

(222) In the name of God Amen

I James Farmer of the County of Taliaferro State of Georgia being of sound mind and disposing memory & being at this time admonished extreme bodily feebleness that it is once appointed unto man to die and wishing to make a disposition of my property in the event of my death different from that, which the law would do, do therefore make, declare and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others

Item 1st It is my will and wish for all of my just debts to be first paid out of my estate

Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my friend Alexander H. Stephens of said County five hundred dollars to be paid out of my estate after the payment of my debts - to hold in trust for the support, maintenance and education of Henry Perkins the son of Nancy Perkins of said County, until he the said Henry Perkins arrives at, or reaches the age of twenty one years, then the said five hundred dollars, or that part of it which may not have been expended and laid out for the purposes aforesaid (the said Stephens having the power and authority hereby giving to spend and lay out at his discretion the whole of said five hundred dollars together with the interest or profits arising therefrom for the purposes aforesaid) to go to and rest absolutely in the said Henry Perkins - and in the event the said Henry Perkins should die before arriving at, or reaching to the age of twenty one years, I will and so will that the said five hundred dollars, or so much thereof, as at the death, as aforesaid, of the said Henry Perkins, may not have been expended and laid out for the purposes aforesaid should come back to my estate and be divided among my heirs at law according to the Statute of distribution of said State, no regard being had to advances heretofore made, or legacies hereinafter given to said heirs -

Item 3rd I will and bequeath unto Henry Perkins the son of Nancy Perkins of said County my tract of land lying in said County containing one hundred acres be the same more or less, where the said Nancy is now living for a home, and for the use for and of the said Henry and his Mother (the said Nancy) until he arrives at, or reaches to the age of twenty one years

the said, arrives at or reaches the age aforesaid; and in the event the said Nancy dies clearing before the said Henry arrives at or reaches to the age aforesaid then said tract of land is to be for the sole use and benefit of the said Henry until he arrives at or reaches to the age aforesaid; and upon said Henry arriving at, and reaching to the age of twenty one years said tract of land is to vest absolutely in him the said Henry - And in the event the said Henry dies before he arrives at or reaches to the age of twenty one years and his mother, the said Nancy has not married before his death as aforesaid I will and bequeath said tract of land to the said Nancy during her natural life provided she remains unmarried - And it is my wish and I so will it that said tract of land at the death of the said Nancy provided the said Henry dies before he arrives at, or reaches to the age aforesaid of twenty one years, or in case the said Henry dies before he arrives at, or reaches to the age aforesaid of twenty one years, and the said Nancy marries before, or after the death as aforesaid of the said Henry shall revert back to my estate and be divided between my heirs at law according to the Statute of distribution of said State - no regard being had to advances heretofore made or bequeath hereinafter given to said heirs

Item 4th. It is my wish and I so will it, that after my debts are paid, and the five hundred dollars named in the second item of this will shall be raised, that two hundred dollars shall be raised out of the balance of my estate not willed away by the third item of this will and that said sum shall be given to my beloved daughter Martha A. Hammer

Item 5th. It is my wish & I so will it that after the legacies hereinbefore willed and bequeathed shall be taken out of my estate that the remainder or residue thereof shall be divided into six equal parts - One of said six equal parts, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Cynthia Hammer, and one of said six equal parts I will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Martha A. Hammer; and one of said six equal parts I will and bequeath unto my beloved son Silvester J. Hammer; and one of said six equal parts I will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Mary Jane Miller;

The fifth item of this will, I will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Deider Lockett (the wife of James Lockett) for the sole and separate use and benefit of her & her children free from the debts of her present or any future husband

Item 7th One of said six equal parts mentioned in the fifth item of this will I will & bequeath unto my beloved daughter Hannah for the sole and separate use & benefit of her & her children free from the debts of her present or any future husband -

Item 8th I constitute and appoint my son Silvester J. Hamner & sons in the Law John H. Collins executor to this my last will & testament - Signed sealed this 10th Feb. 7 1853.

enter bind before signed } James Hamner (28)
 & ex-assume & enter bind before signed }

Peter G. Rhorne

Daniel A. Williams

Joseph D. Hamnack

Georgia Taliaferro County - Court of Ordinary March Term 1853.
 Present Quince O'Neal Ordinary

In open Court Came Joseph D. Hamnack, Daniel A. Williams, & Peter G. Rhorne Three of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of James Hamner, and who being duly sworn on oath depose and say that they saw the testator sign & seal the annexed paper writing, to be his last will and testament, that he was of sound mind and disposing memory, that he did it freely without compulsion, and that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other and the testator and at the testator's request

Given to and subscribed in open Court this March 7th 1853.

attest } P. G. Rhorne
 Quince O'Neal Ordinary } D. A. Williams
 J. D. Hamnack

Then Ordered that the will & probate be recorded
 Quince O'Neal

State of Georgia }
Taliaferro County } By the Court of Ordinary

To all to whom these presents shall
Come - Greeting - Shew ye that on the seventh day of
March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty
three the last will and Testament of James Hammer late, of said
County, deceased, was exhibited in open Court, and in Com mon form
of law proved and admitted to record, a Copy of which is herewith
annexed; And administration of the Estate, real and personal, of
said deceased, was granted to Elizer J. Hammer

the executor in and by said will named and appointed
having first taken the oath, and performed all other requisites
required by law, are by order of said Court, and by virtue of these
presents, legally authorized to administer the estate, real and personal
of the said deceased, according to the tenor and effect of the said
will and testament, and according to law. And he is hereby
required to render a true and perfect inventory of all the estate,
both real and personal, of the said deceased, and have the same
appraised and returned to this Court according to law - and
to render a true and correct account to the said Court of
his actings and doings, yearly, and every year until
his administration is fully completed

Witness Quincea O'Neal Ordinary, this the seventh
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and fifty three

Quincea O'Neal Ordinary

Recorded March 8th 1853.

Quincea O'Neal Ordinary