

In the name of God Amen

I Matthias James of Sumpter District Claremont County and State a-
foresaid, being though in a declining state of health, yet of a per-
fect soundness of mind and memory; knowing that life is uncertain,
and that death is inevitable, I have thought it good, to constitute
this to be my last will and Testament, and desire it may be received
by all as such; First I give up my soul to God, the author of my
existence, hoping he will secure it to his everlasting Kingdom.--

Desiring that my body may be decently buried, at the discretion of
my executor; As to my money, my will and desire is to dispose of it;
after the following manner; First I will, that all my lawful debts
be paid.--Secondly I will and desire that my niece, Rebecca B James
the daughter of Walter James may have and to hold forever the bal-
ance of the said money, after the debts aforementioned are paid;

Thirdly my will and desire is that my beloved brother, ~~alter James~~
and his wife Esther James may have and to hold forever the negro boy,
by the name of Dave: I also will and desire that my Niece Elizabeth
Saborah James daughter of Walter James may have and to hold for-
ever the negro boy by the name of Bill. Fourthly My will and de-
sire is that my Nephew Matthias James the son of Richard James

may have and to hold forever the negro boy by the name of Johnathan-
only:- I also will and desire that my nephew John^t Matthias James the
son of Walter James, may have and to hold forever, my chest of tools
I also will and desire that my brother alter James may have and to
hold forever my wearing apparel; Fifthly and last-I constitute and
appoint My Brother alter executor of this my last will and Testa-
ment:--In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal

this the 19th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and twenty

Witness

Matthias James (SEAL)

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Peter Hallett

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