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In the name of God, Amen:

I John Perkins of said State and County being of sound mind and disposing memory and in usual health of body but mindful of the great uncertainty of life and the ~~the~~ absolute certainty of death, in order for the better arrangement and settlement of my temporal affairs in case of such event do make declare, order and publish this my last will and Testament

Item the first - It is my will and wish that all my just debts be first paid out of my Estate by my Executors hereinafter to be named

Item Second - It is my will and desire that after the payment of my debts a sufficient portion of my lands, negroes stock and household and kitchen furniture to support my beloved wife during her life or widowhood comfortably be reserved and set apart for that purpose, and such sufficient portion to be judged of and selected by my said Executors and my said wife - which said portion so selected and set apart I will and bequeath to my said wife for and during her natural life or widowhood - and after her marriage or death to be disposed of as directed and pointed out for all the balance of my estate -

Item Third - It is my will and wish that all my other property be equally divided in to six shares - one of which said shares I give to my son Lemaford Perkins, one of which said shares I give to my daughter Elizabeth Bryant, one to my son Obediah Perkins and one to my son John W. Perkins and one of the said shares I give and bequeath to my said Executors to hold in trust to and for the use and support of my son Alford Perkins during his life and the use and support of his family and children until his youngest child comes to the age of twenty one years and then the said share to be equally divided between his said children then living or their representatives - and in such manner that the property herein so bequeathed

to my said Executors in trust, as aforesaid shall not be liable for any debt of my said son Alford either before or hereafter to be contracted but only liable for the contracts of my said Executors for the purposes aforesaid - And that he may have no contrall over the same in any manner farther than to receive from my Executors the use thereof aforesaid -

Item fourth - The other of the said six shares I will and bequeath to my said Executors to hold in trust to & for the use of the Children of my daughter Patsy Postwood deceased until the youngest of said Children at any time living shall be come twenty one years of age - and then to be divided into so many parts shares as there may be Children in life or having representatives one of which shares I give to each of the male Children of my said daughter or their representatives - and the part or share for the daughters of said daughter Patsy I wish my executors to hold in trust to and for the sole and separate use of each of said daughters during their natural lives each - and then to go to their Children - and so that it may be expressly understood that it is my wish that Benjamin Postwood who married my said daughter Patsy shall have no part or share of my estate - and the same of my son Alford except as above provided for the use of my said son Alford & his family as aforesaid -

Item Fifth - In the division of my estate in said six shares as aforesaid it is my wish that reference may be had to my <sup>copy of accounts and charges against my</sup> Children for the purpose of making the same equal and just -

Item Sixth - In Conclusion I appoint name and constitute my trusty friend Thomas Chaffin and Neighbour and Esteemed friend and relation Gilbert Hunt executors to this my last will & Testament and hope they will take upon themselves the faithful and execution of

the several trusts herein directed-

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
 set my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> October 1838.  
 Made, published and declared  
 and subscribed after being  
 twice Read in presence of

A. H. Stephens  
 J. C. Camp  
 L. M. Stephens

 John P Perkins   
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My above and foregoing will I do hereby Change and revoke  
 as far as it relates to the portion or share of my property or estate  
 left to my daughter Elizabeth Bryant now Elizabeth Lorne, and  
 the said portion share I do will and bequeath unto my above  
 named Executors to hold in trust to and for the sole and special  
 separate use of her my said daughter Elizabeth and her Children  
 during her natural life in remainder to her Children having it  
 expressly understood as my wish that the husband of my said  
 daughter shall have no part or interest in said share or any  
 Control over it - or use or benefit growing out of it & hereby  
 fully Confirming all my said will above in its other parts  
 except as above stated - In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
 set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fifth day of March  
 Eighteen Hundred and Thirty nine

Declared, made and subscribed  
 and sealed in presence of us  
 After being twice Read

 John P Perkins   
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A. H. Stephens  
 Thomas C. Camp  
 Susan <sup>her</sup> Camp  
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Georgia Taliaferro County - Personally appeared before us  
 Ruford Bird & Lloyd W. Shackelford  
 Justices of the Inf. Court of said County sitting for Ordinary  
 purposes at Chambers - A. H. Stephens and Thomas C. Camp  
 two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will  
 instrument in and to which purporting to be the last will  
 and testament of the said John P. Perkins of said County deceased

155) who after being duly sworn upon oath say that they saw the said John Perkins sign and acknowledge the said paper to be his last will & Testament and so declared the same to be - that he did the same freely without compulsion - and was of sound mind & Memory that they subscribed the same as witnesses thereto in his presence - and saw the said other witnesses so subscribe the same - sworn and subscribed before us this 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1839.

Lloyd M. Shackelford J.P.C.  
Buford Bird J.P.C.  
Attest Quins Neal C.C.C.

Chas. W. Stephens  
Thomas Camp

Georgia Taliaferro County - The Justices of the Inferior Court of said County sitting as a Court of Ordinary - Nov<sup>r</sup>. Term 1839.

Present Their Honours

David I. Anderson

William Evans

Buford Bird

Lloyd M. Shackelford

John G. Roberts

Justices

The last will & Testament of John Perkins of said County dec<sup>d</sup>. (which had been proven in Common form of law at Chambers) was exhibited in open Court - and Thomas Chappin & Gilbert Hunt the two Executors in and by said will nominated and made same into Court and was duly qualified in Terms of the law (in such Cases made and provided) to carry into effect said will according to its tenor and effect & according to law - It was further Ordered by the Court that letters Testamentary do issue to the said Thomas & Gilbert with the will annexed - and that the will and proceedings be recorded - Nov<sup>r</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1839.

Attest Quins Neal C.C.C.

Georgia Taliaferro County

By the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court of said County, sitting for Ordinary purposes:

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting:

Know Ye, That on the nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine the last Will and Testament of John Perkins late of said County deceased was exhibited at Chambers and in Commonform of law proved and admitted to record on the third day of November 1839. a Copy of which is herewith annexed; and administration of the estate, real and personal, of said deceased, was granted to Thomas Chaffin & Gilbert Kent 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 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 they ~~are~~ 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 ~~Ordinary~~ their actings and doings, yearly, and every year, until their administration is fully completed

Witness the Honorable David S. Anderson one of the Justices of the said Court of Ordinary, this the Third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

Quinea Neal C. C.