

Will of Wm James Leach

State of Georgia } In the name of God
Union County } Amen:

I William James of said State & County, being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind & memory, knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right & proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property - ~~with~~ which a kind Providence has blessed me: I do therefore make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking & annulling all others by me heretofore made:
First I direct that my body be buried in a decent & Christian like manner suitable to my condition in life, my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it: as I hope for salvation through the merits & atonement of the blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ -

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executor herein after named & appointed =

I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah & my beloved daughter Sarah Jane, all my lands & tenements appertinances which will be known by reference to the deeds for the same during the life of my wife Sarah James and at her death to my beloved daughters Ester James, and Sarah Jane James to be their own right and property forever in "fee simple".

I give & bequeath to my beloved Hampton James, Five Dollars, my son Wm Leach James Five Dollars, my son William H. Leach Five Dollars, my daughter Mary Sullivan Five Dollars

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah James

and my two daughters Ester James & Sarah James during the life time of my wife and at her death to my daughters Ester & Sarah their share ~~as~~ as their own right and property consisting of Horses, bush-hogs, sheep, house hold & Kitchen furniture, wagon, farming tools, money & debts

(6)th-

I hereby constitute and appoint my friend James A. Reist Executor of this my last Will and Testament = This June 9th 1877

Witnessed & sealed declared & published by William James Esq in the presents of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presents of said testator at his special request & in the presents of each other = This June 9th 1877.

William James Esq
William B. Butcher
John W. Parks
William S. Tupper

sworn to

I W. S. Tupper do swear that I as well as Mr B. Butcher & J. W. Parks saw the within named William James sign & publish the within paper as his last Will & Testament. That I subscribed the same as a witness thereto at the special instance & request of the said Mr James & in his presence as did Mr B. Butcher & J. W. Parks, that the said Mr James signed the same freely & voluntarily and was at the time of said signing of sound and disposing mind & memory = Sworn to and subscribed } before me This 3rd day of Sept 1875 }

Wm. Caldwell acting
Recorded 17th day of September 1875
By S. J. Jarrett
C. C. A.