

State of Georgia & In The Name of God Amen!!

From County I do name Beasley of said State and County  
being advanced in age and of feeble health do  
it proper and right that I should make some final disposition of the  
property which a kind Providence has placed in my hands do therefore  
make and declare this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and  
annulling all others heretofore made by me

in the first I desire and direct after my death that my body be buried in a  
decent and Christian Manner suitable to my circumstances

in the second I desire after my death that my executors (whom I shall hereafter  
appoint) shall speedily and without delay pay all my just debts as I do  
not wish any creditors to be delayed in the collection of their just dues in

in the third I give and bequeath unto Stephen W. Beasley my Oldest Son Twenty  
shares of the Montgomery and West Point Rail Road of which Stock  
I have Eighty one shares

in the fourth I give bequest and devise unto my Grand Son Carroll Oliver  
Tours Three hundred and fifty seven acres of Land Said Land situate in  
County of Grays in said State and adjoining the Lands now occupied by the  
said Carroll O. Tours also the following negroes to wit - Arthur a man, Eliza  
a woman, Lucy a girl, and Mack a boy

in the fifth I give bequest and devise unto Grand Son John Randolph Tours Four  
hundred acres of Land in the County of Grays in said State at present occupi-  
ed by him as a plantation also the following negroes to wit - Clarke a man  
Mear a woman, Harriett a girl, and Davis a boy, also a child of the woman  
Mary

in the sixth I give and bequeath unto John Randolph Tours as Trustee for the separate  
use benefit and behoof of Mary Ann Tours the following negroes to wit - Emily  
a woman and her six children to wit John a boy, Milly a girl, Alex a boy,  
Turner a boy, Maria a girl, Anna a girl also Sarah a woman and her child  
David, I also give him in trust all his beds and furniture Piano, Sofa, side  
Board, folding Table, Secretary, and Book case, and half dozen Cain  
bottom Chairs to have and use said property for her own and separate use  
free from the control of others - To convey and sell or alter and change such  
property as he may deem best for her benefit

in the seventh I have reserved an equal portion with my other grand children  
for my Grand Son Robert D. S. S. Beasley which I have this day conveyed unto  
my Grand Son Carroll O. Tours for the use benefit and behoof of the  
said Robert D. S. S. Beasley and his family

in the eighth I give bequest and devise unto William P. Beasley and Carroll O.  
Tours One Hundred and fifty acres of Land off of Lot No 98 in sixth  
district of said County which land she is now in possession of for the  
separate use benefit and behoof of Eliza A. Swain and the children. She  
now has or may hereafter have and should the said Trustee deem it  
proper to change sell or convey or alter said described premises, they are to  
invest the proceeds of said sale as they may think proper under the same  
restrictions above named

in the ninth I give bequest and devise unto my son William P. Beasley for the  
separate use and benefit of my old negroes Ann, Milly, and Nancy One  
Hundred acres of Land off of Lot No 33 in the sixth district of Grays  
County being East half of said Lot said described premises I give as a  
home desirous for their separate use and benefit during their natural life  
to said Trustee having the power and privilege to alter convey, or sell  
said premises and investing the proceeds for their benefit with the  
restrictions above named - after the death of the said tree or the said

estate to go to the said William P. Beasly in fee simple  
the residue of the balance of my estate that I may die possessed of of whatever  
character both real and personal I give bequeath and devise unto my  
second son William P. Beasly, after the foregoing legacies have been  
paid and all my debts have been cancelled the same to have the residue of  
whatsoever character it may be  
the executors I hereby constitute and appoint my son William P. Beasly and  
my grand sons James & Towns and John R. Towns and my friend Andrew  
Morgan Executors of this my last Will and Testament this December 1<sup>st</sup> A.D.  
1854. James Beasly (Signature)  
Signed, sealed, declared and published by James Beasly as his  
last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers  
who subscribe our names hereunto in the presence of the Testator this  
December 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1854. James M. Beasly  
Jos A. Long  
A. A. Roberts  
Robt D. Morgan.

Georgia <sup>8<sup>th</sup></sup> Court of Ordinary January 5<sup>th</sup> 1855  
In person before me Wile St. Sims Ordinary of Gwinnett  
County came James M. Beasly, A. A. Roberts, James Long and  
Robert D. Morgan Subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament  
of James Beasly deceased who being duly sworn saith that they saw  
James Beasly the Testator sign seal and publish the annexed as  
his last Will and Testament and that the same was done by him vol-  
untarily and without compulsion, that the Testator was of sound dis-  
posing mind and memory that he subscribed the same in their presence  
that they each subscribed in his presence and the presence of each  
other before to subscribe before me this 8<sup>th</sup> January 1855  
Wile St. Sims Ordinary James M. Beasly  
A. A. Roberts  
Jos A. Long  
R. D. Morgan

Georgia <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> Court of Ordinary January 10<sup>th</sup> 1855  
The last Will and Testament of James Beasly  
deceased having been duly and legally proven at this court  
the court and the same being now regularly before this court  
by the executors therein nominated and the witnesses to said Will  
having in open court testified that they saw James Beasly the  
Testator sign seal and publish said Will to be his last Will  
and Testament and that he signed sealed and published it of  
his own free will and voluntarily and that he was of sound and  
disposing mind. It is ordered by the court that the annexed Will  
and Testament be admitted of Record as such and that Letters  
Testamentary be issued to William P. Beasly, James & Towns and  
John D. Morgan Executors appointed in said last Will & Testament  
And it is further ordered that Carl Baker, Stephen Willis, William Taylor  
Warren Sims, and Robert Griggs be and are hereby appointed appraiser  
to said Estate and that they make their Return in accordance  
with law. Wile St. Sims Ord.

Recorded 15 January 1855 Wile St. Sims Ord.