

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen. -
Taliaferro County } I William James of the county and state above
Written being of sound mind, and memory, do hereby make and Ordain
this my last will and testament (Wt).

Supm. I do hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Selah James
during her natural life the following property (Wt) all that tract
of land whereon I now live known as the Lawson Tract, thirty nine acres
adjoining the above land formerly belonging to Littleberry Little; and eleven
acres of the Harrison tract of land adjoining the above lands make
-ing in the whole Two Hundred acres, be it the same more or less, also
Sixty dollars such as my said wife may choose out of the negroes
I may be possessed of; Three choice horses and four wheel^{ed} Carriage,
Four choice Sows and Calves, Thirty Choice hogs, Ten choice sheep, one
choic yoke of oxen, one cart, Two choice beds, Bedsteads and furniture and
so much of the house hold and kitchen furniture, as she my said wife
may designate for her use, also fifteen hundred Dollars in money -
a sufficiency of farming tools in proportion to the land and
negroes given her and provisions (Wt) Corn and Bacon to last her and
her family one year, I do also will that all the Ballance of my Bed,
and bed furniture not heretofore given my wife to be left in her
possession and use, provided that she shall be under obligation to
give to each of my children that may become of age (they not having
previously received any household furniture) one bed, bedstead and
furniture estimated to be worth forty dollars to be accounted for by
each child so receiving it in the settlement of my estate.

The before mentioned property both and real and personal as therein
expressed to be my said wife's during her life, and at her death to be
equally divided share and share alike between all my children.

Item 2nd I have heretofore given to each of my following named Chil-
dren (Wt) Thomas G. James, Absoalom James, Susannah Calloway formerly
Susannah James, Elizabeth Gibson formerly Elizabeth James, Edward James,
Archibald G. James, William James Junior, and Lovicia Mercer,
formerly Lovicia James, in money and property to the amount as per
schedule in my account book, of property and money given my before
mentioned Children.

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that to my other Children (Wt)
Simon R. James, Selah C. James, David H. James and Mary Ann James
-James, shall be given the same as the above in the same proportion
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32 as designated in the accounts of my first named Children.

Item 4th It is my will and desire that the real estate that I may die possessed of (excepting that heretofore designated and bequeathed to my wife during her life) to remain in the hands of my Executors to be sold or to take the whole or any part thereof, or rented, at the end of which term, if my Executors have not previously in their discretion sold any part or the whole of my said real estate; they shall then proceed to sell it at such times, on such credits, and in such parcels as they may deem most advisable for the benefit of my children; the proceeds to be disposed of by them as heretofore or hereinafter directed.

Item 5th It is my will and desire that all my personal property with the exceptions of the negroes, and that herein before bequeathed to my wife to be sold by my Executors in such manner as they may deem most advisable and the proceeds of such sales, together with the proceeds of all ~~such sales~~ the balance of my estate, not heretofore and herein disposed of to be equally divided share and share alike between all my children.

Item 6th Provided that if any one of my beforementioned several minor Children should die without heirs during their minority it is my will and desire that whatever of property or money might belong to them that it should be equally divided between my children or their heirs.

Item 7th I do hereby Constitute and appoint my sons Thomas G. Jones, Absalom Jones and Archibald G. Jones, my Executors to this my Last Will and testament.

In witness whereof that that is contained and written on the preceding pages is my last will and testament, I have hereto set my hand and Affixed my seal this 16th day of March 1827.

Attest,

James B. Marlow
Archibald Gresham
Jonathan Davis

Wm. Jones 

Georgia 2 September Term 1827. In chambers.
Taliferro County 3 Present their honors Herman Mercer, Henry B. Thompson, Thomas Guest, Simon Morris and Archibald Gresham.

The last will and testament of William Jones was duly proven by the Oaths of James B. Marlow and Archibald Gresham.

you James B. Merlow and Archibald Gresham ^{Gresham} do swear that you saw William
= James sign seal publish and declare this writing to be and contain
his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof he was of sound
disposing mind and memory, and that he did it freely without Compulsion
to the best of your knowledge. - And that you saw Jonathan Davis, affix
his name as a subscribing witness, at the request of the deceased.

Summons in open court before me this
3rd day of September 1827.

Miss Henry Perkins C. C. O.

James B. Merlow
Archibald Gresham

State of Georgia } By the Court of Ordinary for said County, on the third
Taliferro County } day of September 1827. While sitting for ordinary purposes,

Thomas G. Jones, Absalom Jones and Archibald Jones, was duly
Qualified as Executors to the last will and testament of William Jones
deceased, late of said County, in open court, the will and proceeding Order
= to be recorded.

Henry Perkins C. C. O.

Last will and testament of William Jones,
late of said County, deceased Georgia Taliferro
County, Register, office of the Court of Ordinary
duly recorded in book A. B. of Mills pages 31. 32 + 33.
September 5th 1827. Henry Perkins C. C. O.

Georgia } By the Court of Ordinary for said County.
Taliferro County } To all whom these presents shall come Greeting:
Know ye, that on the third day of September in the year of our Lord, One
Thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, the last will and testament of William
= Jones, late of said County, deceased, was exhibited in open Court, a copy of which
is hereto annexed, and a ministration of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits
of said deceased, was granted to Thomas G. Jones, Absalom Jones, and Archibald Jones
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 is by order of said Court, &
by virtue of these presents, legally authorized to administer the goods, chattels & credits
of the said deceased, according to the tenor and effect of said will and testament, and
according to law. And he is hereby required to render a true and perfect inventory of all &
singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, and appraised and returned
to this Court according to law, and to render a true and correct account, to the said Court, of
his doings and doings, yearly, and every year, until the administration is fully completed, by
his Executors, W. Witness hon. Archibald Gresham one of the Judges of the said Court of Ord
= nary, this third day of September 1827.

Henry Perkins C. C. O.