

State of Georgia
Wilkes County

In the name of God
Amos John Bush of

the county and State aforesaid being sick and weak in body but of sound memory do make this my last will and Testament. Viz

Imprimis. It is my will and desire that so much of my personal all Estate (which can be best spared from my family) as will discharge my Just Debts and defray the necessary Expence hereunto accruing, be sold and immediately after the proof of this will & the amount thence arising applied to the same purpose what is due to me.

Item. My desire is furthermore that the whole of the Remainder of my Estate both real and personal of every species or kind what ever to be kept together on my plantation under the direction of my Executors until my youngest surviving child arrive to the age of twelve years for the support and maintenance of my widow during her widowhood & for the support of all my Children till said arrival of twelve years and for the Education of the Children which Education is to be discretionary with the Executors.

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I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Bush
one Bed and Furniture one black walnut chest and one
large Pewter dish to her and her heirs for ever.

I give and bequeath to Each of my two next Daugh-
ters to wit, Polly Bryant Bush and Zephath Bush one
Bed and Furniture one Trunk and one Large Pewter dish
to Each of them their Heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane
Smith Bush one bed and Furniture seven silver
Tea spoons six of which are marked .F.S. J.B. also
a pair of silver sugar tongs to her and her heirs for ever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna
Cantos Bush one bed and Furniture and one pair
of waffle Irons to her and her heirs and assigns for ever.

I further will that when my youngest surviving
child comes of age of Twelve years that Every Species
of my property both real and personal not afore-
bequeathed be sold to the highest bidder at public
Vendue on the usual credit & after said proceeds
of sale shall be collected It is further my will that
an Equal division of the whole take place between
my widow and all my children or the surviving ones of
them or their Heirs the five fore mentioned Daughters

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According for the Legacy given to them according to him
then appraised to them their heirs and assigns for ever.
Lastly I hereby appoint and constitute my trusty friends
Susanna Bush my wife, and John Conrad Bush Jun
my son, & Samuel Alexander Executors of this my last
will and Testament hereby making null and void all
and every other bequest or testamentary writing of any
kind what ever by me before made or in any wise mention-
ed understood ratifying and Confirming this Only in
testimony whereof I have hereunto set my seal this Tenth
day of march One thousand Eight Hundred and
five Signed sealed and
acknowledged in Presence of John Bush Seal
Francis Flurnoy
Philip Burrows
Littetorⁱⁿ Taylor

Francis Flurnoy and Littetor Taylor two of the sub-
scribing witnesses to the within will and being duly
sworn saith that they saw the within named
John Bush sign seal publish and declare the within
Instrument of writing to be his last will and Testam-
ent and that the stroke or Erasure that appears in the
fourteenth line from the Top in the first page was

made before the will was written and that the word was
considered by the decedent as part of his will and to be read
and taken as such and also at the time of his death he
was of sound and disposing mind and memory and that
Philip Burrows subscribed as a concurring witness to the same

Sworn to in Open Court

this 5th of August 1865

Fernell C.C.O.

Francis Hursey
Littleton X Day for
Mark

Recorded July 29th 1866

The word spoken of in the Probate was. (in the dip)

State of Georgia within County To all to whom it may concern
This is to be understood that we being named in a will as
Executors by John Bush late of this County decd. doth
this day resign our appointment to the same given under
our hands this first day of July 1865 Samuel Alexander

Recorded July 29th 1866

John C Bush

In the name of God Amen. Rob Colman being of sound mem-
ory and understanding the weak in body do appoint and
ordain this as my last will and Testament.

I am a Minister. I give my soul to God and my body to the earth
to be decently buried. 2nd After all my Just debts are paid
I will that my wife have the whole management of my
property and do with it for the benefit of herself and chil-
dren and in case she marries again to have and poss-

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I do give a negro girl Maria and an Equal Part of all the Furniture belonging to the House and I do hereby leave her my wife Elizabeth Cohran sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal this 14th November One thousand Eight hundred and three.

Test Wm Thompson
Andrew Wilson

Job Cohran Seal

Personally appeared in Open Court Wm Thompson one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within will & being duly sworn saith that he saw the within named Job Cohran sign seal Publish and pronounce the within will. Instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind & memory & that Andrew Wilson subscribed as a Witness in his Presence

Sworn to in Open Court

Wm Thompson

The 5th March 1804

Recorded July 30th 1805

In the name of God Amen. I Drury Williams of the County & State of Georgia do make and Ordain this my will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I desire that all my Just debts be paid by my Executors hereafter named and as Touching what worldly property I have pleased God to bless me with I devise and dispose

of as follows W. J. Wm. I lend to my loving 106
wife during her widowhood all my Estate both real and
personal If she does intermarry my desire is that she may
take her third or a Childs part of my Estate which ever
she please & If she does not intermarry my desire is
for her to Keep all my Estate as long as she lives or attempt
to keep it all together untill my youngest son arrives at
the age of Eighteen years and also that my Children
who are under age shall be Educated as far as my Execu-
tors shall think sufficient my desire further is that
all my Estate so left as here to ~~be~~ Expressed at the Expir-
ation of soe term of time or at the death of my wife
should be divided among my Children in the follow-
ing manner that is to say named Wm. M. Williams
son of my son Wm. M. Williams my daughter Polly
Webster. a legal Heir and my son Zachariah Williams
a legal Heir shall not draw an Equal share out
of my Estate untill my Children hereafter named shall
first draw as much out of my Estate as shall make
them Equal with my Children above named for prop-
erty left thereby my Father William Williams and
also for all other property I have heretofore given them
and I lend to my son Zachariah Williams during
his life an Equal dividind of my Estate subject to
a deduction of the amount left him in my fathers
Will and at his death all that part of my Estate

10th I bequeath him I give to his legal Heirs or representatives.

3rd I bequeath to my son John Williams during his life an Equal dividend of my Estate & at his death all that part of my Estate so bequeathed him I give to his legal Heirs or representatives. — My children to be named are John Williams Joseph Williams Sally Walton wife of Augustus G Walton Nancy Williams and Willis Williams and if any of my Children herebefore named should want or stand in need of part of my Estate I leave my wife at her own discretion to lend them whatever she pleases they may be accountable for whatever they receive until an Equal division can take place and if either of my Children here named shall die without issue or legal Heirs, all their part of my Estate shall return to and be Equally divided among my surviving children.

4^{thly} My debts herebefore named to be paid out of the profits of my Estate & my children under age to be Educated and clothed out of my Estate. and ~~legally~~ ~~I constitute~~ and appoint my loving wife; Jonathan ~~Walton~~ and John Deyson my Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby ratifying & confirming ~~as~~ legal act of this Touching the same

and do revoke and disannul all former wills & Testaments
by me made declaring this to be my Only and last will
and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
setting hand and Seal this 6th Sep. 1805

Signed sealed and
acknowledge in presence of
Thos Anderson
Wm Reeves
Wm Williams

Drury ^{his} Williams
Mark

Georgie { Personally appeared in Open Court Thomas
Milkes County } Anderson and William Williams Two of
the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and being
duly sworn & aith that they saw the within named
Drury Williams sign seal, publish and Declare the
within Instrument of Writing to be his last will and
Testament and that at the time of his so doing he
was of sound and disposing mind and memory
and that Wm Reeves subscribed as a concurring
Witness to the same.

Done in an Open Court
the 4th March 1806

Thos Anderson
William Williams

J. C. Farrell C. C.

Recorded July 30th 1806

In the name of God Amen. I Matthew Patten of
Milkes County State of Georgia finding myself in good
Health and sound in memory Do make this my last will

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and Testament revoking all Wills whatever here before by me
made. In the first place I commend my soul To God
who gave it and my body to the Earth from whence it came
and there to be decent by Entombment. And after my debts and
Funeral Charges are Paid my will is as followeth To wit
I Give and bequeath to my son Solomon Patten all
the Land where on I live and all my plantation Tools of every
sort Likewise my Black Smiths Tools To him and his
Heirs for ever. I Give and bequeath to my son
Samuel Patten my Negro Boy named Lott to him
and his Heirs for ever. After which my will is that my
Executors whom I shall nominate and appoint here-
after shall divide the balance of my Estate into four
Equal divisions or parcels which may be Equalized or Equ-
alized by adding some stock which I shall be at the dis-
cretion of the Executors my desire is that they shall
make Each Lot of Equal Value according to your
Judgement. After which my will is that my son
Thomas Patten and my daughter Abigail Wimpsey
my son Samuel Patten my son Solomon Patten shall
draw lots for choice of Parcels and what Ever Parcel
falls to my three sons. To wit, Thomas Samuel and
Solomon Patten the Effects or articles that compose

them I give and bequeath to her and then hers for ever.
Item my will is and I do hereby give and bequeath
unto my daughter Rebekah Wimpsey the Effects and
articles that composes the lot or parcel she draws
during her lifetime and at her death that part of my
Estate she draws shall be Equally divided among the
Children of the said Rebekah Wimpsey.

Item. my will is that my Executors shall be paid
Two Dollars Each of them pr. day for the time they
lose and Trouble they are at to be paid by my Exe-
cutors. Item. my will is and I do hereby appoint
W^m. Henderson George Barber & Christopher
Orr to execute this my last will and Testament Give
Under my hand and Seal 20th Day of April the
first thousand seven hundred and ninety Eight.

Ignatius Rains Test.

Henry Rains

Matthew Patton Seal

Ignatius Rains Test.

Georgia Wilkes - Personally appeared in Open Court
County. Henry Rains and Ignatius Rains Test.

of the subscribing Witnesses the within will and they
Duly Sworn and the that they saw the within names
Matthew Patton sign seal Publish and deliver the within
Instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament

And that at the time of his so doing he was of sound & disposing mind and memory & that Ignatius Rains then subscribed as a concurring witness in their Presence

Sworn to in Open Court

this 30th March 1805

J. P. Turner & Co

Henry Rains

Ignatius Rains

Recorded July 30th 1805

In the name of God Amen. Elijah Johnson of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being of perfect mind and memory do make and bequeath this my last will and Testament in manner and form following VIZ-

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rachel Johnson all my Estate of every kind whatsoever after paying all my Just debts To her and her Heirs forever.

Lastly. I constitute and appoint my said wife Rachel Johnson Executrix and Edward Butler Executor to this my last will and Testament Entirely revoking and annulling all other Wills by me heretofore made do make and Confirm this my last will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal 21st of October 1804 Signed Sealed and acknowledged

in Presence of John Black
Geo. Moorland Wm. X. Russell

Elijah X Johnson
Mark

Georgia } Personally appeared in Open Court John
Wilkes County } Black and George Moorland two of the sub-
scribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn
sath that they saw the within named Elijah Johnson
son Seal and declare the within Instrument of writing
to be his last will and Testament and that at the time
of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind and
memory and that Wm. Kephale subscribed as a concur-
ring witness to the same -

Sworn to in Open Court
the 3rd day of March 1800
J. F. Smith C. C. Judge

John Black
Geo. Moorland
witness

Recorded July 30th 1801

In the name of God Amen. I on as Moore of the
County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being in a Low State
of health but of perfect mind and memory thanks be
given unto God calling to mind the mortality of my body
and knowing that it is appointed for all men One to
die do make and ordain this my last will and Tes-
tament. That is to say, Principally and First of all
I give and recommend my soul into the Hands of almi-
ty God that Gave it and my body I recommend to
the Earth to be buried in a Decent and Christian
burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing

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doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the
same again by the almighty power of God. And as Touching
such Worldly Estate as It has pleased God to bless me in
this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the follow-
ing manner and form. First I give and bequeath to
my sons ~~Viz~~ James, Benjamin and Jonas moore
the tract of Land whereon I now live freely to be Enjoy-
ed by them and If James Moore pleases to sell the same
he may have the liberty of doing so and put all besides
~~his part~~ and upon Interest the till the above named
boys shall be come of age also One sorrel Horse to be
sold and the Money to be put out upon Interest for
Benjamin and Jonas moore. Also I give and bequeath
to my dearly beloved daughter Sarah Wood four
dollars to be paid when the sorrel Horse is sold. —

Also I give and bequeath to my dealy beloved daughter
Polly Moore Two Cows and Calves. Also I give &
bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter Peggy Boyden
One Cow and Calfs. Also I give and Bequeath to my daug-
hter Prudence Moore one feather Bed freely to be
Enjoyed by her. Also I give and bequeath to my son
Neh and Moors Children ~~Viz~~ James, Sally & Patsy

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moore one Heifer a piece Also I give and bequeath to
my dearly beloved son Jonas Moore one Feather Bed &
two Cows and one calf and all the residue of my pro-
-perty to be sold and Equally divided among my children
I also constitute make and Ordain Samuel Walker
& James Walker the sole Executors of this my last will
and Testament and I hereby utterly disallow revoke
and disannul all and Every Other former Testaments
Wills Legacies and bequests and Executors before in-
any wise before named will is and bequeath ratify-
ing and confirming this and no Other to be my last
Will and Testament In witness where of I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th May
A. D. 1803 signed sealed published and pronounced
by the said Jonas Moore as his last will and testament
in his presence and in the presence of us here
unto subscribed our names.

Samuel Walker

James Walker

Jonas ^{sr} Moore
Mark

Jonas X Moore
Mark

State of Georgia } Personally appeared in Open court
Walker (Canty) } Samuel Walker and James Walker
} Sons of the Subscribing witnesses to the

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The going with and being duly sworn with that they saw
the said Jonas Moore sign and acknowledge the foregoing
Instrument of Writing to be his last will and Testament
that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and dispo-
sing mind and memory to the best of their knowledge &
belief and that James Moore subscribed a concur-
ring Evidence to the same.

Sworn to in Open Court

Samuel Walker

this 5th August 1805

James Walker

Do. Forrell C. Cor. & Recorded July 20th 1806

In the name of God Amen. I William Hud-
-both of the county of Wilkes and state of Georgia
being far advanced in years but of sound and disposing
mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for
the same and calling to mind the uncertainty of Life
do make and Ordain this my last will & Testament in
in manner and form following. And first of all I recom-
-mend my soul to God trusting that through his infin-
-ite mercy and Goodness and the blessings of my suffering
Redeemer Entering for me at the throne of grace
I shall receive Everlasting life and Salvation.

my body I request to be decently Buried at the discre-
tion of my Executors hereafter named as Touching
my worldly Estate I dispose of in the following man-
ner. First my will and desire is that there be no divi-
sion of my Estate till my Just debts are all paid—

Item. I Give and bequeath to my wife Mary Hudspeeth during
her natural life the plantation whereon I now live
including three Hundred acres of Land do five Slaves
Viz. Stephen, Andrew, Lane, Sam and Grace and
also all my stock and House hold and Kitchen Furniture
Except what may hereinafter be disposed of Otherwise

Item. I Give and bequeath to my son Robert Huds-
peeth One Negro woman named Grace after the dece-
ase of my wife And One Negro woman named Phoe
also a Bond for sixty five Pounds given by Stephen
Lyons now in his possession to collect.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my daughter Mary
Lamance two Slaves Viz Stephen & Pink Stephen
to be taken at the death of my wife & Pink at my
decease. Item I Give and bequeath to my son
Thomas Hudspeeth two Hundred acres of Land
Joining Lot Applying also Two Negroes Jacob & William

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and one negro called another after my wife's decease.

I M. I give and bequeath to my son George Hudspeth
two negroes Isaac & Violet also one negro called Sam
after the decease of my wife.

I M. I give and bequeath to my son Richard
Hudspeth four negroes viz. One man called Bunk
one boy called Napier one girl called Rosa & one
other called Lilly also three hundred acres of Land
lent to my wife also one negro boy called Sam after
the decease of my wife.

I M. I give and bequeath to my Grand-daughter
Tabitha Lawrence one negro girl named Anaca &
one Feather Bed and Furniture.

I M. I Give and bequeath to my Grand son George
Lawrence one negro boy named Lewis —

I M. It is also my will and desire that after the
decease of my wife that all the residue of my House-
hold & Kitchen furniture and also all my stock
of what kind soever be Equally divided among all
my Children viz Robert Hudspeth Mary Law-
rence George Hudspeth Thomas Hudspeth &
Richard Hudspeth.

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Lastly. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint
my friends John Atkinson & Thomas Ferrall Esqrs
my son George Hudspeth my whole and sole Executor
of this my last will and Testament And do hereby re-
voke all former Wills heretofore made by me In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my seal this 13th. day Aug-
ust A.D. 1802.

Signed Sealed Published

and declared by the Testator Wm Hudspeth Esq
as his last will and Testament
in presence of us

David Kerr

M. Roly

Harris Coleman

Isaac McKelroy

Personally appeared in open
Court David Kerr and Marcus
Roly two of the subscribing wit-
nesses to the foregoing will
and being duly sworn saith that
they saw the within named Wm Hudspeth sign
seal publish and declare the above instrument of
Writing to be his last will and Testament and that
at the time of his so doing he was of sound and dis-
posing mind and memory and that Harris Coleman
and Isaac McKelroy, subscribed as concurring
Evidences to the same Sworn to in Open Court

th 5th. day 1805 Recorded July M. Roly

D^r Ferrall CC 30th 1805

David Kerr

Know ye that I William Greene of Wilkes county and state of Georgia being in Perfect mind and Memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in form following Viz.

I lend to my Wife during her lifetime the following property Viz. The land and premises whereon I now live together with the Waggow. Cart plantation Tools &c. with all my House hold and Kitchen Furniture not not here inattent bequeathed and the following Negroes Viz. Old Simon, Isaac, Mann, Yellow. Jacob, Charles, and Judah one Horse and Saddle and one bed and Furniture complete with Curtains the benefit of which property my wife shall have together with as much ~~as~~ ^{of} the proceeds of that said here inattent named as given to my said Children for the support during her Widow hood and the support and education of my children and when the said are all the property I have except this tract of Land be Equally divided between my children.

I give to my daughter Mary Ann Christman Green to her and her Heirs for ever the following property Viz. Three Negroes Abby, Lina & Ben.

One good Horse and Saddle three Cows and Calves one
Bed and Furniture One Chest of drawers One Trunk
two dressing Tables One looking glass together with the
Land and premises where on I now live after her
Mother's decease. I give unto my son Joseph Anthony
Green to him and his heirs for ever. The following prop-
erty viz. Three Negroes Silvia, Daniel and Fanny One
Good Horse and Saddle three Cows and Calves One Bed
and Furniture my Desk and Book Case One Trunk one
dining Table and One Looking Glass. —

I Give unto my son William Graves Green to him and
his heirs for ever the following property viz. Three Ne-
groes Celia, Lydia & Katharine One good Horse and
Saddle one Bed and furniture three Cows & Calves my
Clock and dining Table One Trunk and one looking glass.

I give unto my son John Springer Green to him and his
Heirs for ever the following property viz. Three Negroes
Mariah, Ned & young Simon one good Horse and
Saddle one Bed and furniture three Cows and Calves my
bribe one Teatable One Trunk One Looking Glass. —

I give further unto my Three sons them and their heirs
my Tract of Land of Shouldie Creek in Hancock County
to be Equally divided between them. —

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respectively will to them as they come of age or marry
at which time it is further my Will that Each One
have an Equal part of all my property. Here in Will
all well as of the neat proceeds of the whole of the
Property which my have been made on the Planta-
tion during their minority. — all my debts due now
are to be as speedily collect^d as possible and apply^d
towards discharging my debts together with any prop-
erty not herein bequeathed with my Crop on Home
may be sold for that use and the Surplus if any to
be Equally divided between my Children and if
any property not herein mentioned shall be found
to be an incumbrance it is my Will it to be sold &
divided as above. — all the property here in Will
shall be kept together untill my children come of
age or marry and as they arrive to age or marry
Each One shall have his or her Part agreeable to
this Will. And it is further my will that should
my wife again marry that my Executors do imme-
diately take an Exact amount of the property then
in her possession Except that part Willed to my
Children and make her Husband accountable for

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the same with good security at her decease and I do
further authorize my Executors that if they think at
any time the property of my Children are not managed
well or advantageously to take the same into possession
and manage it as they may think proper until my
Children marry or become of age. —
Should any of my Children die before they marry a
arrive to mature and lawful age it is my Will that
his her or their part be Equally divided between the
survivors. And it is further my will that if any of
my father's representatives should come for the
Money for which my Negro man Phill was former
ly sold for not to give it up until Legally obtained by law
and should it happen that all my Children die before they
become of age and my father's representatives should come
for the Land which my father William me by in
on Fishing Creek purchased of Creswell that my Exec
utors do not in that case give the same up or any part
of the Land without me by my father until recovered by
a due course of Law.
Lastly. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife
Executrix of this Will and Solomon Green Pollin
Anthony.. John Green & Mark Anthony my Exe
Dated 14th March 1805 Thos Jones } William Green
John Green Geo Hamilton } —

129 Georgia. Personally appeared in Open Court John
Wilkes County Groves and Thomas Jones two of the subser-
ving Ministers to the within Will and being duly sworn
saith that he saw the within named Mr Green signed
& acknowledge the within instrument of Writing to be his
last will and Testament and at the time of his so doing
he was of sound and disposing mind and memory and that
George Hamilton subscribed as a concerning Eviden both
Same Sworn to in Open Court
John Groves
Thomas Jones
The 7th July 1850
T. J. T. C. C. O. S. Recorded July 31st 1850

In the Name of God Amen I Melinda Green of
Wilkes County State of Georgia being in Reasonable
health of body of Mind & Memory and Calling
to Mind the Mortality of My Body do Make
and Ordain this My last will & Testament
(being) Possess of a Negro Boy Named Abell
Who is left at My (Disposal). I give and
bequeath the Said Negro boy Abell unto
My Grand Son I am Grant to him and
his Heirs for Ever with this Condition that
after my Decease, the S^d Grant

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I shall pay unto my Granarson Tho^r Moore
Fifty Dollars as a part of Said Negro, Provided
the Said Negro live longer than myself but
in case he Dies first then S^r Daniel Grant
is clear of the Said Sum of Fifty Dollars,
I. Bade. my Sons in Law Seth Moore Sen^r
Executors of this My Last Will and Testament
As witness My Hand & Seal this 8th May 1805
Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in
Presents of
Thomas Grant
William Grant
Miller Grant
Mildred Owen ^{her} + Owen (Seal)
mark

Georgia Personally appeared in open
Wilkes County Court Thomas Grant & William
Grant two of the Subscribing witnesses to
the fore going Will and being Duly Sworn
saith that they saw the before named
Mildred Owen Sign & acknowledge the
fore going Instrument of Writing to be
her Last will and Testament and that at
the Time of her so doing she was of Sound
and Disposing Mind and Memory and
that Miller Grant Subscribed as a Concurring
Evidence to the Same Sworn to in open
Court this 3rd Nov^r 1806

D^r Terrell C Cordy
Recorded 7th Jan^y 1808

Thomas Grant
William Grant

I know all persons whom it May Concern
that I David Meriwether of the County
of Wilkes and State of Georgia at present
of Sound Mind and Memory do hereby
Constitute and appoint the following dispose
of My property to be my last will In the first
place I give My Negro woman Charlotte and
her four Children Mack Rheubin Phoebe and
Syntha and all her future Increase also all of my
Stock of All Kinds all my Household furniture
plantation Tools all the Money that I am possessed
at my Decease, all Bonds and Debts that are
Due to me to my Wife Mary.

Secondly I give to my Wife Mary all of My
other Estate both Real and personal to be at her
Disposal to Give to My Daughter Mary the
Plantation or any of her the Said Martha
Taliaffers Children or Grand Children Thursty and
Last I Do appoint my Wife Mary my Sole.

Executor

Test

Francis Meriwether

David Meriwether

Isaac Watkins

Valentine Meriwether

Nicholas L Meriwether

Georgia } Personally Appeared in
Wilkes County }

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Open Court Isam Watkins one of the Sub-
scribing Witnesses to the within Will and
being Duly Sworn saith that he saw the with-
in Named Donl Merweather Sign Seal
publish & Declare the within Instrument of Writing
to be his last will and Testament and that at the
Time of his so doing he was of Sound and Disposing
Mind and Memory
Sworn to in Open Court
this 1st Sep^r 1806
Isam Watkins
D^y Jewell Clerk

Recorded Jan^y 4th 1808

I Louis Dugass of the Town of Washington
County of Wilkes being in a low State of
health but of Sound and Disposing Mind
and Memory do Make and Ordain this my
last Will and Testament first I recommend
my Soul to almighty God that Give it
Secondly I give and bequeath unto my
Beloved Wife Pauline Dugass and
my Daughter Fanny Dugass all my Estate
which I have within the Jurisdiction of the
United States of America to be Equally Divided
between them Share and Share Alike and
I recommend unto My Said Daughter and

27] wife the care & Education of My other
Children and also their Maintenance at
their Discretion and feeling

I do here by Nominate and appoint my Wife
and Daughter Fanny My Sole Executrix of
this my Last will and Testament In Testimony
whereof I have hereunto Set My hand & Seal
this 1st Day of September 1867

Witness
Nicholas Long
Louis Piquet

Louis Dugass Seal

[Signature]

Georgia
Wilkes County personally appeared in open Court
Nicholas Long and Louis Piquet the two
Subscribing Witnesses to the Within will &
being first Duly Sworn Saith that they Saw
the within Named Lewis Dugass Sign Seal
publish and Declare the within Named
Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and
Testament and that at the Time of his so doing
he was of Sound and Disposing Mind and
Memory
Sworn to in open Court this
2nd Nov 1867
D. French Clerk
Recorded 8th Jan 1868

Nicholas Long
Louis Piquet

In the Name of God Amen I George
Thompson of Wilkes County and State of Georgia
being in a low State of health in Body and of
of perfect Sound mind and Memory Calling to
Mind the Uncertainty of life and the certainty
of Death do make and Constituted this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following
First of all I give and Recommend my Soul into
the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my
Body to the Earth to be buried in Christian a decent
and Christian like Manner and as to my worldly
goods which has pleased God to bless me with it is
my Will and Desire that after ^{the} payment
of all my just debts should be divided as is
hereafter devised and bequeathed To wit,
that is To Say I Give to my beloved Wife
Ann Thompson my Negro Girl Pate with
all my other Estate whosoever during her
Natural life or widowhood after her decease
or Marriage to be Equally divided Amongst
my Children as follows - Item I give and
bequeath to my Son Joseph Thompson all that
part of my Estate that I have possessed him
with and also Francis Ferguson part of my
Estate that I have possessed him with

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being made over to him by her husband John
Fergusson as a Contract for Value Recd In my
presence to him and his his heirs forever and he
is not to have or receive any further part of my
Estate Item, I give and bequeath to My Son
John Thompson and George Thompson and
my Daughter Mary Philips Peggy Evans Sally
Trammels Anne Boman Lucy Richardson
Betsey Crew Nancy Fomby Francis Fergerson
Morrison Huddleston and Susanna Fomby
all my Estate Not herein before Given &
bequeathed that is herein before lent to My
Wife to be Equally Divided amongst them
whereas there is Several of My Children are Indeb-
ted to Me by bond or other Accounts I desire
they Shall be accountable in their part in the
Day of Division it is also My desire that No
Bond Nor other Accounts should have Inter-
est that all Bond and Accounts Should
Stand at their principal & be paid having
Disposide of My Estate I do constitute ordain
and appoint My Brother in Law and friend
John Ogletree also my friend Nathan Fomby
and my Son George Thompson Executors

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to this My Last will and Testament to put
into effect this my will by Making an Equal
Distribution of My Estate I do hereby revoke
and Renounce all and Every other will,
and Wills heretofore by me Made as Wishes
and desire this to be taken and received
as My Last will and Testament. In Witness
whereof I have hereunto Set My hand and
affixed my Seal this fifteenth day of
January One Thousand Eight hundred
and Six

Signed Sealed Delivered
pronounced and Declared

In presence of
Allen J. Arnold }
Burrell Ferguson } George Thompson Seal
Israel Moore }

Georgia }
Wilkes County } Personally appeared in open
Court Burrell Ferguson and
Israel Moore two of the Subscribing
Witness to the foregoing Within with and
being Duly Sworn Saith that they Saw the
Within Nanna George Thompson

131) Sign Seal and ~~and~~ ~~knowlege~~ the
Same as his last will and Testament
and at the time of his ~~saying~~ he was of
Sound and Disposing Mind & Memory
Sworn to in Open Court Burwell Ferguson
this 2^d of March 1807 } Isaac Moon
D^r Ferrell C. Corg

Recorded Jan^y 16th 1807

This is to Certify that we Jonathan Oxford &
James Todd being present With Jacob Branton
While in his perfect Senses Late of the County
of Wilkes & State of Georgia Deceased And he
at that time

this my last Will and Testament
In the Name of God amen I hereby Catch
ing of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia
Being in a very Low State of health But
in perfect Mind and Calling to Mind
What God hath Please to bless Me with
of this Worldly affay first of all I recommend
my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a
Decent Burial at the Discrepion

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of My Executors first of all Live My
Loving son Merideth Catching My Negro
Man Mow and he is to pay son Isack
Wilkey two hundred and fifty Dollars next
I Leave My Loving Daughter Nancy
Mulkey My Negro boy Jeff her fifth time
and at her Death to her heirs Next I Leave
my Grand Son Richard Trake My Brown
Horse next I Leave my son Richard
Madden one ~~fifth~~ Bed and My big pot
My Grand Son Denis Madden one Bed
and Furniture next I Leave My Saddle to
Stacy Fletcher and one Cow next I Give
my Daughter Katy Fletcher one Cow and
Calf and the rest of My property is to be
Sold and Pay my Debts and what is
Over to Be divided amongst My Children
Given from Under My hand and Seal
this 6 Day of March 1807

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John Petut
Hector ^{his} Petut
mark

Unseal ^{his} Catching
Mark

note Bonia I Give My son Merideth Catching
and William Luntz Mrs. Luntz

Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court
Wilkes County } John Petest and Hetty Petest
two of the Subscribers Witnesses to the Within
will and being Duly sworn deposeeth and
saith that they saw the within named
Anestacy Catching Sign and Acknow-
ledge the within Instrument of Writing
to be her last Will & Testament and that
at the Time of her so doing she was of Sound
& Disposing Mind }
Sworn to in Open Court } John Petest
this 6 of April 1807 } Hetty + Petest
mark

Da Terrell Clark

Recorded Jan^y 18th 1808

In the name of God Amen I James Gresham
of the State of Georgia County of Wilkes being
low in Body But of Sound mind and memory
knowing that it is appointed for all Men
to Die Do Make this my last will and
Testament Item the first I Give and bequeath
my Soul to God that Garrit and My
Body to the Ground to be Buried

at the Discreption of the Executors of
my Worldley Estate It is my Desire that
all my Lawful Dett be first paid Item
and that my Children keep all that I have
all ready Give Them Item I give to my beloved
wife Salathia Gresham the following named
Negroes named Joseph sary and Umphrey
and Barts also three head of Cattle
Also all the furniture of the Catching and some
household furniture two Tables one Side
board and Cupboard and three Benches one of
which I received of the Estate of Drury Williams
I also lend to my beloved Wife the place and
land where on I live with my Stock of Cattle
and hogs and one Sord horse During the time
that she lives on the plantation Also one
Loom one half Dozen Chairs Item I give
to my four Daughters here named Mary Davis
Elisabeth Langaon Judeth & Davis Jane Mattox
the following Negroes to be Equally Divided
Between them will and Sally & Abby & Lucy
Also one Soldiers Bounty of the State troops
for Six hundred and forty Acres of land if ever
Got to be Equally Divided between the above
named Children Also all my right to two
last Draws in the last purchase

135) of this state to be taken throu office
at their own Expence also my stock of horses
at my Death to be Equally Divided and all
the above lent Stock of Cattle to My wife
at her Death to be Equally Divided among
st the fore named Daughters Also two feather
Beds to be Divided amongst the four named
Daughters Item I give to my son Charles
W Gresham one Negro Boy by the Name
of Cambridge and twelve Months after the
Delivery he is to give one hundred Dollars
to the fore mentioned Daughters of Mine
and on the Delivery his Bond for that pay
ment to them for the same I give him one
feather Bed and furniture also one half of
the Cupboard furniture that I did belong
to me before married to Talitha also one
Half of My Stills Item I give to my Son
Thomas Gresham one Negro Girl by the
Name of Nanny and on the Delivery
of the Said Negro he is to Give his Bond
for one hundred Dollars to be paid in
twelve Months after the Delivery

to my four Daughters heretofore named
or their husbands also one feather bed and
furniture also one half of the Cupboard
furniture that belong to me before my maria-
ge with Tittha also the half of my still
also the land where on I now live adjoining
Charles W Gresham at the marriage of my
Wife or at her Removing from the said
Tract of Land and the said Thomas Gresham
is to have the Possession of the house known by his
work House or shop and home on the said plantation
and I do hereby declare Declare this to be my last Will
and revoking all other whatsoever and doth hereby nomi-
-nate and appoint Charles W Gresham Thomas Gresh-
am William Davis and Isaac Langdon to be my
Executors of this my last Will and Testament
Given from under my hand this Eleventh of April
in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred
and Seven Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in the
presence of Us and Us in the presence of Each other

Cy Bellingha
John Henley
James D Gresham

{ James Gresham Seal }

Georgia
Wilkes County

Personally Appeared in open

137) Court John Henley and James D Gresham
two of the Subscribing Witnys to the above will
and being Duty sworn Saith that they saw
the above named James Gresham Sign Seal
publish and Declare the above Instrument
of Writing to be his last will and Testament
& that at the Time of his so doing he was
of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory
& that Cyrus Billingslea Subscribed as a
Concerning evidence to the same
Sworn to in open Court

this 1 June 1804 { John Henley
Dr Terrell ready } James D Gresham

Recorded January 19th 1808

In the name of God Amen
I Phoebe Talbot of the County of Wilkes
and State of Georgia Widow being in bad
health but of Sound & Disposing Mind
and Memory Do make Publish & Declare
this to be my last Will and Testament
First I Commit My Soul to the God of all

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Merits and the Governor of all worlds
Trusting and hoping that at his hands
through the Merits of a Blessed Redeemer
I shall receive the Blessed Inheritance
of the Life Eternal and Request that
my Body be Buried in the Meeting
House lot as near the Grave of my Dear
deceased Husband John Talbot as it can
be conveniently placed and as to my
Worldly Estate I will and Dispose of in
following Manner (to wit)

as my said Affectionate Husband ~~for~~
his Life time thought proper to Give to
Each of the Eldest off children of Such of our
Sons and Daughters as were then Married
one Negro and as our Son Matthew
Talbot has Married Since the Death
of my said Husband I give and bequeath
to his Daughter Euphemia West Talbot
one Negro Girl called Lucy (the daughter
of Suchy) to her and her heirs for ever
And as my Granddaughter Mary Gaslington
Walker has had the Misfortune

157 (B) to love the Girl Given her by her Dear
Grand Father I give and bequeath to my
said Grand Daughter Mary Walker
wife of Freeman Walker one Negro Girl
Called Satera (the Daughter of old Molly)
to her and her heirs for Ever

I Give and Bequeath to my Grandson
Samuel Creswell one Negro Boy Called
Lewis son of Sucky to him and his heirs
for Ever also one Bedstead & furniture
which is Called his Little bed.

I Give and Bequeath to Mrs Martha
Arthur the Sum of One hundred Dollars

I Give and bequeath to Miss Martha Arthur
the sum of fifty Dollars these legacies to be

Paid as Soon as my Executors Can Collect
any Monies that May be Due me I Give
and bequeath to my old Acquaintance
Mrs Mary Doff twenty five Dollars to be
Paid in the same manner

I Give and bequeath to my Matthew

Talbot & his heirs for Ever five Beds Bedsteads
& furniture also one Half of My Corn fodder
and other Grain that I may have at the
Time of My Death also fifteen hundred
weight of beavers also one Half of My
kitching furniture & Dairy furniture also
the whole of My lookinging Glasses Glassware
& Earthen ware also my Knives & forks also my
part of the Reading Chair & harness, which my
Said Son and My Self hold in Copartnership
It is my will and Desire that all the Rest
and Residue of My Estate of What Nature
or kind Soever it May be and whereever
found May be divided into five Equal
Lots or Shares by three or more ~~disinterested~~ interested
persons as Soon as Convenient after My Death
one of Which Said Equal Lots or fifths part
of my said Estate I give and bequeath to my
Son Thomas Talbot and his heirs for Ever one
other of Which said Equal Lots or fifths part of
my said Estate I give and bequeath to my Son
Matthieu Talbot and his heirs forever an other
of Which Equal Lots or fifths part of my
Estate I give and bequeath to My Daughter Mary

21) Triplett the wife of William Triplett
to her & her heirs for ever one other of which
said Equal lots of fifth part of My said
Estate I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Elizabeth Walker Widow & her heirs forever
and the other remaining Equal Lot or fifth
part of My said Estate I give and bequeath
to my Grand Children Mary Parlington
Walker the wife of Freeman Walker John
Talbot Creswell Phoebe Creswell Elizabeth
Creswell Matenia Creswell and Samuel
Creswell the Children of My Deceased Daughter
Phoebe Creswell to be Equally Divided
amongst the said Grand Children. Share and
Share alike in Such manner as My Executors
herein after Named may find Convenient
and for the Interest of the said Grand Children
on their & Each of their Lots or Shares to be
paid or delivered to them respectively as they
Arrive at the Age of twenty One years or
Marry. and it is my will that this

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Latter fifth part of my said Estate
herein Divided to my said Grandchildren
be and remain in the hands & possession
of my sons Thomas Talbot & Matthew
Talbot or under their Directions to be hired
But by them as Guardians and Trustees for them
My said Grandchildren so as to produce as
much advantage and Emolument to the said
Grandchildren as may be found practible
and most to their Interest either by loaning
their money or laying it out in ~~the~~ purchase
here of other Negroes where as Inconvenience
May arise in a Division of part of My
Estate Such as Stock Tools Stills plantation
Tools Waggon Cart & Gear Real Estate
Household and kitchen furniture &c.
It in the power of my Executors to Sell such
Articles as they may think proper so as to
Enable them Better to make a Division
(the Negroes Excepted)

From the Respectful regard which I have
for My old and faithful Servants.

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141) Triplitt the wife of William Triplitt
to her & her heirs for ever one other of which
Said Equal lots of fifth part of My said
Estate I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Elizabeth Walker Widow & her heirs forever
and the other remaining Equal Lot or fifth
part of My said Estate I give and bequeath
to my Grand Children Mary Jarlington
Walker the wife of Freeman Walker John
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Articles as they may think proper so as to
Enable them Better to make a Division
(the Negroes Excepted)

From the respectful regard which I have
for My old and faithful Servants

old Sue and old Judy it is My Request
and Desire that they be not Considered as a
part of My Estate but that they be free
and Suffered to live with any of my Children
which they may think proper to remain
with.

I constitute and appoint my Said Sons
Thomas Talbot & Matthew Talbot Executors
of this my Last will and Testament Signed sealed
and Acknowledge this twelfth Day of April 1800

also my knives & forks
in witness before Signed
In the presence of us

Phoebe Talbot 

Mappa Thomas

Nathaniel M Cor

Robert ^{his} Jackson
mark

As there are accounts standing in My Books
and Debts due me from my Children & Sons in
Law I do here by Relinquish and Atquit Claim
to all debts & Book accounts due me from
Thomas Talbot, Matthew Talbot David Russell
William Triplett Elizabeth Walker
and the Estate of George Walker Dece

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That are now Due or May be due
me at the time of My Death witness my
hand this 12 Day of April 1806

Mappa Thomas }
Nathaniel McCoy } Phibe Talbot
Robert ^{his} Jackson }
mark

Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court
Wilkes County } Mappa Thomas Nathl McCoy
The Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will
and being Duly sworn Saith that they saw
the within named Phibe Talbot Sign Seal
and Acknowledge the fore going Instrument
of Writing to be her last will and Testament
and that at the time of her so doing he was
of sound and Disposing Mind & Memory
and that Robert Jackson Subscribed as a
Concerning Witness to the same

Sworn to in open Court
this 6 Aug 1806 } Mappa Thomas
Dorville Clk } Nathaniel McCoy

Recorded Jan 20th 1808

157 145 } Georgia In the Name of God Amen I
Gideon Booker of the County of Columbia
being anxious to secure peace and happiness wh
I am now do make Constituted nominate and ord
this my last will and Testament revoking every othe
here to fore written first I recommend my soul to
God who Gave it and my Body to the Earth to
be buried in a Christian like Manner at the Dis
cretion of my Executor hereafter named. Item it is my
wishes and Desire that all my just Debts be paid after
which I gave and Devise unto my Beloved brother
William Flurney Booker all my Estate both real
and personal to him and to his heirs forever it is
my Desire that my Estate should not be appraised
Lastly I appoint my said Brother William
F Booker my sole Executor to this my last will
and Testament In witness whereof the said
Testator hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his
Seal this 28th day of July 1794

Signa Scaea published & {
declared in presence of

Edward Moore
Jane Moore

Gideon Booker

Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court ¹⁴⁶
(Wilkes County) Edward Moore one of the Subscribing
witnesses to the within will and being Duly
Sworn saith that he saw the within named Gideon
Booker Sign Seal publish and Declare the within
in Instrument of writing to be his last will
and Testament and that at the time of his
saying he was of sound and Disposing mind and
Memory and that Jane Moore Subscribed her name
as a concerning evidence to the same in his presence

Sworn to in open Court } Edward Moore
this 6 April 1802 }
D^a Jewell Cordy }

Recorded Jan'y 20th 1808

In the name of God Amen I Anna
Daniel of the State of Georgia and County of
Wilkes through the mercies of God ~~make~~ in
boddy the sound memory and Understanding
do Constitute this my Will and Testament
And desire that it may be recovered by All as
Such first I humbly bequeath my soul to God
that Gave it And Commit my Body to the
Ground at the Discretion of My Executors

147 / of my Worldly Estate I Give to my
son Moses a lay Horse known by the name of
Backshin a feather Bed & furniture one Cow
and heifer & Calf of the he kind I Give to
my son Jeremiah & Hopkins a certain Tract of Land
Lying in the County Pennsylvania state of Virginia
adjoining Humphrey Hendrick & John Walther
Containing two hundred Acres more or less to be
Equally Divided between them I Give to my
son Echols one bed and furniture one Cow and
Heifer & Calf of the he kind I Give to my
Daughter Catharine one feather Bed & furniture
two young Cows and Calves & one Yoke of Oxen
I like wise Give to my son Moses Echols &
my Daughter Catharine the remainder of my
Stock viz my hogs to be Equally Divided Amongst
Moses Echols & Caty Daniel I do hereby pronounce
this to be my last will and Testament Renouncing
all others And do Constitute and Appoint My son
Moses David Bates and George Willis
to be my lawful Executors In Witness where of
I have hereunto set hand & Seal this twenty
eth of August In the

Year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred & Six¹⁸⁰⁶
Sign Seal and Acknowledge

& Delivered in presence of

Intended before

Approx two hundred Acres

Jeremiah Terry {

Cyrus Billingslea }

Reuben Echols }

Anna^{her} Daniel Seal
mark

Georgia { Personally Appeared in Open Court
Wilkes County) Jeremiah Terry & Cyrus Billingslea

two of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing

Will & being Duly sworn saith that they saw Anna

Daniel Sign seal publish and Declare the foregoing

Instrument of Writing to be his last will and

Testament and that at the time of his so doing he

was of Sound & disposing Mind and Memory —

Sworn to in Open Court

this 3^d of Nov. 1806

D^r Ferrell G. Coody {

Jeremiah Terry

Cyrus Billingslea

Recorded Jan'y 20th 1808

1149) State of Georgia } In the name of God Am
Wilkes County - } I John Witherson of the
May 21st 1799 - } County of ~~Wilkes~~ ^{Wilkes} State of Georgia

being sick of Body but of good and perfect
memory thank be to God almighty & Calling to
Remembrance the uncertainty of this life and
knowing it is Appointed to all men once to Die
do in presence of these witnesses Dispose of My Temporal
property in Manner and ^{form} as follows to wit -
first I disannul and Make void all Wills and
Testaments heretofore made by Me Declaring this
to be my last will and Testament Secondly I
Resign my soul to almighty God and thirdly
I Give and bequeath to my Children my property
Now in my possession as follows Item I Give and
bequeath to my Son Francis Witherson a Negro
Boy named Gless - To my son Thomas Witherson
a Negro Girl named Milly To my Samuel With
erson a Negro Woman named Rachel to my
Daughter Ann Harrison a Negro Woman
Named Ann, to my son pleasant Witherson
a Negro Boy Named Will -

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to my son Bailey Witherson a Negro Woman
named Silver to my Daughter Polly Witherson
a Negro Girl by the Name of Sabak in Saa
ade and bridle the same she now Claims also
a bed and Furniture & a Cow & a Calf to my
Son Sherod Witherson A Negro boy named
Ben also a Mare Saddle and bridle the same
She now Claims To my son Gess Witherson
a Negro Girl named Cirena also a young
Bay Mare saddle and Bridle which he now
Claims— to My Son Nathaniel Witherson
a Negro boy Named Paul and a young
Bay Horse ^{etc} saddle and bridle the same which
he now Claims To my sons Bailey Witherson
and John Witherson sixty Eight Dollars as
piece to be Taken or paid out of My remaining
Property, which I request shall be sold
to the highest Bidder & after the above Sixty
Eight Dollars is paid to the above named
Bailey and John my lawful Debt being
Paid by My Executors hereafter (namely)