

Last Will and Testament of L. J. Mathis.

State of Georgia }
Baker County. } In the name of God
Allegem:

I, L. J. Mathis
of said County and State being of
advanced age, but of sound
mind and discretion knowing
that I must shortly depart this
life, deem it right and proper
that as respect my family and
myself, that I should make a
disposition of the property which
a kind Providence has blessed
me. I do therefore make this my
last, Will and Testament, hereby
revoking and annulling all
others by me heretofore made.

First. I desire and direct
that my body be buried in a
decent and Christian like manner
suitable to my circumstances and
condition in life. My soul
I trust shall return to rest with
God who gave it, as I hope
for salvation through the merits
and atonement of the blessed
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Second. I desire and
direct that all my just debt be
paid without delay by my Executor
herein after named and appointed.

Thirdly. - I give and bequest
to my beloved wife Charley A. Mathis
for and during the term of her
natural life and at her
deceased, its part to my youngest
son Henry C. Mathis the last
half lot of land #1157 to one
hundred & fifteen in the 12th town
Dist of Baker County Ga. com.

thousand one hundred, and twenty
five acres more or less, with all
the rights and appurtenances
to said half lot of land in any
way thereunto belonging.

Witth.

I give and
bequeath to my beloved daughter
Mary Jois Mathis the west half
of lot of land # (115) one hundred
and fifteen in the (13th) twelfth
Dist. of Baker County containing
one hundred and twenty five acres
(125) more or less. To her ~~own~~
proper benefit and behoof thereof
forever, and if the said Mary J.
Mathis being now unmarried
should die without lineal heirs
the above above described $\frac{1}{2}$ lot of
land devised to her is to revert
to the corpus of my estate, to be
divided equally among my other
three heirs Charles A. Mathis Henry
C. Mathis John T. Mathis Nancy
E. Mathis. - And if any of the above
named heirs be deceased then said
($\frac{1}{2}$) lot of land to be equally
divided between the surviving
heirs.

Witth. - I give and bequeath to
my eldest daughter Nannie E.
Mathis the south half lot of land
100 "one hundred" in the twelfth
(13th) Dist of Baker Co. Ga. containing
(125) one hundred and twenty
five acres more or less. To her own
proper benefit and behoof thereof.
And if the said Nannie E. Mathis
she being now unmarried should
die without any lineal decendence
then said devised half lot of land
aforesaid should revert to the corpus
of my estate, to be divided equally

among all my surviving heirs.

(S.) Sixth. — I give and bequeath to my eldest son, John T. Mathis the "practically" lot of land (#100 number "one hundred" in the 12 tracts list of Baker County Ga containing (125) one hundred and twenty-five acres more or less, to his own proper benefit and behoof thereof. And if my said son, John T. Mathis should die without heirs this devise is to revert to the corpus of my estate to be divided equally among my surviving heirs.

Seventh. — I hereby constitute and bequeath to my son, John T. Mathis Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Signed, sealed, and declared by J. T. Mathis, to be his last will and Testament, in the presence of us the undersigned, who subscribed our names hereto in presence of testator at his instance and request and in presence of each other, and each signing his own name.

This 18th day of Feb. 1890

J. A. Bodiford } L. J. Mathis (L.S.)
J. R. W. Brown }
H. G. Moore }
Geo. M. Willis }
Ordinary B.C.

Georgia Baker Co. } I do solemnly swear this this writing contains the true and last will of the within last signed L. J. Mathis, deceased, so far as I know and believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State so help me God. J. T. Mathis.

Given and subscribed before me this 18th day of Feb. 1890

State of Georgia, Baker County.

Before me comes J. A. Bodiford,
W. B. Moore and R. W. Gross named
as witness to the within writing
purporting to be L. J. Mathis last
will and testament, being duly
sworn saith that they at the
request of L. J. Mathis and in his
presence did attest as witness the
within writing as his L. J. Mathis
will that the same was signed
and published by L. J. Mathis in the
presence of his last will that he was
at the time of his attestation and
signed by himself of sound and
dispositional mind and memory
and that he executed the within
paper voluntarily.

J. A. Bodiford
W. B. Moore.

Subscribed and sworn
to before me this May 4th
1894.

J. B. Perry
Ordinary
Recorded May 14th 1894

