

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 and chattels and credits of said deceased was granted to Harriet Jones the Executrix in and by said Will named and appointed. She first having taken the oath and performed all requisites required by Law, is by Order of said Court and by virtue of these presents legally authorized to administer the goods chattels and 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 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 account to the said Court, of all her actings and doings yearly and every year until administration is fully completed.

Witness my hand as ordinary and the seal of said Court This the 3<sup>d</sup> of Oct 1864

Recorded Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1864 by J. D. Hammack Ordinary  
J. D. Hammack Ordinary

In the Name of God Amen

I James Lyle of the County of Taliaferro and State of Georgia being of sound mind and disposing memory 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 and annulling all other wills heretofore made by me.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that all my just debts <sup>should first</sup> be paid out of any money or notes that I may die possessed of.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Jane Lyle for and during her natural life my plantation whereon we now live and at her

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death it is my will and desire that my said plantation be  
equally divided <sup>among</sup> all my children living at the time of her  
death and the Representatives of my children living  
at that time provided any of my children be dead at  
that time leaving Representatives - said Representatives  
Taking by Representation -

Item 3<sup>d</sup> All the balance of my property Negroes, Money  
Notes, accounts, evidence of debts, produce growing Crops  
horses, Miles, cattle, hog household and Kitchen  
furniture, plantation Tools, Waggons, Carts,  
pleasure Carriages, and all other kind and species  
of property belonging to me at ~~the~~ the time of  
my death, I give to my beloved wife Mary Jane Lyle  
to keep and to hold for the support and maintenance  
of herself and for the support and maintenance and  
education of all my children until my oldest child  
Mary Elizabeth Lyle shall arrive at twenty one years  
of age, and then it is my will and desire that my  
wife Mary Jane shall have the sum of two thousand  
dollars (out of the property mentioned in this item)  
either in money or other property as she may select,  
after which I wish and so will that all the balance  
of the property embraced in this the third item of my  
will be equally divided, share and share alike,  
between my wife and all my children, living at the  
time my said child Mary Elizabeth arrives at twenty one  
years of age, and the representatives of my children  
living at that time if any of my children should be  
dead at that time leaving Representatives, said  
Representatives Taking by representation -

Item 4<sup>th</sup> All the property both real and personal  
herein willed to my daughters is willed and  
bequeathed to them free from the debts or contracts  
of any husband they may marry, for their sole  
and separate use, with full power during their  
marriage, if they marry, to sell or part with the same

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary Jane Lyle Executrix to this my Will.

(The words "of my death," interlined in the preamble of this will, were interlined before the will was signed  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 1862. James Lyle

Signed and published by James Lyle  
as his last Will and Testament in our presence as  
Witnesses thereto by his request. This May 16<sup>th</sup> 1862

George F Bristow

Absalom Rhodes

John Rhodes Jr

Court of Ordinary Dec Term 1864  
The last Will and Testament of

James Lyle late of said County deceased was proponed at this Term of the Court by Mrs Mary Jane Lyle the Executrix in said Will named, for probate in common form of Law and proven by the written affidavit of George F Bristow, Absalom Rhodes and John Rhodes Jr the subscribing witnesses to said Will as follows to wit, "We do solemnly swear that we saw James Lyle sign, publish and declare the within writing to be his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, that he done it freely and without compulsion, that we signed the same in presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other at the special request of the Testator." Sworn to and subscribed before me

JD Hambrick Ordinary George F Bristow  
Absalom Rhodes  
John Rhodes Jr

Whereupon it was considered the will was duly proven in common form and the same admitted to probate and ordered to Record

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State of Georgia / By the Court of Ordinary of Said County  
Taliaferro County, } To all to whom these presents shall come  
Know ye that on the sixth day of  
December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and sixty four, the last Will and testament  
of James Lyle late of Taliaferro County deceased was  
published in open Court, and in solemn 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 Mary Jane Lyle  
the Executrix in and by said Will named and  
appointed, she having first taken the oath and  
performed all other requisites required by Law  
she is by Order of said Court, and by virtue of  
these presents legally authorized to administer  
the goods, chattels, and credits of said deceased  
according to the tenor and effect of the said  
Will and Testament, and according to Law  
and is hereby required to render a true and  
perfect inventory of all and singular the 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  
account to the said Court of all her receipts  
and disbursements yearly and every year until  
her administration is fully completed.

Witness my hand and official signature  
as Ordinary this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1864  
J. J. Hammack Ordinary