

In the Name of So W. Amen!

I, James Freeman of said State and County, being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world, I deem it right and proper both respects myself and family, that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind providence has blessed me I therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and disannulling all others heretofore made by me

Item first I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition my soul I trust will return to God who gave it

Item second I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor hereinafter named, as I am unwilling my Creditors should be troubled by their just rights especially as there is no necessity for delay

Item third It is my desire that my Wife Mary Freeman whom I have lived with in the strictest quiet for the last twenty two years half of Feb of A^d One Thousand 1858 Eight in the fifteenth district formerly known as District County Georgia in the ^{same} ~~county~~ ^{city} ~~county~~ ^{city} and a half acres part of lot No Sixty in the fifteenth district of originally known as now Henry County Georgia three Negroes Charlotte a negro woman about eight years old Nancy a girl about thirteen years old Philip a boy about two years old and all my stock of horses (two) hogs & sheep all my house hold and kitchen furniture all the corn and wheat fodder &c that I may have on hand One Two horse wagon also eight also all my plantation tools of every description all of the above said property is to belong to my Wife Mary Freeman during her natural life & ~~if she should die~~ ~~the property is to be divided according to law after her decease, my wife should like the same~~ after death the property is to equally divided amongst our six Children C. J. Holladay John M. Freeman Mariah H. Holladay Jane Freeman Lydia Ann Freeman and James J. Freeman and I appoint ~~my wife~~ ~~my wife~~ my wife's worthy friends ~~John M. Freeman~~ ~~James J. Freeman~~ and Robert L. Wilham the Executors of this my last Will and Testament this 17 day of May 1856 James Freeman Seal

Signed sealed and delivered and published by James Freeman as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the below subscribed our names & seals in presence of said Testator and of each other this 17 day of May 1856

N. H. Case
N. M. White
Solomon Fitch

Georgia County Ordinary James J. Freeman 1856
Frederick County, Maryland, County Ordinary in and for said County, in open Court personally came John M. Case, James J. White and Solomon Fitch subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of James Freeman deceased and being duly sworn with this day said James Freeman the Testator sign Seal publish and declare the contents within now presented as his last Will and Testament that he signed the same freely voluntarily and of his own accord and without any compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of the execution of the said Will said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory that he personally signed said Will as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his special instance and request and also in the presence of each other subscribed & sworn to before me this June 3rd 1856

N. H. Case
N. M. White
Solomon Fitch

Georgia 3 County of Ordinary June Term 1856
 In open Court came John Henderson and Robert
 L. Latham Executors of the last Will and Testament of James
 Freeman late of said County Deceased and proposed the paper writing pur-
 porting to be said last Will and Testament for probate & Recd. which
 said last Will and Testament is now here in Court together with the
 Witnesses to said Will to wit H. H. Leary, Green M. White and Solomon
 Fingle and the said last Will and Testament having been proven in open
 Court by said Witnesses and no objections having been urged it is therefore
 on motion of said Executors considered and ordered that said probate is
 sufficient and it is further ordered that said Will be Recorded, and it
 is further ordered by the Court upon the application of said Executors that
 Letters Testamentary be granted to them according to Law and that
 James Lancaster Thomas Johnson L. D. Pitts Orman Whally and
 James H. Estes be and they are hereby appointed appraisers to appraise
 said Estate of James Freeman according to Law and that said
 Executors Return the same within three months
 Granted

Thus C. Evans
 Ordinary

Recorded 6 June 1856.

Thomas C. Evans
 Ordinary