

# BANKS COUNTY, GEORGIA

## Will (Testator) List, 1859-1972

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Banks County was created on December 11, 1858 from Franklin and Habersham counties, Georgia. The county seat is Homer, Georgia. There is no “General Estate Index” for this period in Banks County. Will records seem complete from 1859 and are found recorded in various “Ordinary Minutes” books as listed below. These books are available on microfilm at the Georgia Archives Microfilm Library as indicated and the original books may be found in the Banks County Probate Office in Homer, Georgia.

The following is a list of all wills recorded in Banks County, Georgia record books from 1859 to 1972. This list is compiled from a search of every page in each book and not from the original indexes which may be faulty.

The information given is (1) the testator’s name. In some cases a name is found to be spelled differently within the will and, in those cases, I have shown the spelling used in the signature or as most commonly spelled. (2) The date of probate or recording of the will which indicates the date of death of the testator. In cases where a “d” in parenthesis (d) is shown after the date, that is an instance where there was no date of probate or recording given and this is the date the will was written. In cases where a date is shown in parenthesis, such as (1909), that is a case where there is no date associated with the will and the date of probate is estimated by the compiler. (3) the page where the will is recorded. The page number shown is the first page the will is found on and it may continue for several successive pages. In some cases two page numbers are shown which indicates the will was recorded twice, perhaps in “common” and “solemn” form or simply by mistake.

### Ordinary Minutes Book A 1859-1879.

This book is labeled “Minutes & Wills A Banks Court of Ordinary” on the spine. An original index is in the front of the book on unnumbered pages, followed by Ordinary minutes including wills on pages 1 to 584. The wills in this volume have been abstracted and published in Jessie Julia Mize, *The History of Banks County, Georgia 1858-1976* (Homer, Georgia: Banks County Chamber of Commerce, 1977), pp. 181-193. This original Ordinary Minutes book is available at the Banks County Probate Court in Homer, Georgia and a microfilm copy is available at the Georgia Archives Microfilm Library in drawer 60 box 23, Morrow, Georgia.

<u>TESTATOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
William F.T. Porter	1858	3
John McMillan	1860	12
Charles Toney Sr.	1842	21
John Sewel	1862	27
Absalom Stephens	1862	32
Azman Rucker	1862	35
Wily Rucker	1863	37
Sampson Sosbee	1863	40
David J. Garrison	1863	41,582

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Elizabeth J. Davis	1864	43
James M. Maxwell	1864	47
Isaac M. David	1865	48
Thales M. Neal	1865	50
James A. Langston	1864	51
Reuben D. Nunn	1864	52
Harvy R. Anderson	1865	53
William F. Morris	1864	54
William J. Key	1864	55
James A. Vaughn	1864	57
Pearce C. Key	1865	58
Thomas P. Hicks	1864	59
William H. Dodd	1865	64
John H. Morgan	1865	66
Reuben Cash	1866	77
William Morris	1867	84
William Barnwell	1867	91
John W. Greenway	1867	97
Patterson Dodd	1867	105
William B. Burns	1867	111
Hillory Stone	1868	120
William L. Waters	1868	136, 139
Sumner J. Smith	1869	149
Thomas Bush	1869	160
Mathew Ellison	1870	217, 223
James Rylee	1871	238
Sousan F. Moss	1871	248
Sarah M. Richardson	1872	257
Armstead Hardy	1872	275
Martha Owen	1873	295
Jackson Oliver	1873	299
Harris Pritchett	1873	318
Leonard Smith	1874	342, 345
John E. Brown	1874	347
Samuel L. Mackie	1874	349
Mary Freeman Maxwell	1874	363
Nelson Cash	1874	375
Harriet A. Herndon	1874	380
Thomas F. Anderson	1875	390
Howell Mangum	1875	408
Eli L. Wilmot	1876	447

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William Tuck	1877	469
Lavinia Neal	1877	494
Francis Ballew	1877	500
James H. David	1878	515
William Crow	1878	526
William B. Boswell	1879	558
Edward Ward	1879	564
Hope Sims	1879	580

(end of Ordinary Minutes Book A)

Ordinary Minutes Book C1 1875-1890.

This book is labeled "Minutes C No. 1". An original index is in the front of the book on unnumbered pages followed by Ordinary minutes including wills on pages 10 to 833; pages 834 to 864 are blank. The original book could not be located at the Banks County Probate Court in December 2009; a microfilm copy is available at the Georgia Archives Microfilm Library in drawer 180 box 8, Morrow, Georgia.

<u>TESTATOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
John Mize	1879	13
John J.J. Sheppard	1880	32
Fountain G. Moss	1881	72
George W. Poole	1881	112
Asa A. Chandler	1881	115
Craddock Gober	1881	130
Young J. Poole	1882	168
Joshua Owen	1882	195
Moses Sanders	1882	198
Madison H. Thomas	1883	241
Joel Hutchinson	1883	263
Anderson Hill	1884	368
Nathan Sanders	1884	396
Elizabeth J. Sparks	1885	404
Hugh Brown	1885	411
Willoby Boling	1886	526
Rany Chastain	1887	662
James Wade	1888	698
Armer Rucker	1889	780
William R. Bowles	1889	789
Wilborn Welden	1889	806



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Ordinary Minutes Book D1 1896-1911.

This book is labeled “Minutes D No. 1 Banks Court of Ordinary” on the spine. An original index is in the front of the book on unnumbered pages followed by Ordinary minutes including wills on pages 2 to 570. The original book is located at the Banks County Probate Court in Homer, Georgia and a microfilm copy is available at the Georgia Archives Microfilm Library in drawer 180 box 10, Morrow, Georgia.

<u>TESTATOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
Mattie F. O’Kelley	1896	2
William Slayton	1897	75
Francina Anglin	1898	121
Harriett E. Tate	1899	209
Milton G. Lord	1899	249
Jesse Franklin Sanders	1900	294
Elizabeth A. Darian	1900	306
Thomas A. Neal	1900	332
Augustus C. Moss	1902	453

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Will Book A, 1912-1972.

This book is labeled “Record of Wills A” on the front and spine. There is an original index in the front of the book on unnumbered pages, followed by wills recorded on pages 1 to 584. The original book is located at the Banks County Probate Court in Homer, Georgia and no microfilm copy is available at the Georgia Archives Microfilm Library in Morrow, Georgia.

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Mr. A.J. Sanders	1909(d)	1
Martha C. Rucker	1902(d)	2
William T.M. Brock	1910(d)	3
Mr. L.M. Cash	1901(d)	5
James H. Boling	1901(d)	6
W.A. Watson	1901(d)	9
Isaac J. Ray	1910(d)	10
Mr. J.T. Smith	1910(d)	11
William Thomas Mintz	1911(d)	12
Lila M. Brock	1910(d)	13

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Louisa Vinson	1907(d)	14
Marion P. Wood	1911(d)	16
Mrs. N.J. Anglin	1908(d)	17
John W. Chasteen	1911(d)	19
John Wiley	1909(d)	21
Nancy Caroline Smith	1902(d)	23
Mr. S.H. Wilkinson	1912(d)	24
Miss Louisa L. Vaughn	1908(d)	26
Mrs. Sarah Clifford Chenault	1913(d)	28
Thomas J. Carr	1898(d)	30
James R. Lacy	1913(d)	31
Miss Mary Susan Wynn	1913(d)	33
Mrs. F.A. Ellison	1903(d)	34
Allen M. Chandler	1885(d)	35
Moning McMillian	1916(d)	37
Howel W. Garris	1916(d)	38
David R. Parks	1917(d)	39
Nancy C. Gordon	1907(d)	42
James H. Gordon	1907(d)	44
Mr. J.K. Chambers	1917(d)	46
A.M. Chandler	1916	48
Reuben Calvin Boling	1917(d)	51
James D. Dunagan	1905(d)	55
Edward Shepherd Wynn	1919(d)	57
Georgia A. Miller	1914(d)	59
Thomas J. Jordan	1915(d)	62
Dudley C. Chandler	1907(d)	64
Mrs. Jane Brock	1920? (d)	66
Henry J. Vaughn	1909(d)	68
Mrs. S.A. Garrison	1920(d)	72
Mr. T.S. Wells	1922(d)	74
Mr. G.H. Caldwell	1919(d)	81
Mrs. M.C. Wilbanks	1913(d)	82
Mrs. P.E. Venable	1910(d)	84
Mr. W.H.T. Gillispie	1921(d)	85
John L. Telford	1921(d)	87
James M. Brown	1915(d)	89
Mr. W.C.J. Garrison	1922(d)	91
C.B. Parker	1926(d)	93
Mrs. Margaret Ella Edwards	1911(d)	94
James H. Gordon	1924(d)	96

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Judson L. Wells	1926(d)	98
John F. Moss	1928(d)	100
Mr. J.J. Watkins	1927(d)	102
Mr. Carlis Strickland	1923(d)	103
John H. Scoggins	1920(d)	104
Mr. Bala E. Lord	1920(d)	107
Mary Ann Thompson	1922(d)	109
Mr. H.H. Peyton	1923	115
Mr. A.J. Ray	1910(d)	118
Miss Ellen Pruitt	1930	119
Martha E. Boling	1924(d)	122
Mr. J.J. Hill	1923(d)	125
Mr. S.M. Murry	1929(d)	127
Mr. T.M. Coffee	1921(d)	131
Gibson Walters	1930(d)	133
Seaborn Duckett	1930(d)	135
Mr. E.M. Pool	1930(d)	137
Mr. J.O. Thompson	1929(d)	139
Mr. J.A. Bray	1926(d)	140
Mr. J.W. Mitchell	1928(d)	143
Eliza Jane Marlow	1912(d)	144
Morgan J. Woodall	1925(d)	146
Florence L. Underwood	1933	150
B.F. Simmons	1933(d)	151
William C. Holcomb	1929(d)	152
James M. Gordon	1925(d)	154
John Robert Carr	1938(d)	156
James Wilson Neese Adams	1933(d)	158
Thomas B. Ray	1928(d)	160
Mr. P.F.M. Furr	1928(d)	162
Mr. W.A. Griffin	1933(d)	163
James A. Sorrow	1933(d)	165
Beula Hill Chambers	1935(d)	167
Mrs. Nancy Jane Bowden	1935(d)	168
Mary L. Key	1925(d)	169
Mattie J. Key	1925(d)	170
Mrs. E.J. Davis	1936(d)	171
Fannie Hardy	1934(d)	172
Mr. C.H. Chambers	1931(d)	174
J.H. Brooks	1921(d)	178
Mrs. Louise Jones	1937(d)	179

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Tom Wynard Bellhouse	1937	181
Anson C. Maran	1930(d)	189
Mr. F.M. Henderson	1937(d)	190
Mr. A.V. Hill	1930(d)	193
Mr. J.R. Rylee	1931(d)	195
Mrs. D.A. Harper/Hopper	1937(d)	197
Robert Freeman Rice	1936(d)	203
Mary Jane Smith	1933(d)	205
Peter Whitfield	1940(d)	207
Frances Knight Carr	1936(d)	209
Miss Julia E. Wynn	1939(d)	211
Mr. D.C. Short	1939(d)	212
Robert A. Wynn	1939(d)	214
Mrs. Mary Jane Brooks	1938(d)	217
Mrs. A.D. Garrison	1938(d)	219
Matthew Lafayette Seabolt	1917(d)	222
Mrs. Olivia Chandler	1940(d)	223
Julia A. Chambers	1925(d)	224
Mr. J.T. Wise	1938(d)	225
Mary C. Underwood	1941(d)	227
J.W.H. Underwood	1936(d)	230
Lindsey C. Crane	1932(d)	233
Jessie Lee Lord	1942(d)	235
Mr. L.L. Hill	1944	238
Mr. T.N. Wright	1945	239
Mr. A.C. Langford	1944(d)	240
Mrs. Ophelia Maxwell Quillian	1940(d)	243
Fred W. Wendt	1946	248
Mrs. R. C. Alexander	1946(d)	250
Morgan L. Chandler	1947	253
Mr. R.C. Moss	1948	258
Guy Sanders	1948	265
Doctor Garret Hyder	1944(d)	267
Dollie Jordan	1949	268
Fannie Tucker Holbrook	1949	269
Mr. W.G. Parks	1949	272
Gresham Duckett	1950	273
Mr. R.J. Thompson	1949(d)	279
Thomas H. Wilkinson	1946(d)	280
Mrs. Ada Sanders	1951	282
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Boone Suddath	1952	286
Mr. E.V. Cash	1946(d)	289
Mrs. Nellar Cash	1946(d)	289
Mary Ophelia Moss	1952	292
Mr. W.H. Rucker	1953	294
Mr. J.M. Murray	1950(d)	295
Mr. J.W.J. Lord	1951(d)	299
Mrs. Minnie Turner	1951(d)	301
Polk Thompson	1950(d)	303
John A. Lane	1953(d)	304
Thompson Allan	1943(d)	305
William Clayton Higgins	1954(d)	306
Lovick Oliver	1955	307
Thomas H. Mize	1957(d)	309
James Suyn (?) Jolley	1957	310
Mrs. Jennie Kittrel Eberhart	1944(d)	311
Job Jones	1956(d)	313
Robert Lee Seales	1955(d)	314
Mallory O. Scoggins	1956(d)	315
William Singleton Wright	1948(d)	325
Mr. H. Baker Moss	(1957)	328
Mrs. V.F. Smelly	1959(d)	337
Emma Eggli Vinson	(incomplete)	334
Hubert Poole	1957(d)	337
Emma Eggli Vinson	1950(d)	339
Mr. J.B. White	1955(d)	341
Mrs. William M. Miller	1954(d)	343
Mr. J.N. Hill	1957(d)	344
Sylvanus Alvin Pless	1954(d)	346
Mrs. Martha Chambers Thompson	1954(d)	348
Mrs. Louvie Lord Weldon	1960(d)	350
John Payne	1956(d)	352
Mr. H.L. Chitwood	1954(d)	354, 356
Margie Scoggins Caudell	1950(d)	358, 376
(aka Mrs. Freeman Caudell; aka Margie Mamie Scoggins Caudell)		
James Chambers	1960(d)	360, 367
Eva Simpson Carr	1955(d)	363
Harold F. Crisler	1959(d)	364
Mr. B.L. Poole	1947(d)	365
Alex S. Banks	1955(d)	369

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Charley Young Worley	1959(d)	371
Ruby Farr Prickett	1962(d)	374
Mr. W.A. Harbor	1956(d)	378
Conrad Hilton	1961(d)	379
Lorena Scoggins Sellars	1963(d)	381
John L. Stevens	1962(d)	382
Mr. G.L. Ward	1963(d)	384
Mrs. Inez Gertrude Seay Hooper	1956(d)	388
Mrs. Ethel Sarah Martin	1961(d)	390
Mrs. Alpha Cash	1946(d)	394
Marion R. Duckett	1945(d)	395
Thomas E. Ragsdale	1960(d)	397
Manolia H. Rucker	1962(d)	399
Fred Rucker	1962(d)	402
Mrs. Mattie Scoggins	1926(d)	405
Wilkie Rylee	1962(d)	406
Mr. L.J. Caudell	1960(d)	410
William Ford Abernathy	1964	412
Emma Malissa Wiley	1937(d)	414
Mr. F.E. Broome	1956(d)	415
Alva Carl Chandler	1948(d)	417
Mrs. Saleta C. Strickland Alexander		
	1955(d)	419
Mr. O.S. Garrison	1960(d)	422
Luther P. Bray Sr.	1957(d)	425
Mr. W.C.L. Jones	1956(d)	427
Robert J. Marshburn	1951(d)	429
Fred D. Harmon	1960(d)	435
Paul H. Davidson	1962(d)	437
Grover Harrison Rylee	1959(d)	439
Branson H. Simmons	1965(d)	444
Mr. N.J. Simmons	1954(d)	448
Addie Simmons	1954(d)	448
Mrs. Sally Adams Prickett	1959(d)	452
Arthur Vaughn	1959(d)	454
Mr. I.B. Segars	1961(d)	456
Mr. W.B. Morris	1965(d)	458
Mrs. Ann M. Jackson	1956(d)	460
Mrs. Sarah F. Loudermilk	1945(d)	461
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Mrs. Decie Brown	1955(d)	466
Miss Ruby Howard Brewer	1965(d)	467
Sarah R. Sellers	1964(d)	469
Minnie Parks Hale	1966(d)	471
Lloyd Peyton	1968(d)	473, 482
James B. Campbell	1963(d)	475
Mrs. C.J. Meaders	1950(d)	477
James K. Davidson	1965(d)	479
Miss Bula Sadie Hardy	1966(d)	481
Mr. H.L. Wilkinson	1960(d)	484
Mrs. Curtice C. McCurdy	1965(d)	486
Nettie Brown Andrews	1967(d)	487
Mrs. Paul W. Scales Sr.	1968(d)	489
Louie Joe Redmon	1967(d)	493
Frank Martin (aka G. Frank Martin)		
	1967(d)	495
Mrs. Mae M. Chambers	1966(d)	497
Mrs. Mamie Wood Carter	1959(d)	499
Vera Cochran Bell	1966(d)	501
Mrs. Alice Mason (aka Mrs. W.B. Mason)		
	1967(d)	502
Cliff W. Lewallen	1968(d)	504
Hubert S. Vickery	1964(d)	506
I.N.(?) Sellars	1968(d)	508
Mrs. Anna Belle Wright Manly	1969(d)	509
Mrs. Jessie Shockley	1965(d)	510
Mr. W.L. Garrison	1968(d)	512
Mr. B.J. Duckett	1968(d)	514
Mrs. Belle Massey	1966(d)	516
Branson L. Dalton	1962(d)	518
William A. Payne	1970(d)	520
Robert Norman Harden (Dr.)	1970(d)	522
Lula K. Meaders	1964(d)	527
Shelton Galley	1970(d)	529
Mr. W.H. Echols	1970(d)	537
Ben Payne	1966(d)	539
Wiley Redmon	1965(d)	542
Charlie Boswell	1971(d)	543
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Herman Vaughn	1969(d)	551
Guy Hembree	1969(d)	552
Gertrude Griffin	1966(d)	554
Mr. A.F. Logan	1967(d)	555
Manson Harold Cheek	1969(d)	557
Howard C. Chambers	1970(d)	559
Mr. G.C. Harber	1964(d)	560
Golden Lewallen	1971(d)	561
Fred G. Hill	1953	563
J.T. Savage	1969(d)	565
Miss Mary E. Craven	1969(d)	567
Mr. T. Grayson Fleming	1961(d)	571
Robert Barrett	1965(d)	572
James A. Rogers	1965(d)	573
Mr. T.H. Jordan	1963(d)	574
Mrs. Nettie Mae Ingram Martin	1967(d)	576
Ruth Bellamy Garrison	1970(d)	578
Mrs. Fred G. Hill	1972(d)	580
Mrs. J.T. Emma Irvin	1953(d)	582
John Jones	1956(d)	583

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