

Will of James Barlow of Laurens Co., GA

Georgia} This January 23rd Eighteen Hundred & fifty four
Laurens County} In the name of God Amen

I James Barlow of the county and state aforesaid being of advanced age, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, deem it my duty both as respects my children and myself, that I should make a disposition by Will of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me - I do therefore make and declare this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others that I may heretofore have made -

Item - It is my desire that my body be buried in a christian like manner suitable to my rank and condition in life, and I trust that my Soul may return to God who gave it - As I hope for immortality through the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ -

Item - It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors herein after appointed immediately after my Death - as there is no reason for delay.

Item - I give and bequest unto my beloved daughters **Mary J Barlow** and **Sarah Winnifred Barlow** the only children by my second Wife all the Negro property that I acquired by my intermarriage with my second Wife Winnifred together with their increase, names as follows: Claborn, Patrick, Henry, Jacob, Bright, Bryan, Fellows, Sarah and her five children to wit: Washington, Edmund, Sam, Lacy, Peggy, Pink, Silas, Reacin, Sally and her four children, Robert, Queen, Jane, Lafayette, Edmund, Paceann Laufrasher, Elmira, & Mary Ann and Marinda & Ann orphan children, all the above Negroes except Claborn now in my home place in this county, the above and foregoing Negroes to be equally divided by my Executors between my said Daughters, Mary J. & Sarah Winnifred. I also give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary J. the Forte Piano that I now have, one Horse and Saddle worth one Hundred Dollars two cows and calves - two Beds & Bedsteads & furniture for them. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Winnifred - One Horse and Saddle worth one Hundred Dollars, two cows and calves, two Beds & Bedsteads, and furniture for them. I also give to my said two daughters Mary J & Sarah Winnifred all the Silver Ware the most of it having the initials of their mothers name on it, to be equally divided between them-

Item - I give bequeath and devise all my Real Estate of which I am seized and possessed with all the rights, members, & appurtenances thereto belonging to my seven children by my first Wife & their legal representatives to wit: **William W Barlow, John H Barlow, Wade J. Barlow, James J. Barlow, Amelia Lester** Wife of Alfred Lester to my four Grand children Susan, Wade J, James A, & Richard J, children of Arthur & **Louisa Preston** the four to receive the share of my estate to which their mother would have been entitled to if living - and my Grand child Sarah Rebecca Summers daughter of Joseph & **Susan Summers** to receive the share of my estate to which her mother would have been entitled if living. The Land described as follows to wit: all the Land I own in the county of Laurens containing Eleven Hundred Acres more or less, all my lands in Sumter County containing Seven Hundred & twenty Acres more or less - I also will and bequeath to my seven children & their Legal representatives above in this Item mentioned, all the Negro Property that I now own & not before given away in this Will except a Negro Girl Catharine which I give to my son Wade J not be taken in with the ballance - the Negroes given in this Item all now live in the county of Sumter. I also give and bequeath to my seven children & their legal representatives in this Item mentioned all the residue of my property of whatever kind it may be after raising the Legacies specified herein mentioned - I give and bequeath it my son John Barlow the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in Money or property as my Executors may think most proper - I also give to my son Wade J Barlow the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in Money or property as my Executors may think best, also one Horse worth one Hundred & twenty five Dollars. Also one Bed-Bedstead and furniture for it-. I also give to my son Judson the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in Money or property as my Executors think best & one Horse worth one Hundred & twenty five Dollars - I also will and desire that the sum of two Hundred Dollars be deducted from the amount coming herein to my Grand children before mentioned children of Arthur Preston, this amount paid by me to said Preston & to be deducted to make the sums equal -

Item - It is my Will and desire & I hereby appoint my son Wade J Barlow Guardian of the property herein given for my Grand children - children of Arthur and Louisa Preston to keep the property here given free from the control or use of Arthur Preston their Father -

