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## James Adair's Will

published and contained to be the last will and testament of the said James Adair, dead, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have witnessed our names as witnesses to the same.

James Adair  
witness

Test. Samuel Robinson

James Alexander. The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oaths of Samuel Robinson & James Alexander the subscriber witness -  
Date at July 15th 1823 & recorded, James Adair & James Alexander, executors to the foregoing will.

## John Hunter's Will

In the Name of God Amen

I John Hunter of the State of Georgia, County of Washington  
Black Smith being in perfect health of body, also in perfect mind & memory, therefore do give & bequeath unto my wife the majority of my body and knowing that it is impossible for one man once to die in the bed of death in this life, I do further declare that it is my intention & desire part of all my effects & possessions that she who shall be left in the hands of Almighty God after my death & decease of this earth to be buried in Saint Christopher church at the direction of the executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the sum signified by the Mighty power of God and in looking such wisely unto hereto it has pleased God to keep me in this life, I give, devise & bequeath unto my beloved wife Barbara Hunter a property maintenance out of the effects & movable effects during her natural life. In like manner give & bequeath to the beloved children Isaac Hunter and Barbara Hunter one hundred pounds each to be paid in trade equal to each other belonging to husband to be paid to them by my executors out of the movable effects after the death of my wife. And the rest of my children having received one hundred pounds each in out to remain a proportional part with the wife of their brother and sister. Therefore I declare that after the death of my wife the property before named the residue of my property shall be exposed to public sale at a reasonable credit at the discretion of my executors and the money equally divided among the whole of my children. I likewise constitute & choose William Hunter and Joseph Hunter the sole executors of this my last will & testament and I the said John Hunter do hereby declare this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of February in the thirty second year of America Independence and in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and nine signed sealed published and declared by the said John Hunter as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence have witnessed our names.

John & E. Hunter  
witness

Samuel Bayles  
John Bayles  
Elizabeth Bayles

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## John Hunter's Will

John Hunter on the 27th day of January 1819 being myself approaching rapidly to Mortality and having a black slave named Bill who has been a faithful Slave and concious of my obligations make such arrangement that said Bill shall be emancipated or free after the death of myself and wife, and have her tea and all her wearing clothes and tea clothing & apparel & so wish that my executors of my last will & testament faithfully execute my will & leave no relation to said Bill, and promise her emancipation according to the terms of the testator. and as William Hunter the above mentioned executor is about to remove from this State (if he should) I nominate John G. Harris as an executor in the same manner & with the same trust as the said William. In witness whereof I have witnessed this said Seal the day & date above written in presence of

John H. Hunter  
witness

Compt. J. Harry

John H. Hunter  
witness

John D. Bailey. The foregoing will was proven in Court by the Oaths of Samuel Bayles & William Bayles two of the subscriber witnesses thereto, and the addition to said will by the Oaths of Nat'l Kelby & ~~John D. Bailey~~ <sup>John D. Bailey</sup> two of the subscriber witnesses thereto at July 15th 1823 & recorded.

## Archibald Blackburn's Will

Be it remembered that Archibald Blackburn of Washington County State of Georgia deceased was in body but of sound mind and memory and concious the mortality of all human life etc. And I publish this my last will & testament in Warren & farm following (D.V.) First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anne Blackburn the use of my house & kitchen and barnhouse belonging to each during her life and at her death she shall have the liberty to carry the furniture among all her children also my Negro boy Tom to be on the farm and the other to my son William 2<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath to my son Nathaniel Blackburn one horse and saddle to be worth one hundred dollars 3<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath to my son Benjamin Blackburn twenty dollars in property at the Market price 4<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath to my son Edward Blackburn one hundred rods of land of the upper end of my plantation adjoining the head of the river of Woods R. 5<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath unto my daughter Rosannah McRae one hundred and fifty dollars in property at the Market price 6<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath to my son William Blackburn all the remainder of my plantation including all the buildings thereon & farm utensils had his Mother to have his/her white & brown to maintain her in poverty while she lives also my Negro boy Tom after his Mother's death 7<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath to my daughter Polly Hays fifty dollars in property at the Market price 8<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Blackburn one horse and saddle worth twenty dollars in value 9<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Blackburn one Mare called Nancy four heads of cattle two cows and two young cattle one bureau two beds & furniture & four hundred dollars in property at the Market price 10<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath to my son Archibald Blackburn one horse & saddle worth twenty five dollars and two hundred dollars in property at the Market price and finally I give & bequeath all the debts due unto me after my just debts are paid out of it to be equally

divided among my children

## Archibald Blackburn's Will

In God I do hereby constitute and appoint my son William Blackburn & my son in Law Henry Help & John Mathis executors of this My last will & Testament and do disannul all former wills made by me. And declare this to be My last will & Testament. I desire said executors to be the last will & Testaments of the testator in the name of us on the 4th day of August 1823. Archibald <sup>his</sup> Blackburn (Signed) John Nelson (Signed) Wm.

David Nelson 3 The foregoing will was proven in Court by the witness of John Nelson, David Brown Elder and David Brown two of the subscribers witness thereto at Ettershopp 1823 & record'd. John Mathis one of the executors of the foregoing will was qualified to execute the same.

## Jacob Kephagen's Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Jacob Kephagen of Washington County & State of Pennsylvania being in common health but failing to mind the business of death and the shortness of life do on the 10th day February 1827 make this my last will & Testament in Manner and form following — (P.W.) I give & bequeath unto my wife Mary Kephagen all my estate during her life and at her death to equally divide among her children. And whereas I have given to my sons Samuel & John Kephagen five hundred dollars each in the sum of their plantation wherein they now live and have paid unto my daughter Betty Hammonius hundred dollars in cash and property and also have given my daughter Mary Nelson four hundred and fifty dollars in the sum of a plantation it is my will after my death & the death of my wife & those who have received more than five hundred dollars in the value of their plantations keep the same except what they have paid to the support of me & my wife whilst we are living so as to make each child equal they should pay in property unto those who may not have received as much and whatever remains of my estate after the death of myself & wife to be equally divided among my two sons and their daughters — I give and bequeath unto my daughter Betty Hammonius the plantation wherein I now live adjoining the land of Eli Lewis & Ruth and other with the equal proportion of property which may remain after the death of myself and wife — And testify I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Jacob Kephagen & John Kephagen executors of this my last will & Testament and do hereby revoke all former wills made by me dubuting this only to be my last will & Testament — Signed sealed and acknowledged by the testator in his hand and & Testament — At the place of us

John Nelson  
John May  
John Starnes

Jacob Kephagen (Signed)  
Wm.

3 The foregoing will was proven in Court by the witness of John Nelson and John May two of the subscribers witness thereto at Ettershopp 1824 & record'd. Samuel Kephagen and John Kephagen witnesses or executors to the foregoing will —

## David Deardorff's Will

In the Name of God Amen

I David Deardorff of the Town of Jonestown Washington County & State of Pennsylvania in good health sound mind Memory & understanding but Considering the uncertainty of life do make this my last will & Testament in the manner & form following (cont'd) In the first place I command my soul to god who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Manner at the discretion of my executors Joseph Warner, My worldly estate with which I have been possessed I give & dispose of in this my dying Moment to my said bequeath to my well beloved wife Margerette Deardorff the house and lot of land bearing the same name & goods & chattels as are all the effects in the immediately where hereunto bequeath to me in my dying of this place (except one thousand dollars) which is to be appropriated towards the payment of my debts together with all the lots and parts of lots with their improvements town or the town Jonestown — I also give my wife Margerette all the way feet of our heritable farm trees implements & household horses cattle and stock of every description which bear in the said town of Jonestown further bequeath unto my beloved wife Margerette the following houses, towns, Bristle body Neptune & Bally the two former Bristle & Bally I command to the executors they have enjoyed for several years past to Bristle I have long been of pure freedom and when ever I seeme desirous to claim my former right to Bristle I shall be free & it is also my will & desire that my beloved wife continue to be capable to support & compleat the education of our three youngest son's day bright & Deardorff John F. Deardorff & James Wm Deardorff until they arriue at the age of twenty one years — It is also my will & desire that all my debts shall be paid with as little delay as possible & after all my just debts are paid & that my executors hereafter to be named with disposing of all my remaining property consisting of houses & lots in Greenvilles with my interest in the slave at that place & in the farm Deardorff I leave also a plantation in Green County lying on the waters of Cow Creek containing one hundred acres of land and one other tract in said County on the waters of Lick Creek containing about forty acres of land also the land & improvements thereon in Dauphin County and Union County generally known by the name of Charles Creek roads together with my interest in the same under the name of David Deardorff & Son entiteling all the debt owing or coming to me at that place with all the lands & other property belonging to me on said place also my plantation to be paid by four miles of Jonestown in the County of Washington & State aforesaid lying on the waters of Lick Creek adjoining the lands of Peter Miller, Stephan B. Muller and others containing about two hundred acres of land also a small tract unimproved neither one & a half Miles of Jonestown in the said County of Washington adjoining the lands of John Smith, John Henrity & others containing about eighty seven acres — I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth R. Deardorff my black & brown leather garment his former Master's coat to remain him equal to a written agreement I have entered into with her should he however or die in his service I give unto my daughter Elizabeth R. Deardorff in sum of October the ten hundred dollars which said garment is bound to pay on his last return being returned to him the said garment. I also give unto my said daughter Elizabeth R. Deardorff my black & brown cloak of which together with an equal sum of my other property she is to be entitled to when she arrives at the age of twenty years — The whole of my remaining property exclusive of what I have bequeath unto my wife I wish to be divided equally among all my children say Wm. B. Deardorff David & Deardorff Edward F. Nelson Elizabeth R. Deardorff Jr. A. Deardorff John F. Deardorff and George W. Deardorff deducted from my above first named children further sum of accounts for property I have left you given them also deducting the value of what I have left you in the place hereof I wish to be divided equally among all my children