

Estate of George J. Johnson, of the name of
County of Cass, I, Mark M. Johnson, of said State and County
Knowing the great uncertainty of life and
determining it right and proper, both as respects myself and
family, that I should make disposition of the property
with which a kind and bountiful Providence has blessed
and do make, declare and publish, this my last will
and testament, (hereby revoking all others heretofore
made by me.)

1st, I desire and direct that all the debts
which may be justly owing by me, at the time of my
death, be paid without delay, by my Executor and
Executor, hereinafter appointed and it is my request
that no property be sold for this purpose, unless it
should be that the amount of ready money on hand and
the debts due the Estate should be insufficient to discharge
the indebtedness.

2nd, I desire and direct that all the property, of whatever
description, which I may leave, may be kept together, man-
aged and controlled by my Executor and Executor, hereinafter
named, in the manner they may think most conducive to the
interests of the Estate, until my youngest child becomes of age;
and then that distribution of the whole Estate be made between my
beloved wife and children then in life, and the representative or
representatives, (if there be any) of such as in the meantime may
have died leaving issue, such distribution to be made equally,
so that each and every one of them may receive and equal
portion, share and share alike.

3rd, I desire and direct that all my children until they
become of age shall be supported, and the expenses of their
education defrayed by my Estate, and my beloved wife
hereinafter named as Executor, is hereby authorized to make such
advances to any of our children, when they become of age, as
she may judge proper, an account of the
value of such advances being kept so that in the final
distribution all may be placed upon equal footing.

4th, Should my wife, hereinafter named as Executor, depart
this life or change her condition by marriage, before our youngest
child becomes of age, then I direct that her entire and
management of the Estate shall cease and determine and in
that case my beloved wife in her family, is requested to take
the entire control and management of the Estate, and the same
to be held in trust for the benefit of the children.

of the estate will then be confined to and made between
my children then in life, and the representatives & repre-
sentatives of such as may die in the meantime leaving issue.
I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife,
Matilda C. G. Johnson, Executrix, and my son James Edwin
Johnson Executor of this my last will and testament,
this 1st day of September 1853.

M. M. Johnson CB

Signed, sealed, declared and published by Mark M. Johnson,
as his last will and testament, in the presence of us the
subscribers, who subscribed our names thereto, in the
presence of said testator (at his special instance
and request) and of each other this first day of
September 1853.

J. W. Clayton
C. A. Cheshire
J. W. B. Tummons

Hath afforwarded Before me Thos A. Ward Notary for said
Bartow County, ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ personally came James C. Johnson
one of the executors of the last will and testament of Mark M. Johnson
late of Fair County, deceased, and produced before me the last
will and testament of said deceased, and two of the witnesses
of said will, to wit J. W. Clayton and C. A. Cheshire,
which witnesses being duly sworn, deposed and say,
that they saw Mark M. Johnson, the testator, sign and
declare and publish the instrument now presented,
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State of Georgia, I, James C. Johnson, do verily, mean that this
Cass County, writing, contains the true last will of the within
named Mark M. Johnson, deceased, so far as I know or
believe; and that I will well and truly execute the same,
by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained
in the said will, as far as his goods and chattels will
thereunto extend, and the law charge me, and that I
will make a true and perfect inventory of all such
goods and chattels "To help me God."

Swear to and subscribed before,

me, in open Court, the 5th day of Feby, 1855, Jas. C. Johnson.

Thos. H. Word, Ordinary

State of Georgia, I, Matilda C. G. Johnson, do verily, mean
Cass County, that this writing containing the true last will
of the within named Mark M. Johnson, deceased, so far
as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly execute
the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies
contained in the said will, as far as his goods and chattels
will thereunto extend, and the law charge me, and that I
will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods
and chattels "To help me God."

Swear to and subscribed before,

me, the 13th day of Feby, 1855,

Thos. H. Word, Ordinary.

M. C. G. Johnson

Recording 14th Feby, 1855. Thos. H. Word,
Ordinary.

State of Georgia, In the name of God, Amen.
Cass County, I, Thomas E. B. Harris, do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking
all others, hitherto made by me.

I, Thomas E. B. Harris, give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Emily
Harris, the whole of my estate, and the increase thereof, to
his own proper use, benefit and behoof, forever, with the full
power to dispose of the same in any manner she may
think proper, at any time previous to, or by will or deed
at her death. Provided my said wife, Emily Harris, remains
the widow of my body; but if she should ever marry
again, then it is my will and desire, and I hereby declare,
that immediately after the occurrence of such event,