

I James O'neal of the county of Group and State of Georgia being of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first I direct that my body be decently interred in a christianlike manner according to my condition in life. And as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows: First. I direct that all my just debts be paid as early as possible.

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Frances with whom I have lived in the strictest love and quit for the last five years an equal proportion of all my Estate both real and personal with my four children, John Ransom William H.C. - James and George M. - the youngest. If my wife Mary Frances should not survive me in that case all my property to be divided between my living children.

2nd I desire that all my real Estate shall be sold and the following named negroes also to be sold viz: Jerry, Sam, Dairmon, Fayette, Ahey, Sukey, and Bob. The money arising from the sale of the negroes and one fourth of the proceeds arising from the sale of the real Estate shall be laid out in likely young negro women boys by my Executor.

3rd After disposing of my real Estate as above mentioned I direct my Executor to purchase some suitable piece of land of proper size in a healthy situation for my family to live on to be a part of my Estate as it is my wish my family be kept together until they children become of age or marry.

4th In case of the marriage of my wife after my decease the land mentioned in Item third shall be sold and she shall draw her proportion of the proceeds as well as her share of the rest of the Estate.

5th I desire that all the negroes belonging to my Estate or which may be purchased by direction of Item 2nd shall be hired out except a few to work the place mentioned in the 3rd Item.

6th I give and bequeath to my beloved brother Hilliard O'neal the sum of five hundred dollars to be taken from any money arising from the sale of my Estate.

7th As I repose the utmost confidence in the integrity of Hilliard O'neal and Reubin J. Butts I appoint them to be Executors of this my last will & testament and I do not wish the Court of Ordinary to make them give security for the due performance of the trust reposed in them.

8th It is my desire that my Executors dispose of my real Estate at private sale if they should deem it proper to do so.

James O'neal *J.O.*
Signed sealed declared and published by James O'neal

Onal in his last will and testament in the presence
of us the Subscribers who Subscribed our names thereto
in the presence of said testator and of each other
this November 11th 1848

Robt Robertson
C. McCarten

Georgia Superior Court of Group County sitting for
Ordinary purposes met on Monday 11th day of
December 1848 pursuant to adjournment

Present their Honors

Jepi McLendon }
Levi Geer } Justices
Moses Lee }

The within last will and testament of James Onal
late of this County deceased was this day produced into
open court by Willard Onal and Edwin J. Potts
the Executors therein nominated and in due and legal
form of law proved upon the oaths of Cormack McCarten
and Robert Robertson the Subscribing witnesses to the
same and ordered by the Court to be admitted
to record this being a regular term of the Court.

Attest. Wiley Wilson c.c.

Recorded 20th December 1848
-W. Wilson c.c.