

Georgia In the name of God. amen!

I William Darden of the County of Taliaferro and State aforesaid being weak and diseased in body but through divine mercy of sound mind and disposing memory calling to mind the uncertainty of transitory things and the certainty of death; knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Having thought proper to make this my last will and testament in the manner and form following (to wit) It is my will desire that I should be decently interred and my grave to be walled in with brick or stone in a good and substantial manner so as to prevent all stock or other things from trading on it - I give and bequeath to my son in law Benjamin F. Humble One Negro Girl Fanny one bedstead and furniture One horse and other stock which he the said Benjamin F. Humble has already received.

I also give and bequeath at my death one Negro Girl Mariak for the use and benefit of Benjamin F. and Lucinda Humble their natural life and at their death to go to the lawful heirs of the body of said Lucinda Humble.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son Abner Darden One Negro Boy Tom One bedstead and furniture One horse and other stock also the proceeds of the sale of a tract of land amounting to two hundred dollars which the said Abner has already rec<sup>d</sup>.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son in law Henry H. Kirklin One Negro Girl morning one bedstead and furniture and some stock - also the proceeds of the sale of a tract of land amounting to two hundred and fifty dollars which the said Henry H. Kirklin has already received -

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son in law William A. Morris One Negro Girl Savina one bedstead and furniture and some stock which the said William A. Morris has already received.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son William F. Carden one Negro boy Washington one bedstead and furniture one horse and other stock which the said William F. Carden has already received -

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son in law Absalom Gresham one Negro girl Eliza one bedstead and furniture one horse and other stock which the said Absalom Gresham has already received -

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my daughter in law Nancy Carden one bedstead and furniture at my death! -

Item 8<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that all my lands lying in the Counties of Taliaferro and Warren wherein I now live shall be taken in possession and used by Abner and William F. Carden my sons jointly and severally for cultivation or rent for and during four years beginning at the first of the Year after my death for each of their benefit and use and at the expiration of said four years the said land to be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds to be divided as herein after provided for according to the following provisions in the ninth item -

Item 9<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that after my death all my property both real and personal (except such as is herein before disposed of) shall be sold to the highest bidder on the premises wherein I lived at the time of my death and after paying all my just debts out of the proceeds of the same the remainder to be equally divided share and share alike between the following legates (to wit)

To the lawful heirs of the body of my beloved daughter Lucinda Kimmeler one share

To my beloved son Abner Carden one share

To the lawful heirs of the body of my beloved daughter Caroline Kirkland one share

To the lawful heirs of the body of my beloved daughter Elizabeth Ann Morris one share

my beloved son William F. Gorden one share  
to the lawful heirs of the body of my beloved daughter  
Mary Ann Graham remaining share  
Item 10<sup>th</sup> Finally I constitute and appoint my beloved  
sons Abner and William F. Gorden my true and lawful  
executors of this my last will and testament revoking  
and disannulling all former will or wills testament or  
testaments heretofore by me made declaring this and this  
only to be my last and testament -  
Intestimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal this second day of January in the year  
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty  
nine signed and delivered  
in the presence of  
Elvira Duckett  
John Harris  
Patrick <sup>his</sup> Gorden  
mark

William Gorden

Georgia Taliaferro County Crawfordville June 6<sup>th</sup> 1842  
The Justices of the Inferior Court sitting for  
Ordinary Purposes - May adjourned Term 1842  
Present - their Honors Thomas Towns, George  
Talley, William Evans and John Chapman -  
Personally appeared before us in Open Court  
John Harris & Patrick Gorden two of the subscri-  
bing witnesses to the within will who being  
sworn depose & say that they saw the testator William  
Gorden sign seal & heard him acknowledge the within  
instrument to be his last will & testament, at the  
time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind  
& memory and that they subscribed the same as witnesses  
in his presence & at his request together with Elvira  
Duckett sworn to and subscribed in Open Court this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1842

John Harris  
Patrick <sup>his</sup> Gorden  
mark

169 Georgia Taliaferro County By the Honorable the  
Inferior Court of said County, sitting for Ordinary  
Purposes, to all to whom these presents shall  
Come Coming - Know All that on the Sixth  
day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand  
Eight Hundred and forty two the last will and  
Testament of William Darram late of said County  
deceased, was exhibited before Thomas T. Town  
George Tilley, William Evans and John Chapman  
in Open Court sitting for Ordinary purposes and  
in common form of law proved and admitted  
to record a copy of which is herunto annexed  
and whereas to wit, on the fifth day of September  
of the same Year, and administration of the  
Estate, real and personal of said dec<sup>d</sup>  
was granted to Abner Darden and William  
Darram the Executors in and by said Will named and  
appointed. They having first taken the Oath and  
performed all other requests required by law, they  
are by Order of said Court and by Virtue of  
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 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 their  
doings and doings yearly and every year,  
until their administration is fully completed -  
Witness The Honorable George Tilley one of the Justices of  
said Court of Ordinary this the fifth day of September in  
the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and  
forty two