging to my Children shall  
not pass into the hands of the said second husband

Item 6<sup>th</sup> If in Making division of my estate between my wife & Children  
aforesaid, it shall happen that an exactly equal division cannot  
be made then the persons chosen to make such divisions shall  
award so much money to be paid by him or her receiving the  
greater share to him or her receiving the lesser share as shall  
make all the shares exactly equal and such award finally and  
impartially made shall constitute a part of this my last will  
and testament

Item 7<sup>th</sup> It is my special direction that my daughter Elizabeth C.  
Birmingham be paid by my Executors five dollars it being the full  
amount I design giving to her.

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I hereby constitute Ordain and appoint my beloved & trusted  
friends William W. Harrison, Garland Wingfield of Wilkes  
County and my beloved son John W. Darracott to be my true  
& lawful executors to carry out the provisions of this my  
last will & Testament

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand  
and seal this Eighth day of May in the year of our Lord  
Eighteen hundred & fifty

J. B. Darracott (Seal)

In presence of us  
Quinn O'Neal  
Linton Stephens  
John V. Bristol

Georgia Taliaferro County Court of Ordinary September  
Term 1857. Meant Peter C. Rhon

John Chapman & John J. Moore Justices -  
In Open Court appeared Quinn O'Neal  
Taliaferro County Wills 1826-1866

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Linton Stephens and John T. Bristow subscribing witnesses  
to the foregoing will of James B. Darracott and being duly  
sworn each of them depose and say that he saw testator  
sign said will in the presence of all the subscribing  
witnesses thereto that each of said witnesses subscribed the same  
in the presence of testator and of all the other witnesses and  
that said testator was in the opinion of each of them of a  
sound and disposing mind

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court } John T. Bristow  
This 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1851. } Linton Stephens  
Quinea O'Neal 660. } Quinea O'Neal

The Court Ordered that the will  
and proceedings be recorded  
attest Quinea O'Neal 660.

Recorded this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September  
1851. Quinea O'Neal C.C.O.

In the name of God Amen!

I Francis Billingslea of the State of Georgia  
and County of Taliaferro being of sound mind and disposing memory do  
make declare and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking  
and disannulling all and every other will or wills heretofore made by me -  
In witness whereof, I give and bequeath to my son Cyrus Billingslea the following negroes  
to wit, Arthur a Man about sixty years old, Juda an Old woman, Arthur  
wife, William a Young Man about twenty years old, Mary a Woman and her  
Child Major aboy about four or five years old, Equire a man about ~~forty~~  
five years old, Dennis a boy about twelve, Allen a boy about seven, Betty  
a Girl about eight, and Little Joseph about twenty seven years old, besides  
what he has heretofore received from me

Item - I give and bequeath to Garland Mingfield and my son Francis  
Alexander Billingslea the following negroes to wit, Clara a Woman  
Isaac a Man about fifty years of age, Claborn a man about thirty  
and Sarah a woman about thirty nine or forty years old, with all her  
Children now born and hereafter to be born, and Emily a Woman  
about forty years old with all her Children now born and hereafter  
to be born and Joseph a Man about forty years old with all the  
future increase of said Negroes or any of them to have and hold