

State of Georgia, Warren County, Georgia Wills 1829-1852  
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I Silson Berry of said State Warren County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and 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, do therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1 Item. I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life. My soul, I trust, shall return to rest with God, who gave it, as I hope for eternal salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose religion I have professed and as I humbly trust enjoyed for twenty years.

2 Item. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor herein after appointed as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed in their rights especially as there is no necessity for delay.

3 Item. I give, bequeath, and devise unto my beloved wife Mary with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet for thirty five years all my estate both real & personal consisting in part of three negroes to wit Phebe a woman and her two children George about thirty seven years of age and Charles about thirty one years of age, also one tract of Land where on I now live containing about one hundred & fifty acres a part of which is cleared and in cultivation with all the rights members and appertinances to said tract of Land, in anywise belonging, free from all charges or limitation whatsoever to his own proper use, benefit and behoof forever; and all my stock of every kind and description whatsoever consisting of Horses, hogs, & cattle &c &c and all my plantation and farming tools & utensils & Household & Kitchen furniture of all kind whatsoever and all the ready cash & notes which may be on hand at my death or in others words all the property which I may die seized & possessed of, of every kind quality & description whatsoever to go to & become the property of my said wife Mary forever with full power to dispose of the same at any time previous or by will or deed at her death as she may think proper.

4 Item. I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Executrix of this my last Will & testament this July 16<sup>th</sup> 1847.

Silson <sup>his</sup> Berry (L)

Signed sealed declared, and published by Silson Berry as his last will and testament, in the presence of us, the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto, in the presence of said Testator at his special instance, as requested and of each other this 16 July 1847.

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John J. Pilcher (24)  
James Pilcher (25)  
Nathan Culpepper (26)

Georgia you John J. Pilcher & James Pilcher do swear that  
Warren County you saw Gilson Berry 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 Nathan Culpepper  
was a subscribing witness to the same with yourselves and that you  
all subscribed the said will in the presence of said Testator at his  
request & in the presence of each other to the best of your knowledge  
To help you God.

John J. Pilcher  
James Pilcher

Sworn in open court  
November 1<sup>st</sup> 1847

Patrick A. Maddy C.C.C.

Recorded for

P. A. Maddy C.C.C. - 1847.

In the name of God Amen.

I Amos Johnson of the County of Warren in the State of Georgia being  
infirm in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and  
desiring before I depart this life to make an arrangement and disposition  
of my temporal affairs do make and and publish this my last will  
and Testament.

It is my will that my body be committed to the earth in  
proper burial and my soul I commit to the Keeping of God who gave it.

It is my will that my estate both real and personal of every  
description after the payment of all just debts against me be kept together  
in the hands of my wife Martha M. Johnson during her natural life  
if she remain a widow otherwise until the time of her marriage to be  
used for her support and for the support rearing and education of my  
children and at her death or in case of her marriage it is my will that  
said estate be then divided between my said wife and children and  
equal share to each.

It is my will and desire that my executor hereinafter named  
have power to sell at any times any portion of the personal property  
of my estate and also a lot of land belonging to me in Sumptner