

State of Georgia
Taliaferro County I know all Men by these
presents that I Matthew Howell
of the State and County aforesaid being of sound
Mind and at this time free from disease but
advanced in age and knowing that it is appointed
for Man once to die do make this to be my last
will and Testament hereby revoking all other
wills by me heretofore made - and first I recom-
-end my soul to God who gave it and my body to the
grave to be buried in a decent Christian like
burial at the discretion of my Executor, not
doubting but I shall receive the same at the
general resurrection at the last day -
And as touching my worldly Estate which the
Lord has given me I give and dispose of in
the following manner to wit -
Item the first My will is that all my just
debts be first paid -
Item Second I give and bequeath to my Nephew
Abram R Howell the following Slaves to wit -
Mureor and Old woman and her two daughters
Lettie and Mary with all their Children
and five Men, to wit, Isaac Nathan,
Willis Ben and Arnot and I give my
said Nephew Abram R Howell all my
Lands and house hold and kitchen
furniture and horses with all my stock
of all kinds and blacksmiths tools and
plantation with all the grain and produce
of the farm, wishing him to conduct with
prudence and humanity to wards and with
the servants that I have willed him
Item third I give and bequeath unto my
Nephew John A. Howell my Negro Man
Dick wishing him to act with humanity
and prudence with him and lastly

I appoint my said Nephew Abram R Howell
my Sole Executor to this my last will and Testam-
ent In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal this the fourth day
of June in the Year of Our Lord One thousand
Eight hundred and forty.

Matthew Howell *test*

Samuel Johnson
William Johnson
Silas M. Johnson
Johnson Ashfield

Georgia
Taliaferro County
Personally appeared before
Us John Chapman and Silvester V. Lockett
Justices of the Superior Court of said County
sitting for ordinary purposes at Chambers Samuel
Johnson, William Johnson, and Silas M. Johnson
three of the subscribing witnesses to the within
will who being sworn depose and say that
they saw the testator Matthew Howell sign and
seal and heard him acknowledge the within
instrument of writing to be his last will
and testament and at the time of his so
doing he was of sound disposing mind
and memory and that they subscribed the
same as witnesses in his presence and at his
request together with Johnson Ashfield -
sworn to at Chambers this 2nd day of
February 1841

Samuel Johnson
William Johnson
Silas M. Johnson

John Chapman J.P.C.
Silvester V. Lockett J.P.C.

Crawfordsville March 1st 1841
 Georgia Taliaferro County Inferior Court of said
 County sitting for Ordinary purposes March
 Term 1841

Present their Honors

John Chapman
 George Tilly
 Silvester V. Luskett
 William Evans
 James O'Leary

On Motion it is Ordered by the Court
 that the will of Matthew Howell late of said
 County dec^d which was proven at Chambers
 before John Chapman & Silvester V. Luskett on
 the 2nd day of Feb. 1841 Justices of the
 Inferior Court of said County sitting for
 Ordinary purposes - Be Recorded and letters
 testamentary do issue upon the said Exe-
 -utor Abram R. Howell coming in to Open
 Court and taking the Oath according to
 law in such case made & provided
 The Executor came into Open Court and
 was duly qualified in terms of the law

James O'Leary J. J. C.
 George Tilly J. J. C.
 John Chapman J. J. C.
 Silvester V. Luskett J. J. C.
 Wm. Evans C. h. M.

Caron P. Stephen C. C.

Georgia. By the Honorable the Superior Court of
 Taliaferro County, said County sitting for Ordinary purposes
 know Ye, that on the 2nd day of February in the
 Year of Our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred
 and forty one the last will and testament of
 Matthew Howell late of said County deceased was
 exhibited before John Chapman and Silvester Whickitt,
 sitting for Ordinary purposes at Chambers, and in
 Common form of law proved, and at the next
 regular Term thereafter of said Court was admitted
 to record a Copy of which is herunto annexed;
 and administration of the Estate, real and personal,
 of said deceased, was granted to Abram R. Howell
 the Executor in and by said will named and
 appointed, he having first taken the Oath and
 performed all other requisites required by law, he
 is 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 the Honorable Peares Chary one of
 the Justices of the said Court of Ordinary
 this the 1st day of March One Thousand
 Eight Hundred and forty one -

Jaron C. Stephens C. Clk.