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The last will and testament of James
Rutledge Senr of Wilkes County Geo.

State of Georgia } In the name of God
Oglethorpe County } Amen

I James Rutledge Senr of the County State
aforesaid being in a low state of health but
of sound mind and memory and knowing it
is appointed for all men once to die do
make and ordain this my last will & testament
in manner & form following (viz)

Item 1st I wish all my just debts in the
first place to be discharged as speedily as
possible out of such property as my Executor
may think can be best paid out of my
Estate.

Item 2nd I lend to my beloved wife Ann
Rutledge during her natural life the whole
of my Estate both real and personal and
after her death to be divided among my
several children in the following manner.

Item 3rd It is my will that my son
Joseph Rutledge should have two hundred
dollars out of my Estate extra of an equal
dividend.

Item 4th I give to my daughter Nancy
Echols a negro girl by the name of Mariah
to be valued to her at cash price & if she
should be worth more than one ninth part
of my Estate (exclusive of what is milled above)
she shall pay back to the said Estate to
make her part equal to the rest of the
ligation and if the said negro should be
valued to less than one ninth part as
above stated the said shall make up said
suffer deficiency to the said Nancy Echols

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or her heirs viz the heirs of her own body.

Item 5th It is my will that the balance of my Estate shall be equally divided between seven of my children viz Thomas, Rutledge, Dudley Rutledge, Sally Echols, Jane Elap, James Rutledge junr, Joseph Rutledge & William Rutledge also my grand children the heirs of my Elder son John Rutledge.

Item 6th It is my will that the property that falls to my several daughters as named above shall belong to them & the natural heirs of their body forever.

Item 7th And lastly it is my will and desire that my three youngest sons, i.e. James Rutledge Joseph Rutledge & William Rutledge be and they are hereby nominated and appointed Executors of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this twenty sixth day of July, eighteen hundred and twenty two and of American Independence forty second.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in the presence of us and

witnessed by us in presence

of each other

James Rutledge *J.R.*

J. P. Holmes

William North

A. M. Hill

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Personally appeared in open court William North & Josiah P. Holmes, who being first

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Subj sworn upon their oath say, that they
San James Rutledge sign seal & Execute &
publish the within instrument of writing as
his last will and testament, and that at
the time of this so doing he was of sound
and disposing mind & memory that they
signed their names thereto as subscribing
witnesses and that they also at the time
of this so doing they San Archibald Mc
Hill sign the same as a subscribing witness
sworn to in open court

this 3rd day of May 1824 J. P. Holmes
sworn to in open
Court, this 3rd day
of May 1824 William North
Mark
attest J. H. Dyson C.C.O.

Court of ordinary
for said County
May Term 1824
The last will & testament of
James Rutledge Sen^r dec^d was
proved in open Court by the oath of Josiah
P. Holmes William North and James Rutledge
Josiah Rutledge William Rutledge the Executors
therein named qualified as such

Georgia
Wilkes County
Records of my office
I do hereby certify that
the annexed and foregoing
is truly copied from the
Given under my hand and
Seal this 25th day of December
1835 John A. Dyson C.C.O.

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Troup County
Court of Ordinary
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of James Rutledge late of Wilks, County Geo.
having changed his residence from the
County of Wilks to the County of Troup having
obtained a copy of the Records concerning
said estate from the Clerk of the Court of
Ordinary of Wilks, County having had the
same recorded in the Clerk's office of the
Court of ordinary of Troup County ordered
that the said James Rutledge Exr have the
privilege of making the annual return
required of him as Exr. as aforesaid to this
Court. or a true copy from the Minutes
of the Court of ordinary of Troup County at
September adjourned Term 1837

Recorded 9th Nov 1837
H. W. Wilson C.C.O.
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