

Jesse Croom

State of Georgia
Washington County

In the name of God Amen.

The nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, I Jesse Croom of the County and State aforesaid, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men here to die, do make and ordain, this my last will and Testament, That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gives it, and for my body, I recommend it to the dust to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching my worldly Estate, whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following, that is to say in the first place I request all my just debts to be paid in the next place, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jennett Croom, the land and plantation whereon I now live, and the negroes stock of all kind, household and kitchen furniture, to have and to hold said property before mentioned during her natural life or widowhood then the land and plantation to be equally divided between Richard and Zilphie, In the next place I give one hundred acres of land to James Garner the place whereon he now lives. In the next place after the death or widowhood of Jennett Croom my wife I wish all the property that is left, not bequeathed away to be equally divided among my eleven children (to wit) Panny Garner, Polly, Mildon, Major, Maria, Jesse, Delany, Lemmy, Sawick, Sutey, Jennett, Richard and Zilphie Croom, In the next place I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Jennett Croom and Lee Heabs, my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made in anywise before this time named, willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Jesse Croom to be his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers, that is to say.

Jesse Croom (Test)
James Garner
Lewis Lanier
Wm. Sawick
Moses