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James M. Baker
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James M. Baker
et al

vs
John Hammonds
vs
Hazel E. Hammonds

Testimony taken
before Reference

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J. M. Baker
Clerk

Will:

I, Zephaniah Kingsley of Duval County, Fla. Florida, Planter, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament - as follows, viz:

First - I will and devise that all my just and lawful, funeral and testamentary charges, and expenses shall be fully paid and discharged, as soon as may be after my death:

Secondly - To my nephew Kingsley B. Sitts I will and devise one half of my two Thousand acre Tract of Land in the Twelve mile Swamp which when divided into two parts will give one

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Thousands acres of land for his one half be the same more or less, to him his heirs or assigns: I also bequeath to him in fee, my Schooner North Carolina with all its appurtenances, likewise my books and arms not otherwise disposed of:

Third: To my Nephew George Cooper Gibbs I will and bequeath in fee simple, absolute, all the remaining one half of the aforementioned two thousand acre tract in twelve mile swamps, which will be one thousand acres be the same more or less:

Fourthly: To my Nephew Charles J. McNeil I will and bequeath in fee simple, absolute, a certain tract or parcel of land situate on Beauclerk's Bluff, between John & Canny containing sixty two and one half acres of land be the same more or less: also my three hundred acre tract situate at the head of six mile creek (Saw Mill Creek), flat also my negro woman Betty and Peggy the daughter of Nancy and all their children and issue: also one of my horse saddle &c. at his choice all the above to him in fee & to his heirs &c.

Fifth

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To George Gingsley my son by Anne Madgigoin. I do hereby will and bequeath all my Nautical instruments including maps, charts &c. to be sent out to him at-Hayti by way of New York or otherwise clear of expense to him.

Sixth

It is my will and desire, that as soon after my decease as is convenient to my Executors, that all the specific legacies and devises aforesaid shall be separated set apart and reserved, by my Executors for the special purpose aforesaid and that all the remaining part of my property real and personal, including what sums may be received from Government in compensation of losses in 1812 or 13, or since of what nature or kind soever after the payment of my just debts; shall by my Executors, or their assigns be sold or converted into money, and the net amount be divided in twelve equal parts or shares (12 parts) or shares, one of which part shall be paid to my Nephew "Gingsley B Gibbs in full compensation for all claim that he may have or claim against my Estate. One part

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(say $\frac{1}{2}$ th) shall be paid to Anna
Madeline Jai Lingley or to her heirs
or assigns: Two parts (2.) to John
Maxwell Lingley, my son by Anna
M. Jai. Four parts (4.) to be paid
to George Lingley my son by Anna
M. Jai, Two parts (2.) to be paid to
Flora H. Lingley her heirs or assigns,
One (1.) part to be paid to Micronopy
the son of Sarah M. Lingley, should
he live until the years of discretion:
all the foregoing legacies and bequests
in this Will are granted in fee simple,
absolute on Condition that no fur-
ther claim or action at Law shall
be instituted or suggested by any
of the parties against my Estate
except the usual lawful Charges
and Commissions:

Seventh — I do hereby declare that it
is and shall be lawful, for my
Executors to retain in their hands
sufficient money of the proceeds
of my Estate, to defray all necessary
charges and expenses in the Admin-
istration thereof before paying over
the surplus as aforesaid:

Eighth — I do hereby order and direct,
That whenever I may happen to die,
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That my body may be buried in the nearest-most-convenient place without any Religious Ceremony whatever, and that it may be excused from the usual indiscreet formalities and parade of washing dressing &c. or exposure in any way, but removed just as it died to the common burying Grounds:

Fourth

Should I have any Slaves, I earnestly recommend to my Executors not to separate the families by selling Them individually without their Consent, if to be avoided:

Fifth

It is my Will and I do hereby authorize my Executors not to separate the families but to allow to any of my slaves the privilege of purchasing their freedom at one half the price of their valuation, on consideration of their migrating to Hayti, if they cannot be allowed to stay as free in this Territory:

Sixth

I do hereby appoint Gingly B. Gibbs, George Gingly and Benjamin A. Putnam as Guardians to my infant natural children, amongst which I acknowledge all those of Flora W. Gingly

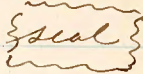
of Camp New Hope, also Sarah
Murphy's Mulatto Child Mican -
-opy now in Egypt; I do also
solemnly enjoin my colored and mul-
tural children, that seeing the il-
liberal and inequitable laws of
this Territory will not afford to
them and to their children that
protection and justice, which is
due in civilized society to every
human being: Always to keep
by them a Will, ready made,
and legally executed, directing
the disposal of their property, after
their death until they can re-
move themselves and properties
to some land of liberty and equal
rights, where the conditions of
society are governed by some
law less absurd than that of
color. This I strongly recom-
mend, nor do I know in
what light the law may consider
my acknowledged wife Anna Madg-
igné Tai, as our consubial relations
took place in a foreign land, where
our marriage was celebrated and sol-
emnized by her native African Custom
altho' never celebrated according to the

forms of Christian usage: yet she has always been respected as my wife and, as such I acknowledge her nor do I think that her truth, honor integrity, moral conduct or good sense will lose in comparison with any one:

Continued — Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint — Gingsley B. Sibbes and Benjamin A. Putnam of Florida and George Gingsley the son of my wife Anna Madgegne Sai, to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament, to whom I earnestly recommend the closing of the concerns of my Estate &c. as expeditiously as possible, and to see that my intentions in regard to the disposition of my Estate are, and shall be strictly complied with, for the better promotion of which purpose I do appoint my trusty friend Benjamin A. Putnam to act as legal attorney and advisor in all matters and things relating to the interest of my Estate, with a fee to be paid to him by it of One thousand Dollars: And I do hereby revoke all other wills by me heretofore

made:

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In Witness I, the said Zephaniah
Cingler, the testator here to this
my last Will and Testament con-
tained in this sheet of paper set
my hand and seal this twentieth
day of July in the Year One thousand
Eight hundred and forty three (July
1843.)

Zeph^r Cingler 

Signed sealed, published and declared
by the said Zephaniah Cingler as and
for his last will and testament
in the presence of us who have at
his request hereunto subscribed our
names as Witnesses thereto in the
presence of the said testator and
of each other at Jacksonvill 20th July
1843.

Thomas O. Holm
William S. Conalson
David McQueen

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State of Florida }
County of Duval }

Be it remembered
That I, Chandler S.

Emery Judge of Probate in and
for said State and County, do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a true
and correct copy of the last Will and
testament of Zephaniah Ginzley de-
ceased, which appears duly recorded
in my office:

Seal

Witness my name as Judge
of said Court of Probate
and the seal of said Court
at the Probate Office in
Jacksonville this 25th day
May A. D. 1860

Chandler S. Emery =
Judge Probate
Duval County

Will

Filed July 8 1881

J. C. Buchanan
Clerk

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