

Wilkinson County Wills 1883-1894

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November 24th 1880. In the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator at his special instance and request and of each other this December 24th 1880.

M. J. Murphy. }
John L. Brownell. }
W. M. Hicks. }

John Endy.

State of Georgia } In the name of God. Amen
Wilkinson County }

I, James Pierce, of said State and County, being of advanced age, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and knowing that I must shortly depart this life, do it right and proper to do, in respect to my family and myself, that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, I do therefore, make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me.

First. I desire that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, suitable to my circumstances in life. My soul, I trust, shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Secondly. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay, by me.

Executors hereinafter named and appointed.

Thirdly. My daughter, Nancy Jane, wife of William H. Gibson, having received property from me, then and her said husband, offering kinds heretofore, to a considerable value, it is not my will or desire that she shall receive any other portion or part of my estate.

Fourthly. Having given to my son, Joel D. Prince, the following lands by deed of gift, five fifty acres more or less of the south half of the fifteen place of the north east corner of the

in portion of my estate.

Fifthly. Having given my daughter, Elizabeth the wife of John J. Daylen, a considerable value. It is not my will or desire that my said daughter shall have or receive any other part or portion of my estate.

Sixthly. I having given to my daughter, Sarah Minerva, wife of H. E. Stanley, the following lands by deed of gift to wit: the balance of the Dickson place of the north west corner of lot number one hundred and seventeen in the Third District of Wilkinson County, not given to my son Joel P. Pierce. It is not my will or desire that my said daughter shall have or receive any other part or portion of my estate.

Seventhly. Having heretofore given to my son, Gullen Pierce, two hundred and fifty dollars in money, with which to buy land. It is not my will or desire that my said son shall have or receive any other part or portion of my estate.

Eighthly. I having given to my daughter, Cynthia, wife of Jesse S. Landrum, the following lands, by deed of gift to wit: Part of the Wall Pierce place, being the southeast part of said place and being part of number one hundred and forty in the Third District of Wilkinson County, containing forty acres more or less, and bounded as described in said deed of gift. It is not my will or desire that my said daughter Cynthia shall have or receive any other part share or portion of my estate.

Ninthly. I having given my son, David J. P. Pierce the following lands by deed of gift to wit: Fifty acres of land off of the west side of lot of land number one hundred and twenty eight in the Third District of Wilkinson County, extending the whole width of said lot. It is not therefore my will or desire that my said son, David J. P. Pierce shall have or receive any other part share or portion of my estate.

Tenthly. My daughter, Pallulah, wife of E. H. Smith having received from me heretofore in lands and money to the value of two hundred and fifty dollars. It is not therefore my will or desire that my said daughter, Pallulah shall have or receive any other part share or portion of my estate.

near my wife's lot of lot of land number one hundred and thirty eight in the third District of Wilkings County being a strip across the lot, extending from the lot next to that given to my son D. J. R. Pierce. It is not therefore my will or desire that my said son W. G. Pierce shall have or receive any other part, share or portion of my estate.

Twelfth. I give bequeath and devise to my son Ira E. Pierce fifty acres of lot of land one hundred and thirty eight in the 3rd Third District of Wilkings County, being that part of said lot of land lying next to the part of said lot given by deed of gift by me to my son Th. R. Pierce, extending across the said lot. To have and to hold the said described part of lot number one hundred and thirty eight to my said son Ira E. Pierce, himself, his heirs and assigns forever in fee simple.

Thirteenth. I give bequeath and devise to my son Andrew Jackson Pierce, all of lot of land number one hundred and thirty eight, in the third District of Wilkings County, not heretofore, by this will or by deed of gift, given by me to my other child, leaving the strip of land of said lot remaining undisposed of, do aforesaid and extending across said lot. I also give bequeath and devise to my said son Andrew Jackson Pierce, all of my lands adjoining the before described lands, that lie and are situate on the north side of Rock Creek.

Fourteenth. I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife, Phoebe Ann, for and during her natural life, or as long as she shall remain single and unmarried only, one third of all my estate real and personal that remains undisposed of by this will and the deeds of gift mentioned herein, after the payment of my just debts, funeral expenses and expenses of last illness. At the death or marriage of my said wife, the said property so given to her, I will and direct shall go to and be a part of the portion of my children Nathan Allen Pierce and Esther L. Pierce if they be living, if either of said children Nathaniel Allen or Esther L. Pierce be then dead the said property to go to the survivor. The above property is given devised and bequeathed to

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children Nathan Allen and Esther L. Pierce the
other his thirds of my estate real and personal, not
given above to my said wife, that remains undivided
of by this will and the beeds of gift mentioned here
after the payment of my just debts, funeral expenses
and expenses of my last illness as aforesaid, to give
and to hold the said property to my two said children
Nathan Allen and Esther L. Pierce, to themselves
share and share alike, and to their heirs forever
in fee simple.

Sixteenth. I hereby constitute and appoint my
two sons David J. Pierce and Joel S. Pierce
Executors of this my last will and testament, and
Guardians of the person and property of my four
minor children, Eva E. Pierce, Andrew Jackson
Pierce, Nathan Allen Pierce and Esther L. Pierce.
This January 10th 1883.

James Pierce

The preceding four pages of writing signed
sealed and declared and published by James Pierce
as his last will and testament, in the presence of
us and each of us the undersigned, who subscribed
our names hereto in the presence of said testator,
at his special instance and request and in
the presence of each other. This January 10th 1883

G. B. Graham
J. J. Mountain
J. H. Brumby
E. J. Culbert