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The Last Will & Testament of Washing- ton Drayton

Troup County Wills, 1832-1848

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Georgia In the name of God Amen.
I Washington Drayton of the County of
Troup and State aforesaid being of sound
and disposing mind and memory thanks
be to God for the same but calling to mind
the mortality of my body do make fordon
this and no other my last will and
testament in manner and form following, first
and principally I recommend my soul into
the hands of Almighty God and my body
I recommend to its mother dust and as
touching such worldly Estate wherewith it
has pleased God to bless me in this life
I do give devise and dispose of the same
as follows.

In the first place I wish all
my negroes kept together on my plantation
untill my son James Carrara arrives at
Majority provided my beloved wife should
not marry and in case she should think
it expedient to marry a second time I
do give devise and bequeath unto my wife
Eleanor & my son James Carrara for and
during their natural lives all my property
(except that part hereinafter named) to be
equally divided between them at her second
marriage provided God should not bless
us with a posthumous child or children -
but in the event of my beloved wife, being
safely delivered of that child or children
now in embryo I do bequeath to it or them
an equal portion of my property.

Item - As a remuneration for his services
and various other causes and considerations
I do give devise and bequeath unto my

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of Seven hundred dollars which sum I do
will and desire should be raised on my
plantation and the sale of that portion
of my ~~personal~~ perishable property which
can be well spared from the plantation
and that there may be no difficulty in
the payment of that sum I do desire it paid
in Seven annual instalments each instalment
to bear a lawful interest till the same is
paid from the date or sealing of this
testament. Item To my beloved
Sister Mary Pabitt and my niece
Mary Wilcox I give and bequeath
each a cow and calf which I desire
delivered to them immediately after my
decease. I do hereby appoint and
Constitute my brother Jordan Traylor the
Sole Executor of this my last will
and testament and I do also nominate
Constitute and appoint him the Guardian
of the person and property of my child
or children (in case my wife Eleanor
should marry a second time) during his
or their minority and do wish him to act
the same part as before mentioned whether
she marries or not so far as keeping
the property together and managing the
same to profit. Lastly I do confirm
and establish this and no other to be my
last will and testament In testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
affixed my Seal this tenth day of November
in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and thirty nine - Signed Sealed
and published in presence of

John T. Boykin

Hamilton M. Wisdom

Robt. J. Allen

Washington Traylor

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Georgia Inferior Court, of Troup County,
Sitting in vacation as a court of Ordinary
Saturday 23rd November 1839

Present

James M Beall

Peter W Lesley

Justices

The within last will and testament of
Washington Draylor late of said County dec^d
was this day produced before the aforesaid
Justices in vacation and duly and lawfully
proven upon the oaths of Hamilton M
Wisdome and Robert J. Allen two of the
Subscribing witnesses to the same - and
thereupon the nominated Executor mentioned
in said will to wit Jordan Draylor was
duly and lawfully qualified as Executor
thereof before the said Justices by taking
the oath prescribed by Law on the Holy
Evangelist of Almighty God

Wm. Wilson cco

Georgia Inferior Court of Troup County
Sitting for Ordinary purposes
January adjourned Term 1840

Present

James M Beall

Thos J. Croft

Peter W Lesley

Collin Rogers

The within last will and testament of
Washington Draylor dec^d having been duly
proven before James M Beall and Peter W
Lesley Justices of the Inferior Court of
said County in vacation on Saturday the
23rd day of November 1839 upon the oaths
of Hamilton M Wisdome and Robert
J. Allen two of the Subscribing witnesses
therein Ordains that the same be

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Now admitted to Record this being
a regular and legal Term of the
Meeting of said Court Wiley Wilson
Ceo

Recorded 15th January 1840
Wiley Wilson
Ceo
