

OF ORDINARY

WILLS

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Record of Wills Commenced
April the 20th Anno domini 1810 ~

Book H H

Georgia }
 Within County } Personally appeared before me George
 Smith & Nathaniel Harris & Being duly sworn saith that
 on Monday the 21 of this Inst. He was sent for to Mr. John
 Shearman to see Sabman Martin the said Martin being
 very sick & had every appearance that would die & we thought
 proper to mention to him if he should die how he wished his
 business settled his Reply was that he owed Mr. John Shearman
 the Biggest debt and that he wished him to keep his debt
 and pay Mr. Nathaniel Harris & David Cornell out of his
 Property as we believed from his conversation and what
 Mr. Lepe Russell was saying him if he should die to keep
 it and if he should recover every thing was to stand as it was
 if not the above statement appeared to be said when King
 before the Defendants further saith that at the time they
 were present the said Martin appeared to be of sound mind
 & memory.

Sworn to before me on this 29th day of December 1807

Wm. Lawrence J. J. C.

Geo. Smith
 Nath. Harris

Georgia }
 Within County } Personally appeared in Court Thomas M^r Laughton
 and being duly sworn saith he was present at the time mentioned
 within and that he heard the within named Sabman Martin
 declare what was his will and that this deposition believes the
 statement within to be correct and that the said Sabman declared the
 same to be his housewifery will.

Sworn to before me on December 29th 1807
 D. Cornell
 Thomas M^r Laughton
 Recorded 20 April 1810

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In the Name of God Amen, I Baldwin Bain of Wilkes
County being in Health of Body and of Sound and disposing
Mind and Memory Do Make and ordain this to be my
last Will and testament in Manner and form following
that is to say First I will desire that all my Just debt
be in the first place paid off and discharged and after pay-
ments thereof give and Bequeath to my Nephew Williamson
of Bain three negroes, Viz, Pally, Juby and Sally and then
more as also one bay Horse & Saddle & and also all debt due
to me in Amherst County, Virginia and else Where. And
Lastly I Nominate and constitute and appoint my Nephew
Williamson of Bain and Henry I Percein Executor of this my
last Will and testament hereby Revoking and Making Void
all or any other Will or Wills heretofore by me made and
declared and Confirmed this to be my last Will and
testament - - - In Witness Whereof I the said testator hath
hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of
April one thousand eight hundred and Seven

Signed sealed and delivered
published and declared by the said
Testator as his last will & testament
in presence of us the Subscribers
James Ford
John Goddard

Baldwin Bain (Seal)

Georgia
Wilkes County } Personally appeared in open Court James
Ford and John Ford being duly sworn with that
they saw the within named Baldwins Baue signed sealed
published & 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 and disposing mind and
memory

Sworn to in open Court
this 2^d Nov^r 1807

James Ford

John Ford

David Tenell Clerk

Recorded this 20 day of April 1810

This is to Certify that we Johnathan Axford & James
Ford being present with Jacob Branton White in his
perfect Sense & State of Wilkes & State of Georgia deceased
and he at this time called on us to take notice that it
was his will and desire that what property he had
should be disposed of in the following manner (to wit)

I give and bequeath unto my four children Isaac Branton
Joseph Branton Elizabeth Cooper and Hannah Boon one dollar
Each to be paid out of my estate and I also give & bequeath
unto my Sister James Jenner the tract of Land lying in
Lincoln County together with all my other estate whatever
only the said Jenner is to find a sufficient support for
my wife Mary Branton during her natural life & at her
death the Balance of the property to belong to the said Jenner

This bears forever as witness our hands this 28 day of November 1905
Attest before
Signed

State of Georgia

Wilkes County

Person ally came before me John Darr

one of the Justices for said County James Ford & Jonathan
Ford & made oath that the Within Instruments of

Writing as it stands stated is Just & true known to before
me this 28 day of November 1905

James Ford

Jonathan ^{two} x Ford
mark

James Ford

Recorded this 20 day of April 1910

In the name of God amen I Nathaniel Sumner one tract of
Land beginning at a ~~square~~ corner on the River on James
Sumner Lane running up said Lane to James Gate House
a State Line by James Cotton back and so on to the River
at a place where the of the County of Wilkes and State of
Georgia Being ~~which~~ With in Body but of a good sound
disposing mind and memory Do. Constable and make this my
Last Will and Testament in manner and form as
Following that is to say: all of my Last Debt to be paid
and Burial expense

I give and Bequeath unto my beloved
Wife Sally Sumner the Tract of Land and plantation whereon
I now live together with five Negroes names old Rachel George
Pety and Will Moses Together With all my House Hold
and Cattle Furniture and plantation and two boys and

I beleave me as a dowry to the other three to make me
more by the name of such three work creation and all
my stock of Hogs born Pork and Fodder all the above
property I give to my Beloved Wife Sally Turner to enjoy
in peace and Maternal life or widowhood, and at her death to
be Equally Divided between my children my Daughter Nancy
Turner as a Sally Turner to be made equal with my other children
and that out of the property I have left my Wife I give over

I give and bequeath unto my son Elmerack Turner one tract
of Land beginning at a Logwood corner on the River on James
Turner line running up said line to James gate Turner a
straight line by James bottom back and join to the River at a near
When the White Oak corner runs to be part of the Land
When he arrives to the age of twenty one years to him and his
heirs forever - also one Horse both by the name of Dearox and Bed
and furniture one Cow and calf one Sow and Pigs to him forever
5th I give and bequeath unto my son James Turner One hundred and Six acres
of Land whereon he now lives, also one Horse one Cow and furniture one Cow
and calf which he has in his possession to him and his heirs forever
6th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Frances Turner One hundred and Six acres
and calf one Cow and furniture one Sow and Pigs also one tract of Land beginning
at the Hickory Corner at the corner of James Turner line ground then down the
branch against the Logwood then to the mouth of Birds Run Spring branch up
the River to the old line thence along said line to the beginning to her then
her heirs forever

7th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Deborah Smith one hundred and Six acres
and furniture one Cow and calf one Sow and Pigs also one tract of Land
beginning at the old line then to the mouth of Birds Run Spring branch up
the River to the old line thence along said line to the beginning to her then
her heirs forever

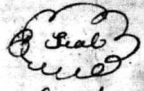
has not got as much land

This I do constitute my last will & Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 21st day of December 1807

I do further Appoint and constitute Bird Smith, John Turner and Samuel Ogletree my Executors to this my last will and Testament

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Merbach Turner 

his
John x Ogletree
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Parker

Georgia
Wilkes County

Personally Appeared in open Court

Parker and John Ogletree the

witnesses to the above will and being duly sworn Soath that they saw the above will named Merbach Turner Sign Seal publish and deliver the foregoing instrument of writing to his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind & memory

Sworn to in open Court 1st February 1808

Parker

John x Ogletree
mark

D^o Ferrell C.C. Ord^r

Recorded in book D H this 15th May 1810

State of Georgia
Wilkes County

In the name of God Amen I

Thomas Guest of said County and State being in a low state of health (tho of perfect mind and memory) knowing it is Appointed unto all men over to die after recommending my body to its Mother aust and my Soul to God who gave it I do hereby constitute this my last will and testament disposing of my Earthly goods in the following Manner, Unto my true and loving wife Elizabeth Guest an equal third of all my movable effects with her lifetime on the land to be conducted at the discretion of herself and my trusting friends William Anderson and Josiah Elington Seniors I give and bequeath unto my dear daughter Hannah Guest One horse Saddle & Trundle of Equal value to my best Ads. One feather bed & furniture One Chair and Calf to be taken of such as may be in hand the equal to the best. I give & bequeath unto my dear daughter Son Thomas Guest the plantation where

5 I bequeath one as a dowry to the other free to make one
more by the name of such three work creation and all
my stock of Hogs born Pork and Soder, all the above
property give to my Beloved Wife Sally Turner to enjoy
in peace during Maternal life or widowhood, and at her death to
be Equally Divided between my children my Daughter Nancy
Turner and a Sally Turner to be made Equal with my other children
and that out of the property I have left my Wife I have over
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I give and bequeath unto my son Elsieback Turner one tract
of Land beginning at a Dogwood corner on the River on James
Turner line running up said Line to James gate thence a
straight line by James bottom back and down to the River at
when the White Oak corner was to be proved of the Land
When he arrives to the age of Twenty one years to him and his
heirs forever - also one Horse bott, by the name of Dearoe one Bed
and furniture One Cow and Calf one Sow and Pig to him forever

3rd I give and bequeath unto my son James Turner One hundred and Six Acres
of Land whereon he now lives, also One Mare One Heed and furniture One Cow
and Calf which he has in his possession to him and his heirs forever

4th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Anne Layton One Mare One Cow
and Calf One Heed and furniture One Sow and pig also one tract of Land beginning
at the Hickory Corner at the corner of James Turner New ground then down the
branch against the Logpen thence to the mouth of Birds, Bruth Spring branch up
the River to the old line thence along said line to the beginning to her then
heirs forever

5th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Patschale Pruitt one horse One Heed
and furniture One Cow and Calf One Sow and pigs also one tract of Land
Containing About One and a half Acres whereon Miss Pruitt now lives and
to be made equal in Money out of my estate with the other children as the

has not got as much land

This I do constitute my last will & testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of December 1807

I do further Appoint and constitute Benj. Smith, John Turner and Samuel Ogletree my Executors to this my last will and testament

Test Merbach Turner Seal

Parker Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court
John Ogletree Milkes County } Parker and John Ogletree the

witnesses to the above will and being duly sworn testify that they saw the above will named Merbach Turner sign seal publish and deliver the foregoing instrument of writing to his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind & memory

Sworn to in open Court 1st
February 1808

Parker
John Ogletree
mark

D^o Ferrell Record^r

Records in book H H the 15th May 1810

State of Georgia

Milkes County

In the name of God Amen. I

Thomas Guest of said County and State being in a low State of health (tho of perfect mind and memory) knowing it is Appointed unto all men once to die after recommending my body to its Mother and my soul to God who gave it I do hereby constitute this my last will and testament disposing of my Earthly goods in the following Manner, unto my true and loving wife Elizabeth Guest an equal third of all my moveable effects with her lifetime on the land to be conducted at the discretion of herself and my trusting friends William Anderson and Jonah Elington Seniors Phyquith. I give and bequeath unto my dear daughter Hannah Guest One horse Saddle & Bridle of Equal value to my best鞍 One feather bed & furniture One Cow and calf to be taken of such as may be on hand the equal to the best. I give Phyquith unto my dear daughter Jan Thomas Guest the plantation where

I now live together with a Horse Saddle & Bridle in Value to his Sisters
To Cow and Calf and a feather bed and furniture as above. I give and
bequeath unto my dear daughter Elizabeth Guest One Horse Saddle & Bridle
a feather bed and furniture and Cow and Calf equal to her Sisters.

I give and bequeath unto my little Son Daniel the residue of my effects
with all my Best Standing debts after an entire settlement is made with all
my Just Creditors which effects are to be communicated unto my little Son
Daniel Guest thro the medium of his mother at whose death an
injunction upon his Sisters Hannah to Manage his affairs and as he is
a Subject for death in whose hands Sever lies (i.e) his Mother or
Sister I give and bequeath his effects. Being of perfect Mind and Memory
touched with a due Sense of Almighty power and humbly resigning myself
to the will of God I do hereby Constitute and Appoint this my last
will and testament as Resolving all former wills touching the Same
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal
the fifteenth of November One Thousand eight hundred and Seven.

intended in the Seventeenth line the words he is before Signed
In presence of
Uriel Farmer
Moses Jackson
Thomas ^{his} Lott
Thomas ^{marks} Guest
Thomas ^{marks} Guest

George
William County } Personally Appeared in Open Court Uriel Farmer &
Moses Jackson two of the Subscribing witnesses to the above will & being duly
Sworn testify that they saw the above Named Thomas Guest sign Seal
Publish and deliver the above instrument of writing to be his last will and
Testament and that at the time of his Signing & sealing he was of Sound &
disposing Mind and Memory
Sworn to in Open Court this 1st February 1808
Uriel Farmer
Moses Jackson

David Ferrell & c ord^r

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In the name of God Amen I Jacob M London
Sonson of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia planter Being in
perfect health and Memory thanks be given unto God Calling unto Mind
the Mortality of my body and knowing that is Appointed for all ^{men} to
die do make and Ordain this my last will and testament that is to say
principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul to ~~God~~ into the
hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I Recommend to the Earth
to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the direction of my Executors
nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the
Same again by the almighty power of God and as touching such worldly
Estate wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me with in this life I give
down and dispose of the Same in the following Manner and for
First I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Maack M London
An Negro boy named Ben which is his part of my Estate Also
I give and bequeath unto my Son Samuel M London a tract of Land
beginning at a Corner between lowermost line, ^{above} ~~the~~ West Brooks his
clearing thence a direct line to a Station poplar near the Head of the
Headly Branch containing five hundred acres more or less including his own
plantation where he now dwells Also One Negro Man named Mro which
is his part of my Estate Also I give unto my beloved Son Francis
M London One Negro Man named Pemas which is his part of my
Estate Also I give unto my beloved Son Dennis M London a tract of
plantation formerly belonging to John Westbrook and now together with the
part of some of my Own tract Beginning at a White Oak on fishing
creek bank a little above the fishtraps ford thence a direct line
through the plantation to a Marked Red Oak on the branch that
runs through said plantation thence up said branch to the head there
a direct Corsette Jacob M London Just: and thence along

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In the name of God Amen I Jacob M London
Sonson of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia planter Being in
perfect health and Memory thanks be given unto God Calling unto Mind
the Mortality of my body and knowing that is Appointed for all ^{men} to
die do make and Ordain this my last will and testament that is to say
principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul to ~~God~~ into the
hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I Recommend to the Earth
to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the direction of my Executors
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Same again by the almighty power of God and as touching such worldly
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down and dispose of the Same in the following Manner and for
First I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Maack M London
An Negro boy named Ben which is his part of my Estate Also
I give and bequeath unto my Son Samuel M London a tract of Land
beginning at a Corner between lowermost line, ^{above} ~~the~~ West Brooks his
clearing thence a direct line to a Station poplar near the Head of the
Headly Branch containing five hundred acres more or less including his own
plantation where he now dwells Also One Negro Man named Mro which
is his part of my Estate Also I give unto my beloved Son Francis
M London One Negro Man named Pemas which is his part of my
Estate Also I give unto my beloved Son Dennis M London a tract of
plantation formerly belonging to John Westbrook and now together with the
part of some of my Own tract Beginning at a White Oak on fishing
creek bank a little above the fishtraps ford thence a direct line
through the plantation to a Marked Red Oak on the branch that
runs through said plantation thence up said branch to the head there
a direct Course to Jacob M London Jr's and thence along

Said line to the said twentieth before mentioned being Six
hundred and fifty Acres more or less Also One Negro boy Named
Aaron also One negro woman Named Sarah Also One Lot of
Potashsmiths tools Also a stock of Cattle that I have out in
Washington County which is his part of my estate Also I give unto
my beloved Son Amos McSweeney all the rest of my Improvements
wherein I now live with all the land between the lines before
mentioned between Samuel and Dennis McSweeney line including
Six hundred Acres more or less Also One Negro Man Named Harry
One Negro Woman Named Jenny One Negro boy Named Nathan
One Negro boy named Perry One Negro boy Named Peter Also all
my stock of Cattle that I have at my home house Also all my
stock of Horses and hogs which is his part of my Estate after his
Mother's decease and not before also all house furniture left to her
own disposal. Also I give unto Jermina my beloved daughter twenty
five pounds paid in Tobacco at Market price to be raised of
Amos McSweeney part of my Estate. Also I give unto my
beloved daughter Lacey twenty five pounds to be paid in Tobacco
at Market price to be raised out of Amos part of my Estate
which is her part of my Estate. Also I give unto Penelope my
beloved daughter twenty five pounds to be paid in Tobacco at
Market price to be paid out of Amos part of my Estate
which is her part of my Estate. Also I give unto Nancy my
beloved daughter twenty five pounds to be paid in Tobacco at
Market price to be paid out of Amos part of my Estate
which is her part of my Estate. Each legacy to be paid yearly
beginning at the closest and continued while each is paid until

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Makes it four payments Also I give unto my beloved daughter
Bathaney One Negro girl Named Sall. which is her part of my
estate, I do constitute and Appoint Isaac M^c Lendon and
Martha M^c Lendon my beloved wife to be Executors of this my
last will and testament Ratifying and Confirming this and other
to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have here
Set my hand and Seal this Sixteenth day of August in the year
of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety one

Signed Sealed & Delivered

Isaac M^c Lendon

in presence of us
Joseph Bailey
Henry M^c Lee
Sarah M^c Lee

Georgia } I Elizabeth Greer being in a low state of health
Wilkes County } and knowing that it is appointed for all persons
over to be being of Sound Mind and Memory I make this my last
will and testament. first I recommend my Soul into the hands of God
who gave it Next my body to be buried in a Christian and Decent like
Manner in the dust from whence it came and touching my worldly
affairs which God has pleased to give me, I first give & bequeath
unto my daughter Mitcheley Hutchins & Sally Hutchins two beds
and furniture Also I own a Small Negro boy to Mitcheley Hutchins
and Sally to have the first living child that all has if she has none
living The^d will out of all give Sally a Small Negro then
Sammy & Sally to have an bed and furniture & Thos^d Hutchins to
pay the two girls Sammy & Sally two hundred & forty dollars Also One
Lot of Land Number 85 in the North district of Madison for
use of Sammy & Sally. Thomas Hutchins to have the cows he
has now for to keep the girls while single provided all

11 I have more after this And Attested for fully her incres
to to be divided between Matilda Hutchins & fully Hutchins

In witness I have set my hand in presence of these
witnesses on my last will and testament the 8th April 1808

I Appoint my Son Thomas Hutchins my Executor.

Test ^{his}
Fearick + Huskey
marks

Elizabeth ^{her} Erwin
mark

Elizabeth ^{her} Edge
mark

Wm B. Allison

Georgia
Milkes Counties Personally Appeared in Open Court
Wm B. Allison and Fearick Huskey two of the
Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will and being duly
Sworn Seath that they saw the above Named Elizabeth Erwin
Sign Seal publish and declare the above 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 that Elizabeth Edge Subscribed as
a ~~subscribing~~ Concurring Evidence to the Same

Sworn to in Open Court
the 2nd May 1808

Wm B. Allison

J^{his} + Huskey
mark

D or L
Serrell Clerk

Recorded this 15th day of May 1810

In the name of God Amen I Philemon Bird of Miches
County and State of Georgia being Mindfull that it is Appointed for
all Men Once to Die & being in a low State of health but Sound in
mind and Memory and being desirous to be happy now and tranquilly in
my family after my decease Do Make Constitute and Ordain this my last
will and testament in Manner and form as follows that is to Say, first My
will and desire is that all my just debts be paid (Secondly) I Give
to my beloved wife Mary Bird all the balance of my Estate both Real
and personall during her Natural life and after her death to be
equally divided between all my Children hereafter Mentioned, To wit
Evering Sen. Bird Job Bird Molly Ogletree Robert Bird William Sen
Bird James Bird Lety Heard Buford Bird Elizabeth Jordan &
George Bird it is my desire that Elizabeth Jordans portion be in
money and also an Equal share to the heirs of Philemon Bird Junior
deceased (thirdly and lastly) I Appoint my beloved wife Mary Bird my
Executrix and William Sen Bird and Buford Bird my Executors To this my
last will and testament hereby disannulling all others Made by me In
Testimony whereof, I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 21st day of
November One thousand Eight hundred and Nine Son in presence of us
John Hendrick Philemon Bird

John Mercer } Personally appeared in Open Court John Mercer one of
Georgia } the Subscribing Witnesses to the within will & being
Miches County } only sworn to that he saw the within named Philemon Bird Sign Seal
subscrib and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will & testament
and at the time of his so doing he was of Sound disposing Mind & Memory
and that John Hendrick subscribed himself as a Concurring Witness to
the same

Sworn to in Open Court
this 7th May 1810

Jas
Tennet Clerk

John Mercer

In the name of God Amen I David Linder of the County of
Wilkes and State of Georgia being weak in body but perfect in Mind and
Memory Make this my last will and testament heartily Revoking all others in
Witness. (Here) I Give my Soul to God who gave it and my body to
the dust to be decently buried the expense of which I desire to be paid out
of my estate (Here) I Give and bequeath to my beloved Son Sampson
Linder all my tract of Land and plantations whereon I now live to him and his heirs
forever Also a Sorell Siding to him and his heirs for ever, Also My bell
cow to him and his heirs forever (Here) I Give to my beloved Grandson
Jesse Bullard two hundred and fifty dollars in Cash (Here) I Give to my
Daughter Mary Champen my Negro woman blow and Green & Childer
to her and her lawful heirs forever (Here) I Give to my Daughter Phanny
Cody three Negroes Rachel Cain and Selinda to her and her heirs forever
I Give to my beloved Grandson Shed Cody fifty dollars in Cash to be
Paid out of my estate that will be left to be sold, (Here) It is my desire
that my Negro Man Sam and the balance of all my estate should
be sold with twelve month credit and all my High debts paid out of it and
the balance to be Equally divided between my two Daughters Phanny Cody and
Mary Champen, I Constitute Ordain and Appoint my friends Jesse Cody &
Mary Champen my Sole Executors to this my last will and testament

As witness my hand and Seal

Test September 5th day 1808

Edward Stevens {
Collin Wooster {
William Sanford {

Georgia

Wilkes County

William Sanford

Personally Appeared in Open Court
Edward Stevens Collin Wooster and
William Sanford the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will & being duly Sworn
Said that they Saw the above Named David Linder Sign Seal publish & 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 disposing mind & Memory
Sworn to in Open Court

This 7th Nov^r. 1808

Edward Stevens

Collin Wooster

W^m Sanford

Recorded this 18th day of May 1810

David Linder second

In the name of God Amen

I James Grady am weak in body but of a sound disposing mind and Memory touching this worldly Estate my will and desire is that my beloved wife Elizabeth Grady shall have all of my property that I now have in hand to dispose of at her will as I have provided for all of my Married children Except one which is Elizabeth Grady which is now living with her Mother my will is that my daughter single be provided for out of my Estate as my other Children has been heretofore I have also provided for my Son John Grady as I have for the Married ones above mentioned I do Appoint this as my last will and Testament in

the presence of

Thomas Talbot

Joseph Chatter

John Boudett

James ^{his} Grady
mark

November the 10th 1807

Georgia

Wilkes County

Personally Appears in Open Court Thomas Talbot one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and being duly Sworn Testifies that he saw the within Named James Grady 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 & that Joseph & John Boudett Subscribed as Concurring evidence to the Same

Given to me in Open Court
the 2nd May 1806

Thomas Talbot

Done & sealed

In the name of God Amen I William Thurmond
 Senr. of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes being far exaunted
 by age but of Sound Mind and Memory do Make and Constitute
 this my last will and Testament knowing that it is Appointed for all
 Men to Die and as such I Recommend my body to be buried in Christian
 form without pomp or State at the discretion of my Executors my Soul I
 Recommend Commit it to him that gave it, and as touching such worldly
 affairs that it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in the following
 Manner and form (Viz) I Impress it is my positive will and desire that
 all my Just debts be paid (Item) I give and bequeath unto my Sons
 John, Richard, and William and to my daughters Betsey, Anne, Lucy
 and Sally the property thing now in their possession or have received up to
 now (Viz) two Negroes each and some Stock and other furniture; Item
 I give and bequeath unto my Son Charles two Negroes, to wit, Benny & Samos
 and their increase, One feather Bed and furniture One Cow and calf and
 one small house all except Timon is now in his possession, Item I give
 and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin One Negro girl Sara One Negro girl
 Named Phoebe and their increase to him and his increase forever also
 One small house One feather bed and furniture and One Cow and calf
 Item I give and bequeath unto my Son James One Negro Woman
 agnes and her child girl Early and their increase to him and his increase
 Also one small house One feather bed and furniture and One Cow and
 calf - Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Stephen two Negro
 girls to wit, Franky and Easter and their increase to him and his increase
 also One small house One feather bed and furniture & One Cow & calf
 Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Philip One Negro boy Gysam
 and Fanny and her increase to him and his increase forever also One
 small house One feather bed and furniture & One Cow and calf
 Item I give and bequeath my Son Elizaiah two Negroes to wit
 Simon and Crenah and their increase to him and his increase also
 One small house one feather bed & furniture & One Cow & calf

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Itern I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Colbert her Negroes
to wit Mlike and Alla During her Natural life also one feather bed
and furniture And one Cow and calf which property is now in her
possession after her death to be Equally divided Among her Children if any
if not to descend equally among my Seven Sons, William, Charles, Benjamin
James Stephen Phillip and Micajah - Itern I give and bequeath unto
Sophia Thurmond three Negroes gals to wit Uncia Ketta and Mary one
feather bed and furniture and one Cow and calf which said property is in the
possession of her Mother Mary Colbert An a lone till she come of age on
Marries and should she die without Children lawfully begotten to descend
to my Seven last Mentioned Sons and their heirs equally (Itern) I give and
bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Susannah Thurmond five Negroes (Wom)
Diamond Harry Judith Tamer and Tamer during her natural life & after
her death the said Negroes are to Choose which of the fourteen Children they
are to have for their Masters and they must then be valued by good
men and the Valuation to be Equally divided among the whole Also she is to
have her lifetime in all my lands also the remaining Stock of all kinds &
Quality Soever also one feather bed and furniture and after her death to be
equally divided, and all the Lands to be sold and the Money equally divided
among my four sons Benjamin James Phillip and Micajah equally, and in
Case there is a crop on hand at my dissolution the hands are to stay & finish the
crop and my wife is to dispose of it as she ^{may} think proper at her own discretion
Itern I do Make Ordain and Appoint this to be my last will and Testament
disannulling all wills heretofore Executed by me, Itern I give and Appoint
Benjamin Phillip and Micajah Thurmond my Lawfull executors of this my
last will and Testament Itern I give and bequeath unto Betsey Early one
boy Mure in custody whereof I have herunto set my hand and Seal this
11th day of July one Thousand Eight hundred and Nine
Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
in presence of

William ^{his} Thurmond (Seal)
mark

A Edwards
Leroy Wilkins
Hladon Lockins

Georgia Personally appeared in Open Court Augustus Edwards and
Wilkes County Leroy Wilkins two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within
Will and being duly sworn saith that they saw the within Named
William Shurmond sign seal publish and declare 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 Aladen witnesses Subscribed as a
Concurring evidence to the same in their presence
Sworn to in Open Court
this 7th May 1816
J. Edwards
Leroy Wilkins
J. Edwards
Leroy Wilkins

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Butler of the
County of Wilkes and State of Georgia, being of perfect Mind and
Memory do Make and Ordain this my last will and Testament in
Manner and form following (to wit) Whereas my dear Mother
Suannah Butler of the County of Hanover Virginia and by her last
Will and Testament bearing date the 10th of May 1770 bequeath any give
to me three Negroes Mrs. Ben, Gills and Sam and their increase and after
my decease to be equally divided among my Children or their Heirs
Ben went off with said Governor when he was and plundered
our Settlements in the year 1781 Sam is dead Gills has the following
Children at present living viz Will, Sam, Matt Corby, Hanger, Sally
and Jerry also the following Grand Children viz by her daughter Nan
Abraham Alexander, Alice and Mahala, by her daughter Corby, Sam
and by her daughter Eliza Catty, Now as I propose Welling the
above Negroes and their increase to my wife Elizabeth Butler during
her widow hood or life - It is my will that if any of my Children and
their Heirs after knowing my will should object to their mothers keeping
the above Negroes for the term mentioned in this my will and insist
on a division agreeable to my Mothers Will then they are to forfeit
and forever be barred from possessing or holding any part of my estate
given them by this will and be satisfied with the part of my Mothers
Estate that falls to their lot and such property so forfeited to be

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equally divided among the rest of my children. and their heirs, that do not
perfect their part as above. And whereas I have kept accounts and

may keep accounts against all my Children as will appear by my
books and it is my will that whatever balance may appear on said
Books to be due to me by either of my Children at my decease, is to be
charged them in the final Settlement of my Estate after my wife's death
or Marriage and not before and if any ~~thing~~ should appear to be due
on said books by me to any of my Children, it is my will that it be
paid them as soon as possible, remembering that none of my Children
are to bring forward or exhibit against my Estate any accounts for
Transactions performed for me during my life, but shall submit to settle
altogether by my accounts as they stand on my books But if either
of them should refuse to settle or obede by my accounts as stated
on my books then they are to forfeit all and singular the legacies
herein given them by this will and such Estate so forfeited to be
divided as above.

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth during
her widowhood or life all my Estate of every kind whatsoever
including the above Negroes or Conation The pay and deliver to my
Several Children hereafter Named the following legacies and at the
time given them Also that she Maintain with a comfortable
Support and schooling my youngest children untill they come of
age or Marriage Item I give and bequeath to my Son John
McButter One Tract of Land on Little River adjoining Grapson
and Wingfield containing three hundred and forty Seven Acres
More or less One Negro Man Named Sawney one Little named
Reuben and One Negro Boy Named Miles (already delivered
to him and his heirs forever also her Account in Ledger
Bk folio 25 Horse and other things otherwise Turn Over

To Them I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza, she & th.
Wingfield, One Negro Man named Peter, one negro girl named Easter
And One Negro girl named Judith together with all their ~~present~~
and future increase (already delivered) to her and her heirs forever See
Account Ledger B p. 38 Horse and other things delivered —

(Them) I give and bequeath unto my daughter Betty G. Terrell
One negro man named Mingo One Negro woman named Mary
and her present and future ~~increase~~ children One Negro girl named
Patience together with their increase to her and her heirs forever (already
delivered) See Account in Ledger B fol^o 43 Horse and other
things delivered.

Them I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Frances Terrell One Negro woman named Hannah together
with her five children, Gamby, Wyatt, Stephen Sarah Sampson
and Gilbert with their present and future increase One feather
Bed and furniture (already delivered) to her and her heirs forever

Them I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Butler One
Negro Woman named Abby and her five children, Robert, Phyllis
Elyah Silvia and Tom with all their future ~~increase~~ One feather
Bed and furniture One Horse or other Hacks to the Amount of \$50
Sixty dollars to be delivered when she comes of age or Marries to
her and her heirs forever (Negroes already delivered) —

Them I give and bequeath to my five daughters above mentioned to wit,
Elizabeth Betty, Frances ^{Nancy} and Nancy a tract of land in the County
of Jackson (formerly Tarrant) containing One Thousand acres
More or less on the waters of Sandy creek adjoining Sams Walker
formerly Middleton Woods also all the Sand Hole on the west
or upon Side of the Long Branch in Cuthbert County,
to be sold by my Executors at four equal installments, and
to take a Mortgage and Bonds on each several
installments — — — — —

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Zacharia Butler An Negro
Man Named Barnabas An Negro boy Named Bartlett, Also An Negro
boy named Jack ~~son~~ my horse and Leverette note for two hundred
dollars (delivered) And An bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son David Butler all the land
possep on the East or lower Side of the long branch at the Marriage or
death of my wife which may first happen to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son David Butler to be delivered
him when he Comes of age or Marriage a family or lot of Negroes that
shall be thought to be worth as much as An Negro Man as likely as
Common, An Negro boy of fourteen years old and An Girl of Seven
years old (Not to be any of Gillos breed) Also An feather bed &
furniture, An Horse or other Stock to the value of An hundred
dollars to him and his heirs forever

Item It is my will that after my wifes death or marriage which may
first happen, all my books, pamphlets, &c (be equally as near as may
be divided among my three Sons Viz; John, Zacharia, & David Butlers
remembering that the big bible be in John Butters lot to them
and their heirs forever. I also give and bequeath unto my
daughter Lucy Butler a family or lot of Negroes to be of as much
value as a Common Negro Man, a girl of Eleven years old and one
of Seven years old Also An feather Bed and furniture and a
horse or other Stock to the value of Sixty dollars to be delivered
to her when she Comes of age or Marriage to her and her heirs
forever Item it is my will and desire that the Negroes & other
property given to my children above ^{to be} of Such a value be ascertained
by the legates choosing An Man and my Executors
an other and they to Choose a third who shall proceed
to Value the Same

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 Item It is my will and desire that after the death or Marriage
 of my wife which may first happen that all the rest of my
 Estate of every kind whatever not already away be Equally divided
 between my Eight Children & their heirs to wit, John Elizabeth
 Betty, Frances, Nancy, Lachria, David and Lucy to them & their heirs
 forever Lastly I do hereby Appoint my wife Elizabeth Executrix and my
 Sons John Garrison and David Butler Executors of this my last will
 and testament It is also my will that my Executors do not Sell
 or Suffer to be Sold any part of my land or Negroes while they have
 them in possession and the Estate remains unsettled, hereby revoking
 all former wills or Codicils heretofore made by me In testimony whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 7th day of December 1809
 Signed Sealed & Acknowledged

by the testator in our presence
 to be his last will and testament

{ Note the words present and in
 the second page & last (Seal)
 line and in the third page
 and fifth line present and future
 and the Eleventh line Sanctions
 Intended before Appointed

Charles Pettus
 Stephen Pettus
 Mary Shackelford
 D. Ferrell

Edw. Butler Seal

Georgian
 Wickes County } Personally Appeared in Open Court Stephen P. Pettus and
 David Ferrell two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within will & being duly
 Sworn aforesaid and Sworn that they saw Edward Butler sign Seal publish
 and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will & testament &
 at the time of his so doing he was of Sound and disposing Mind & Memory
 and that Charles Pettus and Mary Shackelford Subscribed their Names
 as Concurring witnesses to the same in their presence In the presence
 of the Subscribing
 Sworn to in Open Court this 3rd March 1810
 Wm. Hanson J.D.C.
 A. Liphams J.D.C.
 J. Montford

David Ferrell
 Stephen P. Pettus

In the name of God Amen I Daniel Price State of
Georgia ~~Wishes~~ ^{County} being sick of Body but of perfect ^{mind} & Memory
thanks be unto God and knowing that it is Appointed for all men to Die
in touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me
in this life I give Demise and dispose of the Same in the following Manner
and form first of all I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Frances
Price three Negroes to wit Charles James and Phillis, Also a Wagon
and four Horses to raise and Support my Children Secondly I give
unto my beloved daughter Phoebe Bird twelve and a half Cents —
Thirdly I give unto my daughter Catharine two Negroes to wit, Hannah
and Stephen Also a bay Horse fourthly I give unto my daughter
Dianna — two Negroes Will and Homer fifthly I give unto My
daughter Amelia One Negro Named Dorcas Sixthly I give My
daughter Lemulla One Negro Named Bridgett Seventh I give My
son Bird Price two Negroes Allen and Martin Also a wagon
and four horses and a Stage Wagon and three Horses Also
tracts of Land lying in Colkinson County Also household furniture
to be sold to the highest bidder and out of the Amount thereof My two
Youngest daughters to be Made equal with the Rest of them the balance
to be equally divided Amongst the five Youngest Children at the
decease of my wife Frances Price the Executors Leonard Sutzger and
Philemon Bird Executors of this my last will and testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 10
day of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred
and eight
Lis
A witness & Dier
Hannah ^{mark} Dier
Elizabeth ^{mark} Sutzger
Daniel Price

23 Georgia
Colts County & Personally Appeared in Open Court Abner Tyer
One of the Subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn
Said that he saw the within will named Daniel Price Sign Seal
publish and declare 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 he saw Hannah Tier and
Elizabeth Dutger Subscribed as Concurring Evidence to the same.
Sworn to in Open Court Abner ^{his} Tyer
this 1st May 1810

Terrell clk

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Chivers last of the
State of Georgia and County of Wilkes Being in a low
State of health and sound in Mind do make this my
last will and testament in form of a Writing—
I Desire that Negro Harry and Lucy his wife be ~~buried~~
Hence that all my property, both Real and personal
that I have given to my children to stand at it is—
Hence the Five of land whereon I now live &c. to
my son Thomas Chivers—Hence the following Negroes (viz)
Joseph Adam Daniel David Primus Peg Ralph Liddap
and Betty to be Equally divided amongst my children
(viz) Samuels Wilkerson Lavina Wingfield Robert—
Chivers Joel Chivers James Chivers Sally Mercer Thomas
Chivers and Jane West. Hence I give to my grand
Daughters Polly Terrell a Negro girl by the name of Betty

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I give to my grand Daughter Louisa & Terrill
Much Money as shall say the above negro girl belongs
with us Cash the said Money to come out of the amount
of sales — I leave the balance of My Property both
Real and Personal to be sold as a whole and the money
arising from the said sale Equally Divided Among my
children, viz, Sumner Withersons Samuels Wingfields
Robert Chivers Joel Chivers James Chivers Sally Mercer —
Thomas Chivers and Jane West. I appoint my sons
Robert Chivers Joel Chivers and Samuel Wingfield my
Executors to this my last will and Testament I do Writing
Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal this 15th
of November 1819

Test

Thomas^{sr} Chivers 
and

Thomas Wingfield

John F Simpson

John Wingfield

George Wilkes County } Personally appeared in open Court
or the Subscribing Witnesses and to the within will
and being duly sworn said that they saw the
within named Thomas Chivers sign seal publish and
Declare the within instrument of writing to be his
last will and testament and at the time of his
so doing he was of sound mind and Disposed mind
and Memory

That they signed in the presence of this
testator and in the presence of each other John F Simpson
I swore to in open Court this 2^d July 1819 Thomas Wingfield
Terrill clk Record & dates 1819 John Wingfield

In the Name of God amen—

Being of perfect mind and memory
calling to mind the mortality of the body that it
is appointed one for all men to die I constitute
And Ordain this my last will and testament
first and foremost to I give my soul to God who
gave it me and my body to be buried in a Christian
like Manner then after all my just Debt and
burial Expenses paid I give and Bequeath
to my Brother Robert Maxwell five hundred \$,
give and Bequeath to my Brother Robert
Francis Maxwell five Dollars I give and
Bequeath to my Brother David Porterfield
fifty Dollars the above mentioned sums to be
paid out of my Estate by my Executors I give and
Bequeath to my Brother Thomas Maxwell three hundred
and fifty Acres of land lying in Lincoln County
on the waters of Fishing Creek joining Berry Place
likewise all my other Estate both Real and
personal, likewise I appoint my Brother
Thomas Maxwell my whole and sole Executor
this I acknowledge to be my last will and
testament as witness my hand and seal this
twenty fifth day of August one thousand
Eight hundred and seven.

Witness

John. Maxwell

Warrio Colman

Mathew Phillip

Franklin Colman.

Georgia } Reasonably appeared in open court
Walker County } Harris Colman and Matthew Phillips two
of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within will and being
duly sworn said that they saw the within named John
Marshall Sign Seal publish and declare the within
instrument of writing to be his last will & Testament &
at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing
mind and memory & that Francis Colman subscribed as a
witnessing evidence to the same.

Sworn to in open court. Harris Colman -
this 5th day of Sept. 1809, Matthew Phillips -
D^o Ferris acco!

Recorded the 16th Dec. 1811



Know ye that I John Anderson of Walker County
United State of Georgia being of perfect mind and
memory do make and declare this my last will and
testament in form following -

1st I desire that all my Just Debts be paid -
2^d I bequeath into my loving wife during her widowhood
all my property of every description which I request -
shall be for the use and profits entirely of her -
Dispositions -

3^d I give and Bequeath unto my two Sons Thomas
Anderson & John R Anderson my Tract of land
whereon I live together with the mills where ever
my wife shall marry Decease, To them and their heirs

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I give and Bequeath unto my seven grand
children of Sally Davis & Sum of Mon ^{as appts}
when added to the three hundred Dollars given
to Anderson Davis, to one eight part of all my
Estate Excepting the lands whereon I live & Mill
6th. It is further my will that all my Estate
Except the Land & Mill be equally divided
between my six Children, Viz: Chatham Towland
Jean ~~Rand~~ Thomas Anderson & Fanny Smith John R
Anderson Polly Anthony & my Grand Daughter
Betsey Lane to them and their Heirs forever and it is
further my will that should Betsey Lane die
without issue that in that case her part of my Estate
shall be Equally divided between my surviving
Children -

7th. I give and Bequeath unto Lewis & Davina the sum
one Dollar to him and his Heirs forever -

It is to be understood that is not my will that any
division shall take place or any Legacy paid out -
So long as my wife remains my widow -

8th. And lastly I do hereby Appoint my loving
Wife, my Executors and my two sons Thomas Anderson
& John R Anderson my Executors as witnesses my
hand this 11th day of September 1806

Bolling Anthony
Wm Binnis

John Anderson

Georgia
Wilkes County

} Personally appeared in open
Court Booking ~~the~~ ^{and} John Wright two of
the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will and
Being duly sworn depose and say that they saw
the within named John Anderson sign seal publish
and declare the foregoing instrument of Writing
to be his last will and testament and at the time of his
so doing he was of sound and disposed Mind and
Memory and that Subscribed their names as witnesses
to the same at the Request of the testator and in the
Presence — also that William Brimes Subscribed as a
Concerning Coetition to the same.

Bookey ~~deaths~~
John Wright

Sworn to in open Court
this 5th of November 1810

D. Terrille cec;

Recorded this 19th of January 1811.

C. D. S. cec.
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In the name of God Amen I John Lucians of
Wilkes County & State of Georgia being in a low
State of health but of sound an disposing mind
and memory, thanks be to God for the same do make
Publish and declare the following to be my last will
and Testament first I Recommend my soul to God
who gave it and my Body to be decently Buried
in the Burying yard at Simpsona Melenghouse by
my friends and Executors who shall be hereafter
named Secondly as to the worldly Estate it has
pleased God to give me I will in the following
manner and form (to wit) first I Give and bequeath
unto my Nephew Samuel Arnett & his heirs and
assigns forever the tract of Land whereon I now
I now live Containing four hundred and Twenty
Acres I also Give unto the said Samuel Arnett the
following negroes one negro Woman named Sall and
her three Children Austin Bob & Patience & Franky
but on the following Conditions that the Present Chil-
dren of Sall (to wit) Austin Bob & Patience & Franky
shall be at Thier arriving at the age of Twenty
one years and to have the same priviledges as I
shall hereafter Point out in this will for some of my
negroes that I shall sett free I also Give the said Samuel
and his heirs a negro fellow named Pompey
2^d I Give & Bequeath unto my Nephew William
Arnett the Tract of Land whereon he now live con-
taining one Hundred Acres which Tract I Purchased of
Price Bird to him the said William & his heirs forever
also my Blacksmiths Tools my Cotton Gin & the running
Gear belonging to the same I also give to the said William
Arnett the following negroes Phillis a negro woman &
her three Children Dick, Jacob, & Collin & the future
increase of the said Phillis but Dick Jacob & Collin to
be Free on thier attaining the Age of Twenty years &
to be entitled to the same priviledges of the Negroes that
I shall leave free by this will under the directions and
Management of my Executors.

in any other manner the aforesaid negroes (to wit)
Hannah, Hannah Nancy, Isham, Jimmy & Hannah
Sarah, Peter, Patrick Mace, Billy, George
Humphrey, Judah, Humphrey Jr. &
March and the future issue of the said negroes
and do hereby request of my Executors that
they will make application to the Legislature
of this State to pass a Law to free the aforesaid
negroes and the better to enable the said Negroes
support and maintain themselves I give
a bequest unto the said Negroes in Common
their future increase and in trust as Guardian
Thomas Lasley & Thomas Talbott Esq. the Trust of
and I Purchased of Philamon Bird Containing one
and Acre, and I do hereby empower the said
Thomas Lasley & Thomas Talbott to act as Guardians
the said Negroes in all and in every manner
never and to protect them from in every manner
now and in case of the death of the death of
said Thomas Lasley & Thomas Talbott its my request
the Inferior Court will appoint a Guardian to
said Negroes of their Choice I also Give the said
Twenty four Barrels of Corn Twelve Hundred
of Pork five Axes Ten Hoes & five Mattes
Ten Cows & Calves & Three Sows & Pigs the rest &
Issue of my Estate of whatsoever Kind & of
whatsoever nature to be equally divided between
My Nephew Samuel Arnett & William Arnett and
said share & share alike I do hereby appoint
my friends John Wingfield, Thomas Lasley & Thomas
my Executors to this my last will and

and Testament Revoking all other wills
made by me Sealed Signed and Acknowledged
this 10th of August 1814.

Nathanul Twining

Mathew Talbott

D. Creswell.

John Querns Seal

Georgia } Personally appeared in open court
Wilkes County } Mathew Talbott one of the subscribing
Witnesses to the within will and being
duly sworn depose and saith that he saw John
Querns Sign Seal Publish and declare the
within instrument of Writing to be his last will and
Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of full
sound and disposing mind and memory and that
he subscribed his name as a witness to the same
and also David Creswell and Nathanul Twining
subscribed as Concerning testimony to the same
at the request and in the Presence of the Testator
Sworn to in open Court

H. J. Lang 1816

Mathew Talbott

D. Terrell. Clk.

Recorded this 20th of February 1818

John Dyson Clk.

2^d I Give and Bequeath unto Catharine ^{Arnett} ^{Widow} of Edward Arnett the Tract of Land whereon the now lives, containing one Hundred Acres that I Purchased of Williamson Bird, during the the Natural life of the said Catharine Arnett or Widowhood and after her death or intermarriage to the sons of the said Catharine, John Arnett & Felix Arnett and their heirs I also give the said Catharine Arnett the following negroes, Joe a negro fellow Rose a negro Woman & her two Children Suck & Charles during the Natural life or Widow-hood and at her death or intermarriage to be equally divided between the Children she now has the said negroes Suck & Charles to be free at the Age of Twenty one years in like of the other Children and entitled to the same Priviledges I give and bequeath unto John Spear the sum of Fifty Dollars — I Give and bequeath unto Mary Stephens wife of John Stephens the sum of fifty Dollars — I Give and Bequeath to Nancy Anderson wife of Martin Anderson the sum of fifty Dollars, I Give and bequeath to Margaret Anderson wife of Charles Anderson the sum of fifty Dollars I Give and bequeath to Margaret Murphy wife of John Murphy three Hundred Dollars also a Cow & Calf for an consideration of the faithful Services of the following negroes, David Nathan, Hannah his wife & their Children (to wit) Nancy Isham Linny, Harriet & Cinthy — Sarah & her Children, Peter, Patrike nace, Cursey, George, Beck Humphrey & his wife Sadak & their son Humphrey Junr. & March I do hereby liberate from Slavery and set free in the fullest and Completest manner from me & from my heirs and from all Persons entitled to Claims upon me by her ship.

Whereas I Thomas Young of the State of Georgia and County
of Walker are at this time in a low state of health but in my Right
mind & do not expect to survive this life but a very short time
I do therefore first commend my soul to god & secondly to dispose
of my worldly goods in manner following. First that all
debts due against my estate shall be paid. Secondly that
the residue or remainder of my estate to be disposed of in the fol-
lowing manner that is to say that as to the Payment of the said
debts it is my wish that my Executors shall dispose of the Stock
Plantation Tools Household and Kitchen furniture and of more
efficient than to hire out the negroes untill they make
the said Payments also the tract of land on which I
now live to be divided into three Equal parts as to
Value as near as may be the choice of which parts
to be for the use of my wife Elizabeth her life and
then to go to William Randolph my youngest son
forever and the other two parts for the use of my two
oldest sons Samuel and David when they may be of
age respectively to be received as Part of their Legacy
at Valuation when of age and after the said
debts shall be paid that my four negroes to remain
in Possession of my wife Elizabeth during her widowhood
Except the first Easter to go to my oldest Daughter
Raney Valued at two hundred and fifty dollars and
Negro Boy Hampshire to go to my second Daughter
Polly Valued at two hundred and fifty dollars
when my said Daughter shall be of age & my two
youngest Daughters Elizabeth and Susan to draw
their Shares when of age each of or from two negroes
and their increase which will be in Possession
of my wife Elizabeth namely Hannah and man
and if on Valuations that should ever go their

equal divided that it shall be so distributed among
 the Crows of my Estate as to make them all equal
 and shall it be so that the said negroes or any of
 them should die before the Legatee or Legatee
 for whom they are do arrive at full age to
 receive them then and in case the other Leg-
 ates are to make them equal out of their
 respective Parts and I do hereby fully auth-
 orize and request Charles Smith and
 William Safford my Executors to this my
 last will and Testament this 10th day
 of August 1810

signed and acknowledged

in the Presents of

Richard Woodruff Thomas Young
 Burwell Birms

Georgia } Personally appeared in open
 Wilkes County } Court Richard Woodruff
 Burwell Birms the subscribing witnesses to the
 above will, and being duly sworn oath they
 saw the above named Thomas Young sign
 seal and acknowledge the above instru-
 -ment of writing to be his last will
 and Testament and that at the time
 of his so doing he was of sound and
 disposed mind and memory and that they
 subscribed as witnesses to the same at the
 request of his testator and in his presence
 sworn to in open Court

This 5 Nov. 1810

D. Ferrell Clerk

Richard Woodruff

Burwell Birms

Recorded the 5th of July 1811

Whereas I Thomas you
of which are at this time in a
mind & do not expect to survive this life but a very short time
I do therefore just commend my soul to god & secondly to dispose
of my worldly goods in manner following, I first that all
debts due against my estate shall be paid secondly that
the residue or remainder of my estate to be disposed of in the follo-
wing manner that is to say that as to the payment of the said
debts it is my wish that my Executors shall dispose of the Stock
Plantation Tools Household and Kitchen-furniture and of more
efficient than to hire out the negroes untill they make
the said Payments also the tract of land on which I
now live to be divided into three Equal lots as to
value as near as may be the choice of which Lots
to be for the use of my wife Elizabeth her life and
then to go to William Randolph my youngest son
forever and the other two lots for the use of my two
oldest sons Samuel and David when they may be of
age respectively to be received as Part of their Legacy
at Valuation when of age and after the said
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in Possession of my wife Elizabeth during her widowhood
Except the first Easter to go to my oldest Daughter
Fancy valued at two hundred and fifty dollars and
Negro Boy Hampshire to go to my second Daughter
Polly valued at two hundred and fifty dollars
when my said Daughter shall be of age & my two
youngest Daughters Elizabeth and Susan to draw
their shares when of age and of or from two negroes
and their increase which will be in Possession
of my wife Elizabeth namely Hannah and more
and if on valuation that should ever go their

equal divided that it shall be so distributed among
the Crier of my Estate as to make them all equal
and there to be so that the said negroes or any of
them should die before the Legatee or Legates
for whom they are do arrive at full age to
receive them then and in case the other Leg
ates are to make them equal out of their
respectives Parts and I do hereby fully auth
orize and request Charles Smith and
William Safford my Executors to this my
last will and Testament this 15th day
of August 1810

Signed and acknowledged

in the Presence of

Richard Woodruff Thomas Young
Burwell Burns

Georgia } Personally appeared in open
Wilkes County } Court Richard Woodruff
Burwell Burns the subscribing witnesses to the
above will and being duly sworn oath they
saw the above named Thomas Young sign
seal and acknowledge the above instru
-ment of writing to be his last will
and Testament and that at the time
of his so doing he was of sound and
disposed mind and memory and that they
subscribed as witnesses to the same at the
request of his testator and in his presence
sworn to in open Court

This 5th Nov^r 1810

Richard Woodruff

D. Fenelle Clerk

Burwell Burns

Recorded the 6th of July 1811

30 Georgia In the name of God amen
Wilkes County I Joseph Thompson of the State
and County aforesaid being sick and weak of
Body tho of sound mind and memory and libell Knowing
that it is appointed unto man once to die make
and ordain this my last will and testament
viz I will my soul to god my Creator trusting
in the merits of a merciful Redeemer that
it will be recorded into a state of never ending
happiness and my body I give to the Earth to be
buried in such decent and christian like man-
ner as to my Executor here after named shall
seem most Proper and Touching such worldly
goods wherewith it has Pleased God to Bless
me I will and dispose thereof in the manner &
form following To wit,

First I give unto my son William Thompson
for and during his natural life the use of
of the Lands I bought of Edward Short and
Stephen Brown also the use of Jeff Handley
Lucy Ann and her child subject nevertheless
to the following order and disposition —
Then at the decease of my said son I give
and divide unto my grand son Joseph
Thompson and heirs forever the Lands I bought
from Edward Short and Stephen Brown and
a like manner one negroe man Jeff I
further give unto my said grandson at the
death of my wife Elizabeth Thompson my
Negroe man Harry — — —

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Item on decease of his father I give unto
grandson William Thompson one negroe
woman Anna and her child and at the
death of my wife I further give unto him
my said grandson one negroe girl Lavina
and there increase forever —

Item at the death of her father I give unto
my grand daughter Julia Thompson one
negroe girl Lucy and her increase forever
and I further give unto my said grand daughter
on the death of my wife one negroe man
Robin —

Item at the death of her father I give to
my grand daughter Eliza Thompson one
negroe man Handy — and I further give
unto her my daughter said grand
daughter on the death of my wife one negroe
girl Maria and her increase forever —

Item I give and Bequeath unto my loving
wife Elizabeth Thompson and her heirs forever
my negroe man ~~possession~~ negroe women
Kate my stage and harness the crop of
Every kind wheather in the house or fields
all the money in hands or Bonds Notes or
open accounts subjecting the same unto the
Use to the Payments of my just debts —

Item I further Bequeath unto my loving
wife for and during her natural life
my dwelling Plantation a parcel of land
 lately Purchased of John Graves lying on the

35 North side of my Spring Branch nigh were
to fall into over the Beaver dam Creek the
whole of the land I bought of Johnson and apiece
taken up by my self together with the stock
of Every kind House hold Kitching furniture -
plantation utensels Her Horses tools of every dis-
criptions stills Cotton machine and negroes not
already in possession of my son William Thompson
To have and to hold the same for and to her
own Proper use and profits during her natural
life the Proceeding gift of negroes as well as
the subsequent destruction of several of them
to the Contrary notwithstanding -
I then I give unto my son James B Thompson
the mone I had I had off the aces and her
youngest Cols

I then I give unto my Daughter Tenson Warg-
aves and her heirs forever the three following
Negroes Anne Bamy and 2 Black Daughters of
Mocky to her on the death of my wife -
I then on the death of my wife Elzabeth -
Thompson I give and devise unto my son
Henry Bradford Thompson all the lands wherein
my wife has her life has her life & ale together
with the negroes not otherwise disposed off
or at her death to be disposed off my stills
Cotton machine and Pair of Looking glasses
to have and to hold the same to him
my said son and his heirs forever -
I then I give unto my grand daughter

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annex Simmes my negroe man Charles
to be under the management of my son in Law
George Hargraves and my son ~~Ed.~~ Bradford
Thompson should the death of my wife make
a distribution necessary before my said grand
daughter arrives at the age of sixteen years
on the same terms viz I give unto my grand
daughter Henry ~~Simmes~~ negroe child will to
be under the management of my son in Law
George Hargraves and my son Bradford —
Thompson should the death of my wife make
a distribution herein described necessary before
she arrives at the age of sixteen years
I then should either of my grand daughters
Henry Simmes or any Simmes die before
the age of sixteen the Survivor to inherit the
Property should both die the Property returns
to my estate and Papers to my son ~~Ed.~~
Bradford Thompson —

I then at the decease of my loving wife —
Elizabeth Thompson I give unto my grandson
son George Hargraves and negroe girl and
her increase forever — — —
I then at the death of my wife whatever stock
furniture or whatever movables be on the
Land the same I give to my son Bradford
Thompson and his heirs forever — — —
I then do a part, as far as in me lies the Estab-
lishment of Africa, of the American Fatherless
Progeny I do hereby set apart the same

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Gift made over unto his two Daughters Anne &
 Henriette Semmes four negroes Tom Nathan Dick & Clara
 Reserving the same use to himself during her nat-
 ural life subject if approve or those whom I
 may appoint in my last to exchange for those
 I do therefore appoint my loving wife Elizabeth
 Thompson and my son Wm Thompson to accept
 or reject any proposition he may ever make
 either as to them all or any Part Lastly
 I hereby appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Thompson
 and my son Henry Bradford Thompson Executors
 of my last will and Testament revoking and
 making void all and every other will or wills
 by me made published or declared

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed my seal this 9th
 day of December in the year of year of
 our Lord 1809

Signed Sealed Published, Joseph Thompson

and Declared in Presence of
 John McLaughlin
 John Brooks

Witness
 GEORGE } Personally appeared in
 Belknap County } open Court John McLa-
 ughlin John Brooks and our own the sub-
 scribing witnesses to the foregoing will and being
 duly sworn oath that they saw the above named
 Joseph Thompson sign seal publish and declare the
 foregoing instrument of writing to be his last will and
 testament and that at the same time of is to die was
 of sound and disposed mind and memory
 sworn to in open Court that heard the } John Brooks
 9th day of May 1810 } John McLaughlin
 D Ferrell etc } 5th July 1810

In the name of God amen—

I Solomon Thornton of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being in a Low State of Health but of sound and disposed mind and memory—

Believe to be God for the same do make and declare the following to be my last will and Testament

(To wit) First it is my will and desire that all my Just Debts be Paid as soon as Possible—

Imps I give and Bequeath unto my son William—

Thornton the sum of ninety three dollars to be Paid him by his mother in two years after my death

Imps I give and Bequeath unto my son Mustain

Thornton the sum of Three Hundred and twenty dollars to be Paid him by his mother in four years after my death If applied for.—

Imps I give and Bequeath unto my son John Thornton one dollar to be Paid him in cash—

Imps I give and bequeath unto my Daughter—

Nancy Cooper wife of John C. Cooper and her heirs one dollar to be Paid her in cash—

Imps I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy Hunter wife of Samuel S. Hunter this heirs the sum of one dollar to be Paid her in cash—

Imps I give and Bequeath unto my grandson Phillip Thornton and Mantain Thornton sons of John Thornton one negro Boy called Sink now in Possession of Rachel Thornton all the rest and residue of my estate both

real and Personal I give and Bequeath unto my beloved wife Sally Thornton during her natural Life and after her death to be Equally divided

our following Children Share Share alike (to wit)

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Joshua Thornton Polly Thornton Betsey
Thornton Aggy Thornton Gatty Thornton and
Samuel Thornton to their other heirs forever. It
is my wish and desire that when ever any
of our said last children should marry that
my wife if she finds it convenient will give
them five hundred dollars worth of Property this
last clause is left to my said wife choice
I do hereby constitute and appoint my said
wife Polly Thornton sole Executrix to this my
last will and testament signing my hand
and seal this 18th January 1809

Test
Matthew Tolbat
Thomas Laastly

Solomon Thornton
mark

William Thornton Junr

Personally appeared in open Court Matthew
Tolbat Thomas Laastly and William Thornton
the witnesses to the foregoing will and being duly
sworn oath that they saw the within Solomon
Thornton did 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 and perfect
disposing mind and memory
Sworn to in open Court
this 6th March 1809

Matthew Tolbat
Thomas Laastly
William Thornton Junr

D^{co} Ferrell Clerk

Recorded the 10th of July 1809

D^{co} Ferrell Clerk

In the name of God amen
I George Gunn of Wilkes County and State
of Georgia being weak and low in Body but
in my perfect senses do constitute make and
ordain this my last will and Testament as follows
I commit my Body to the ground to be bur-
ied in a Christian manner and my Soul to
the Mercy of God begging that he would receive
it to eternal life through Jesus Christ our
Saviour and for what worldly goods it hath -
Pleased God to bless me with. I dispose of them
as follows after Paying all my Just and Lawfull
debts I give to my true and loving wife the
whole of my estate During her life time after
that time to be equally divided among my
children to them and their heirs. I appoint
Pancy Gunn and John Gunn Exec^{rs} of this my
Last will and Testament Disallowing all other
will or wills whatsoever witness my hand and
Seal this 15th day of November 1807.

Attest my hand and Seal in Presence of
James ^{his} Lewis

George Gunn 

Sally ^{her} B Bethshiers

Elizabeth ^{my} Gunn

Georgia & Personally in open Court James Lewis
Wilkes County and Sally Bethshiers two of the Sub-
scribing Witnesses to the within will and being
duly sworn Say that they saw the within named
George Gunn 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 Disposed mind
and memory and that Elizabeth Gunn Subscribing