

James to in open court  
 this 1st November 1824  
 Stephen Hedge Q.C.O.  
 Witness December 1st 1824  
 William Berry  
 Nathan Winfrey

Shamir Berry's last Will & Testament

In the name of God I WILL  
 I Shamir Berry of the County of Newton  
 and State of Georgia being weak in body but of sound mind and  
 memory and having the mortality of man as upon of my worldly  
 effects as following to wit  
 It is my will that my Executors be all my just debts  
 I give to my Wife Sally Berry and my daughter Elizabeth  
 Berry my negro man Epif and my negro woman Cicely my  
 lot of land to wit the land situate of Winney the land  
 More to be had and furniture half my cattle and half each  
 my farming tools during their natural life and at their death  
 to be equally divided amongst my children to wit Mary Cost  
 Charles M Berry James Berry Thomas Berry Rhoady Berry  
 George W Berry Cynthia Berry and William F Berry  
 I give to my son Joppy Berry few dollars  
 I give to my daughter Jady Winney few dollars  
 I give to my daughter Rhoady Berry one hearse and furniture  
 I give to my son William F Berry my negro boy George and  
 one bed and furniture  
 It is my desire that the rest of my property both real and  
 personal be equally divided amongst my following children  
 to wit Mary Cost, Charles M Berry, James Berry, Thomas D  
 Berry Rhoady Berry George W Berry Cynthia Berry and  
 William F Berry  
 I do hereby constitute and appoint Charles M Berry and James  
 Berry Executors to this my last Will and Testament hereby confirm-  
 ing this and making all other Will or Wills by me made  
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
 this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand  
 eight hundred and a twenty four  
 Signed, sealed and attested  
 in the presence of James M Murray  
 Stephen Hedge Q.C.O.  
 Shamir Berry  
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Witnessed by  
 James M Murray  
 Stephen Hedge Q.C.O.  
 Thomas Jones and Thomas Wright  
 being witnesses to the within instrument of writing purporting to be the  
 last Will and testament of Shamir Berry deceased and after  
 being duly sworn said that they were present and saw the testator  
 sign, seal, publish and declare it to be his last Will and  
 testament and that at the time of making the same they believed  
 that he was in his proper senses and disposing mind and  
 memory  
 shown here open court  
 this 1st November 1824  
 Stephen Hedge Q.C.O.  
 Wm M Murray  
 Thomas Jones  
 Thomas Wright


Recorded 9th February 1826

William Barks last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen  
 I William Barks of the County  
 of Newton and State of Georgia being of sound mind and  
 memory do make and give this my last Will and Testament in man-  
 ner and form as follows  
 Item 1st I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Barks fifty acres  
 of land situate in the South West corner of a lot of land  
 to wit the plantation whereon I now live of Lot Number  
 one hundred and fifty three, also one horse one bed  
 and saddle one team and spinning wheel also all my  
 house hold and kitchen furniture also all my plantation  
 utensils also the present cows also my stock of cattle  
 and hogs, and all other effects belonging in any wise  
 after paying all my just debts  
 Item 2nd I give to my beloved sister Melba Barks fifty acres  
 in the South East corner of a lot of land to her  
 and to her heirs forever.  
 Item 3rd I give to my beloved sister Nancy Barks fifty  
 acres in the North East corner of said lot of land  
 Item 4th I give to my beloved Robert Barks one dollar  
 Item 5th I give to my beloved sister Francis Barks one dollar  
 Item 6th I give to my beloved sister Elizabeth Barks one  
 dollar  
 Item 7th I do hereby appoint my beloved James M

Testament Revoking all others in any manner and  
 whatever  
 Signed sealed  
 in presence of  
 David Cranford  
 Wm Henry  
 William Goady

William <sup>his</sup> Goady  
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Personally appeared David Cranford  
 William Henry and William Goady, sub-  
 signing witnesses to the within instrument of writing, pre-  
 paring to the last will and testament of William Goady  
 and after long and diligent search that they were present  
 and saw the testator sign, seal, publish acknowledge and  
 declare the same to be his last will and testament and  
 that at the time of making the same they believe that  
 the testator was in his perfect senses and of a sound and  
 disposing mind and memory.

David Cranford  
 Wm Henry  
 William Goady

Recorded the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1826

In the name of God Amen  
 I James Well of the State and  
 County of Newton being well in  
 body but of sound and perfect mind and memory  
 do hereby declare that my last will and testament in manner  
 & form following to wit first I will that all my  
 State debts be paid second I will unto my beloved  
 wife Catharine Well all my property both real &  
 personal during her natural life or widowhood or  
 until my youngest child arrives to the age of  
 twenty two years. Then my property to be equally  
 divided as follows viz my wife Catharine Well  
 an equal part of my estate my daughter Nancy  
 Well an equal part of my estate my Daughter  
 Martha Well an equal part of my estate my  
 son Levi W. Well an equal part of my estate Eliza  
 Well an equal part of my estate the son John Clark  
 Well an equal part of my estate and I do hereby  
 ordain and appoint my Brother Levi Well  
 and my Brother in law Levi Welcher my lawful  
 executor of this my last will and testament and  
 I do hereby declare that my last will and testament  
 revoking all other former wills by me made the witness  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1826

James Well  
 Durham Wallace  
 John W. Welcher  
 Edmund L. Well