

State of Georgia  
Upson County  
I know all ~~over~~ by these presents that I  
William Snipes of the State & County aforesaid  
being of perfect mind & Memory but knowing that it is appointed  
unto all Men to die, do make certain & declare this instrument  
to be my last Will & Testament. Revoking all other

- 1<sup>st</sup> My Will is that all my legal debts including the expenses  
of my burial be paid out of such of my effects as I may  
die legally possessed of not hereinafter specified or disposed of.
  - 2<sup>d</sup> I do hereby Will & bequeath to my Son Young Snipes  
a certain Negro boy now in my possession and known by  
the name of Sam.
  - 3<sup>d</sup> I do hereby Will & bequeath to my Son, James Snipes  
a certain Negro boy now in his (the said James Snipes) possession  
and known by the name of Henry.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> My Will is that all my Negro property with the exception  
of those two above named, that I may die legally possessed  
of shall be equally divided between the following named legal  
heirs of my body (Viz) John Snipes, James Snipes, Chesley W.  
Snipes & Young Snipes, the above division or apportionment  
to be made by my Executors hereinafter named and in case of a  
failure on their part to agree or give satisfaction to the Legals,  
then & in that case they (the Executors) shall call in to their aid  
some suitable disinterested person to decide whose decision  
shall be final & conclusive in the case.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> I do hereby Will & bequeath to my Daughter Patsy Hwater  
the sum of forty dollars to be paid out of such of my effects  
as shall be hereinafter specified.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> My Will is that all of my effects both Real & personal that  
I may die legally possessed of which is not otherwise disposed  
of be exposed to Public Sale in such way & manner as my  
Executors may deem most advantageous and that after the  
payment of the above stipulated sum of forty dollars to my  
Daughter Patsy Hwater together with all of my legal  
debts that the balance or residue of the proceeds of such  
sale be equally divided between the following named legal  
heirs of my body including the orphan children of my son  
Vape Snipes who shall be entitled collectively to one share  
with those hereinafter named (Viz) Mark Snipes William  
Snipes John Snipes James Snipes Chesley W. Snipes & Young.....
  - 7<sup>th</sup> My Will is that my Son Mark Snipes & John Snipes  
be my Executors to carry this my last Will & Testament into effect.
- Given under my hand and Seal the fourteenth

day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred & forty seven and in the seventy first year of the  
Independence of the United States

In the presence of  
Edw<sup>d</sup> Holloway  
Coatson Moreland

William Snipes

W.S.

The acts I and he intended before resigning

State of Georgia, Superior Court sitting for ordinary purposes  
Upper County 3 May Term 1849-

The within last Will & Testament of  
William Snipes deceased having been duly proven at  
this regular Term in open Court upon the oath of  
Edward Holloway & Coatson Moreland the subscribing  
witnesses thereto

It is ordered that the same be admitted  
to record as to the personally only -

Thos. J. Bethel J. C. C.  
Livi C. Dickinson J. C. C.  
Thomas Beall J. C. C.

Recorded this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1849  
W. J. Cott Secy