

State of
Georgia, Greene County.

I James Gatlin of the State and county aforesaid, knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, and believing it to be my duty to prepare for this great event by making my peace with God and arranging and disposing of my worldly property being weak in body but sound in mind and to prevent as far as possible any disagreeable consequences from arising in the settlement of my estate after my decease -- In the name of God I make this my last will and testament in the manner and form following

Item 1st. I commit my Soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried.

Item 2nd. It is my will that after my decease my Executors pay off all my just debts.

Item 3rd. It is my will that all the property I got with my beloved wife shall be returned to her (to wit) four negroes Brit, Sell and her two children Maria and Weston with all the cattle and a sufficient number of hogs with all the beds I got with her and one extra all the horses I got with her and one extra bowlt a sorrel. It is also my will that she should have a sufficiency of corn and fodder for her support and of the present growing crops when it is saved. It is also my will that my mill should be completed and made ready for grinding together with the plantation whereon stands I return to my wife the cost and expenses of rebuilding said mill to be paid by my Executors after deducting the amount of certain notes which I received with my wife to wit: One note upon Moses Campbell for one hundred and fifty dollars and one other note upon Arch Swann for seventeen dollars from the nett cost of said rebuilding.

Item 4th. It is my will that the remainder of my property both realty and personally be equally divided among my beloved children viz: Radford, Gilbert, Garrett Sidney Nancy and Betsy Gatlin and Willy Arnold (This name is not readable but probably was Molly Arnold).
I do not wish my negroes sold if a fair division can be made

without doing so.

Item 5th. It is my wish that my property should be kept together as long as my Executors think it would be advantageous and profitable for my dear children.

Item 6th. I hereby appoint and Ordain Richard Asbury and my son Radford Gatlin Executors of this my last will and Testament. In testimony that the above is my last will and testament I hereunto subscribe my name and **affix** my seal this twenty fifth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand and Eight hundred and Eighteen.

James Gatlin (Seal)

made and signed in the presence of:

Stephen Pearce

John Powers

Lemon Morris

J.C.McKinley

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