

within the County aforesaid: by means whereof, the approbation and allowing of her said testament, and the power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of said deceased, and her Testament, any manner or way concerning, to the said court does of right belong: They have therefore granted and committed the administration of all and singular the estate aforesaid and her Testament unto Thomas Edwards nominated Executor of the said and in her said last Will and testament, being first sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, well and faithfully to administer, and make a perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattles, and credits of the said deceased, and exhibit the same into the clerks office of the Court of ordinary's office in the County aforesaid, in order to be recorded, on or before the third day of June next ensuing, and to render a just and true account, Calculation, and reckoning thereof when thereunto required.

In testimony whereof, I have officially set my hand and seal this third day of March eighteen hundred and twenty eight and the 18th year of American Independence.

Henry Perkins C. C. O. J. S.

Recorded March 4th 1828.

William Sumner Battle's Will.

I William Sumner Battle of the State of Georgia and the County of Taliaferro, do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form following (viz)

First I lend unto my beloved wife Sarah Battle, dwelling house and all the out houses, and the plantation whereon I now live, with all and singular the premises and appertinances thereunto belonging or appertaining, during her natural life. Also I lend her twenty negro to wit, Chaney, Anne, Emily, 4. Weston, Lewis & Linney, Bobb & house Harriett, Green, Jane, Crawford, Ben, and Martin, Phillis & her sister Harriett, Samuel, Ezekiel, Cynthia, Kinchen & Dick & their increase during her natural life. And I give and bequeath unto her all the house - hold and kitchen furniture. I give her all the flock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, and all the farming utensils, Blacksmiths tools, Carpenters tools, Waggon Carts & gear of ^{very} kinds, and the still and all the Casks, and all the brandy, corn, fodder wheat oats and barley. I also give and bequeath unto her all my ready money, my out standing debts and dues, and request that they be paid to her. I will, may be paid out of my

16th 2nd Nov. I hereby confirm unto my son Joseph John Battle, the gifts heretofore made him by me. And I further Give and bequeath to him, one negro woman by the name of Reurita and her four children, Anderson, Semima, Emely, & George and their increase. To him and his heirs and assigns forever.

8th Item. I give and bequeath unto my son J^{as} Brown Battle, the Lands and tenements whereon he now lives in Hancock County, I also give and bequeath unto him two negro men, Bondy and Andrew, and a woman called big Phereba and her five children, to wit, Perry, Mourning, Allen, Mistow and Washington with their Increase: and all other property heretofore given him by me, To him and his heirs and assigns forever.

1th Item. I give and bequeath, to my ^{now} ~~young~~ daughter Sarah Carter nine negroes named as follows, Annea, & her three youngest children, Rose, Big Jim and little Craddock, Peggy and her three children, Peter, hunter and the youngest, its name not recollected, and a boy named Blintow, with their increase, together with all other property heretofore given by me. To her and her heirs and assigns forever.

5th Item. I give and bequeath to my son John, ^{Mary's} little fourteen
negroes, to wit, little Creasey and her four Children, little Lucy,
Olney, Rachael and Wiley, Agnes & her four Children, little Ben,
Neville, Merrett little Noelle, & Panney & her two Children, Alfred &
^{son of little Creasey} ^{Daniel}, & their increase, ^{I also give my engraving & printing instruments, & a}
^{& adding} practical surveying, & all other property heretofore given by me.
To him and heirs for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Susan Battle -
 Mercer, one negro woman called Big Patt and all her children, to wit,
 Helix, Nathan, Abner, Martha, Margaret, and a young one whose
 name I do not recollect. & Milcah and her two children, Osborn,
 Susan and Delpha, and their Increase. And I confirm to her father
 Solomon Mercer, the gifts of a fifty dollar bill, a best and new
 saddle, side - saddle & bridle and four chairs heretofore given to him
 by me. And I hereby lend him the above named negroes, which
 I have given his daughter Susan Battle, until she shall arrive
 to age, or marry, and no longer. I lend her ^{and give} her forever.

*I give and bequeath to my Daughter Linnah [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear], [unclear] negroes, to wit, Rich Ther three children, Mariah,
Lucretia and [unclear].*

the youngest, whose name I do not recollect, and a girl named
Euphemia, they and their Increase. To her and her heirs and assigns, from
the Item. I Give and bequeath unto my son Lazarus Whitehead Battle twelve
negroes, to wit, Chener, Lissay, Olway, Thaddeus and
little Harriett, big brace and all her children, Dolly, Nelson, Aglsey &
Daniel, a girl called little Pat, and a fellow named Neptune, and their
increase, together with all other property heretofore given him by me
To him and his heirs ^{of age & years} forever.

17th Item. I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Susan Russell Long,
Ten negroes, viz, big Phillis, Patience & her son Kinchen, Harriett, Dolly,
Betty, Ephraim, Raphael and Amanda, and Adeline and their increase,
together with other property heretofore given her by me. To her and
her heirs and assigns forever.

18th Item. I Give and bequeath unto my daughter, Selina Countess Dunkley
eight negroes, to wit, big Lucy and her three children, Sarah, John &
Elizabeth the youngest children, viz, Phoebe, Matilda and James. Also little
Cheruba and her three children, Sarah, John and Elizabeth and their
increase, together with all other property that I have heretofore
given her. To her and her heirs and assigns forever.

19th Item. I Give and bequeath unto my four daughters, Sarah Carter,
Serena R. Stroud, Susan F. Long and Selina B. Dunkley (jointly after the
decease of their mother) the lands and tenements whereon she now
lives, and ^{the} which is hereby reserved for her use during her natural life.
To be equally divided amongst them, in any way that they may deem most
satisfactory To them and theirs and assigns forever.

20th Item. My Will and desire is that after my decease, the following
named negroes, to wit, Daphney and her ^{three} youngest children, Elory,
Rachel and Anderson, Niece and Bradford, Bridget and her children
Betty, Sam, and Eliza and their increase, be equally divided among
my eight children viz, Joseph, John Battle, Jesse Brown Battle,
Sarah Carter, John William Battle, Serena R. Stroud, Lazarus
Whitehead Battle, Susan F. Long and Selina B. Dunkley. And after
the decease of my wife, my will and desire is, that all the
personal property that may remain of my estate, and is not
otherwise appropriated, be equally divided amongst my
Eight Children above named. To them and their heirs and
assigns forever.

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Lastly, I constitute and ^{ordain} my sons Sipe B. Battle, John Wm. Battle
my son in law William Throat, the sole Executors of this my last
Will and testament, hereby revoking all other former Wills by me
made. Ratifying and confirming this only. In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 22nd of
December Anno Domini, 1826.

Signed, sealed, pronounced, and delivered } W. S. Battle 
the last will and testament of the testator }
in the presence of us, who in his presence & }
the presence of each other, have subscribed }
our names as Witnesses. }

James Claxton

Wiley ^{his} Allen

Larkin R. Gunn ^{marks} S. P.

Georgia } September Term 1828. The Superior Court sit
Taliaferro County } sitting for Ordinary purposes, Present their Honors,
Hermion Mercer, Archibald Gresham, Thomas Guest and
Henry D. Thompson Esqrs. .

An open Court came Wiley Allen and Larkin R. Gunn and after
being duly sworn, deposed ^{and with} they saw William S. Battle sign and
publish and declare, the within Will, to be his last Will and
testament, and at the time thereof, he was of sound mind and
disposing memory (or we heard him acknowledge that he signed
the same as above stated.) And that they saw James Claxton
sign as a subscribing witness at the request of the testator, and
in the presence of us.

Sworn to in open Court before me } Wiley ^{his} Allen
this first day of September 1828 } L. R. Gunn ^{marks} S. P.

Henry Perkins, C. C. C.

State of Georgia } By the Court of Ordinary for said County
Taliaferro County } September Term 1828. On the the first day
of September 1828. While sitting for Ordinary purposes, Isaac B.
Battle and John Wm. Battle, two of the nominated Executors named
in said will) was duly disqualifed as Executors, in open Court,
to the last Will and testament of W. S. Battle deceased, and the
Proceedings ordered to be removed. ^{to the} Henry Perkins, C. C. C.

Last Will and Testament of Wm. Battle
late of said County deceased. Georgia
Taliaferro County, Registers Office,
of said County, duly recorded in
book A.B. in pages 45. to 49.
September 4th 1828. Henry Perkins, C.C.C.

Recorded September 4th 1828. Henry Perkins, C.C.C.

Georgia
Taliaferro County } By the honorable the Court of Ordinary for said County
To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting:
Know ye, that on the first day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and twenty eight the Last Will and Testament of William S.
Battle deceased, was proved, and approved, and allowed of; the said William
S. Battle, having in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, divers
goods, rights, and credits, within the County aforesaid; by means whereof,
the approbation and allowing of his said Testament, and the power of
granting the administration of all and singular the goods, rights,
and Credits of the said deceased, and his testament, any manner or
way concerning, to the said Court, of right belong: They have, therefore,
warranted and Committed the administration of all and singular the
estate aforesaid, and his Testament unto Jesse B. Battle and John
Wm. Battle, (sons of the) nominated Executors of the said deceased, in
his said last Will and Testament, They being first sworn on the holy
Gospel of Almighty God, will and faithfully, to administer, &
make a perfect inventory of all and singular the goods,
chattels, and credits of the said deceased, and exhibit the same in to
the Clerk of the Court of Ordinary's office, in the County aforesaid,
in order to be recorded, on or before the first day of December next
ensuing, and to render a just and true account, Calculation, and
returning thereof, when thereunto required. Witness the honorable Norman
Mercer one of the Justices of the Superior Court of said County.
In testimony Whereof, I have officialty set my hand and seal,
this first day of September Eighteen hundred and twenty eight
and Fifty third year of American Independence.

