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The Last Will & Testament of Thomas Gibson of the county aforesaid,
I make as follows.

I give my wife Mary, late Mary Semmes, The following negroes, Baptist, Sarah, his wife, Thim Son Nick, Quaid, his wife Linda, his son John and daughter Caroline, to have and to hold forever, to be delivered after my debts are paid. Then, I wish her to have, for life or forever, as The will of Dr Semmes may justify my Executor, The proceeds of The Sale of one third of the hogs, horses and mules of Dr Semmes' estate as pointed out by the returns of James R. Brook, Admr of said estate (copies of which are now in my possession) fourteen head of very common cattle and about forty dollars, said returns will show The carriage now on hand and two horses or mares, two beds, bedsteads and furniture. Besides which, I wish her to have the use and possession of all my land my Executor may keep on hand, in common with such of my five youngest children as may remain thereon and pay the same respect and attention to her that they have done in my lifetime, and all remain together, unless my Executor thinks best to sever them; to give them with every thing else kept upon the land.

I sold a negro man, Billy, for nine hundred dollars that formerly belonged to my wife Mary, but the proceeds has been exhausted in part or in whole. Nevertheless, my Executor may pay it or some part thereof, without interest, if he wished. By letter to him, I have explained part of this will, which he may show or not, as he pleases. I give all the balance of my estate, no matter what it may consist of, whether land, negroes or other thing or things, to my son Obadiah C. Gibson for the purpose of paying my debts and dividing among children in such manner as to make them all as near equal as he can.

He must consider that my five youngest have had less education, and must therefore have more property. Besides which, the two youngest sons have done more work, and perhaps the three girls may. The six oldest children are as near equal as I care for, if they keep what they now have in possession; namely, John to keep the negro girl Emily, Mary E. to keep Violet & Martha A., Ellen, - But if Martha A. dies without a living child, then Ellen is to be brought back and made part of my estate.

My Executor is to have all the power and privilege over every part of my estate that I now have. He may sell, buy and barter, just as I can now do.

He may make no inventory or return to the court of ordinary except to prove and record this will. He may make Executor, Executors or agents to assist to carry this Will into effect. If any of my young children die minors and without issue, their interest under this will is revoked and becomes ^{part} of my estate. If any of the five youngest marries, let the Executor provide as well as he can for them, unless he thinks it will be a waste

to make ^{Warren County, Georgia, Will 1877-1882} ~~it safe~~ ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} When my five youngest children are made equal with the six oldest, if there is any thing left, let it be divided among all the eleven, subject to the above restrictions of Martha A. and the minors.

I appoint Obadiash C. Gibson, Executor to this Will. -
Signed, Sealed, published and declared before us. Thomas Gibson, (T.S.)
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September 7th 1842.

R. K. Moreland,

Orusilla Pitts,

Amanda M. Pitts.

Georgia, Warren County. Upon Robert K. Moreland, Orusilla Pitts, & Amanda M. Moreland, formerly Pitts, do swear that you saw Thomas Gibson, Senr., Sign, Seal, publish and declare this instrument of writing to be and contain his last Will and Testament, and that at the time thereof, he was in your opinion and belief of sound & disposing mind and memory, and that he did it freely, without compulsion, and that you became subscribing witnesses to the same, at said Testator's request and in ^{the presence} ~~the presence~~ of each other, to the best of your knowledge. So help you God.

R. K. Moreland,

Orusilla Pitts,

Amanda M. Moreland.

Sworn to and, Subscribed before us, this 24th Novr. 1842.

Adam Conch, J. P. C.

Thos. L. Latham, J. P. C.

State of Georgia, Warren county.

I Thomas Gibson of said county, having ascertained that my wife Mary is unwilling to continue with my children upon my plantation, & in view of the absolute necessity that my son Obadiash C. may be under of selling a part or all of my plantation, & because the Roberts place was bought to employ under my own direction the negroes I received by my said wife; I hereby execute this as a Codicil to my last Will & Testament, bearing date the 7th of September, 1842;

And I hereby revoke the interest given my said wife in my plantation & lands as to occupying the same with my children (minors), and divide my whole settlement into two, thus, commencing on the east line opposite the mouth of the School house Spring branch, thence direct to the mouth of the said Spring Branch, up said branch to the School house Spring, thence along the old road North westerly to a Post oak on the top of the

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hill where the Crawfordville road & the road to my dwelling house forks. Thence along the
Crawfordville road to the western line of my lands; and give my said wife choice
of the said two settlements at and for the price of twenty five hundred dollars
which she is to pay my Executor, before she is entitled to receive from him
the Legacy left her in my said Will; She to make her choice when called on by
him, & if she fails to do so then he to take choice for himself, & to execute title to
my said wife when she pays said twenty five hundred dollars, which is to be
held due the first of January next. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal this eighth day of October 1842.

Signed, Sealed & published in

presence of us, -

P. N. Maddux.

Edmund Cady.

Wm R. Lowe.

Thomas Gibson. 

Georgia, Warren County. You Patrick N. Maddux, Edmund Cady & William
R. Lowe, do swear that you saw Thomas Gibson, Senr. Sign, Seal, publish
and declare this writing to be and contain his codicil to ~~his~~ his last
will and Testament to which it is appended, and that at the time thereof
he was in your opinion & belief of sound disposing mind and memory,
and that he did it freely without compulsion, and that you became
subscribing witnesses to the same at said Testator's request, in his
presence & in the presence of each other to the best of your knowledge.

So help you God.

Patrick N. Maddux.

Edmund Cady.

W. R. Lowe.

Sworn and Subscribed to
before us, This 24th November, 1842.

Adam Jones, J. S. C.

Thos L. Satimer, J. S. C.

V. B. The foregoing will & codicil was proven as in vacation
and admitted to record by the court, January Term, 1843, & now
recorded by the clerk in terms of the Statute in such case
made and provided. Jan'y. - 1843.

Patrick N. Maddux, c. c. c.