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Lumpkin County

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To all whom it may concern, I James Gwyn in the County & State aforesaid, being weak and feeble in body, but sound and efficient in mind and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament. And in the first place I will and bequeath my soul unto God who gave it, and humbly implore his forgiveness thereon. My Body to the mother earth, to be entred in a decent manner, by my Executors herein after named. As to what of the effects of this world it has pleased the Lord to bless me with, I wish to be disposed of in the following manner. To my beloved wife Jane Gwyn I will and bequeath a Negro Woman Hannah, and Negro Boy, Sampson together with all the household and Kitchen Furniture of every description, to her and her heirs forever. To Mary Ann Gwyn my beloved daughter I will and bequeath a Negro Boy Jack and Negro Girl Rosette, and Negro Boy William one of Margarets Children To her and her heirs forever. To my Beloved son Richard Martin Gwyn I will and bequeath a Negro Woman Margaret and her two ^{last} Children Joe and Aaron John and her heirs forever. To my beloved Daughter Martha Jane Gwyn I will and bequeath a Negro Boy Alfred Negro Girl Jane and Negro Boy George youngest Child of Margaret to her and her heirs forever. As to the balance of my Property It is my earnest request that my Executor hereafter to be named should make speedy sale, thereof and that out of the proceeds, all of my Just debts should be paid and the balance put in Stock and trade to be managed and superintended by said Executor hereafter to be named, to be under his sole management and Control, and the profits to be equally and fairly divided, amongst the legates before mentioned to go for their support, schooling &c. Should they be so disposed when they may or arrive at age, the before named Legates, they can withdraw from the Executor their part of the stock and trade and profits arising therefrom. I hereby nominate and appoint my Brother William L. Gwyn, my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of July 1850

Witness sealed &c in the presence of
James M. Gordon
George ^{his} Deane
Caroline M. Gordon

J. Gwyn

Open Court { James H. Gordon you swear that you saw James Guy sign seal
Publish and declare this (the aforesaid writing to be and contain his last
Will and testament That at the time thereof he was of sound disposing
Mind and Memory And that he did it freely without Compulsion to the
best of your Knowledge, and you also swear that you saw Geo. Bowen an
Caroline M. Gordon sign the same as witnesses at the time of making
said will & help you to do so
Sworn to & subscribed before us
in Open Court this 7th Feb. 1834
Thos. F. Bethel C. C. C.

Registered this 3rd day of September 1834

Thos. F. Bethel C. C. C.

Junior District Court Wm. & S. 1832

As there is nothing more certain than death it is important we should have our
Temporal & Temporal Concerns arranged in such a manner that neither may
suffer from sudden Death - I am now in the enjoyment of perfect health
and fair prospects in life but I know not the hour I may be called to the
next World, for years past I have lived under the impression I should
not be in this world long and as I now have a family some trouble and
extreme may be saved by making a Will - It is my desire & will
that after my death my Wife Margaret should be appointed Executrix of
my estate, assisted by my brother Henry S. Yonge (now under age) & the
payment of my just debts whatever may remain of money real estate or otherwise
shall belong solely to my Dear wife Margaret who will appropriate it in the
best possible manner for her own Comfort & the good of my darling child
Annabella. I wish my Daughter to be thoroughly instructed in all the useful
and substantial branches of female education teach her mind the habit
of reflecting which will prevent many of the evils which idleness makes
fashionable teach her the excellencies of true religion & learn her at an
early age to desire the profession of its principles as the rule & guide
of her life (above every thing else) Let her know that the amiable spirit
of her father lives still with her mother & self & although cannot
sensibly appear is sensible of every thing they do & think. I wish my
body laid in a plain pine Coffin blacked and laid in the ground with as little
Confusion as possible - Signed and published the 3rd of January 1832

In presence of
Latimer Amistead
H. F. Amistead
Susan T. Small

H. S. Yonge