

Warren County, Georgia Wills 1829-1852  
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 Henry Atkins, of said county of said being somewhat indisposed in  
 April 27-1846, & body but of sound and disposing memory, considering the uncertainty  
 of life, and the certainty of death and the importance of being ready at all  
 times to meet the great change, of passing from life to eternity, and having a  
 choice as to the distribution of the worldly estates with which it has pleased  
 Almighty God to bless me with have made this my last will and testament  
 I do it.

First I will and bequeath my soul to the God of Heaven the author and  
 bestower of the same hoping to inherit a seat amongst his redeemed.

2nd - I give my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in  
 decent Christian burial.

And as touching my worldly estate I make the following  
 distribution of the same.

First I loan unto my only and beloved brother William L. Atkins of  
 the state of Texas the following negroes to wit, Rachel, and her child  
 Becky, Tracey, Lucy, two boy George & Ruben also Willis a boy all of the  
 forenamed negroes and their increase I loan unto my aforesaid  
 brother William L. Atkins for and during the time of his natural  
 lifetime, and at his death I give the aforesaid negroes and their increase  
 unto the legitimate heirs of his body

2<sup>nd</sup> I also loan unto my aforesaid brother W. L. Atkins all notes accounts,  
 dues, and claims of whatsoever character either of money or property all of  
 such dues when collected the proceeds of all such dues &c I loan unto  
 my brother W. L. Atkins for and during the time of his natural lifetime  
 and at his death I give it unto the legitimate children of his body.

3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath unto my brother William L. Atkins my plantation  
 lying on Big Briar creek in Columbia county Ga together with the stock  
 of all kinds horses, mules, cows, hogs, &c &c with all the plantation tools and  
 implement pertaining and belonging on the same.

4thly - I loan unto my only and beloved sister Mary Ann Atkins the two  
 following negroes, Polly a girl, and Ruben a man Both of said negroes  
 I loan unto my sister Mary Ann Atkins for and during the time of her  
 natural lifetime she to enjoy and have full & absolute control of said  
 negroes they and their increase so as not to be dispossessed of said negroes  
 with their increase in any way or manner whatsoever.

5<sup>th</sup> All of my estate herein not named with the exception of my shop furniture  
 Galley and harness which I give and bequeath to my brother W. L. Atkins,

My will and desire is for my Executor hereafter named to have sold at such time as he may think fit his convenience and as may in his judgement be to the best interest of my estate and the proceeds of such sale after paying all my just debts I give to my brother W.L. Atkins.

6thly I appoint my brother W.L. Atkins of Texas my sole and only Executor.

7thly It is my will and desire that no other than my brother W.L. Atkins of Texas shall administer or act Executor on this my will.

Daniel S. Atkins (P.P.)

Signed & sealed in presence of us

Aaron Atkins

William R. Story

Lazarus Jackson

In Georgia you Aaron Atkins & William R. Story do swear that Warren County you saw the within named Testator sign, seal, publish & declare this instrument of writing to be & contain his last will & testament and that at the time thereof he was in your opinion & belief of sound and disposing mind & memory and that he did it freely without compulsion & that Lazarus Jackson was a subscribing witness with yourselves to the same as the last will of said Testator and that you all subscribed said will at the request of said Testator in his presence & in the presence of each other to the best of your knowledge. So help you God.

Aaron Atkins  
William R. Story

Sworn to & subscribed  
in open Court May 3<sup>d</sup> 1847

Patrick K. Madday

C.C.O. Recorded for

P.K. Madday C.C.O.