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Last Will & Testament of R Coleman

Georgia

Mehros County

I Robert Coleman being of sound disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare this for my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

Item 1st I direct that all just debts be paid.

Item 2nd I direct that all my property of every kind whatsoever real & personal except the specific legacies hereinafter mentioned be sold by my Executors either at public or private sale as they may think most advantageous and that the net proceeds thereof together with my cash on hand and the money due me on notes and accounts and all choses in action whatsoever be equally divided between my wife Mary R Coleman and my children Adaline A Coleman, Caroline J Pope, John A Coleman, William R Coleman, Mary Judith Coleman, Samuel J Coleman, Robert Coleman and Florida Coleman, taking into account in the distribution the amounts heretofore received by any of my children and which amounts are hereinafter specified so that the distribution share of each may be equal.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to William M Pope in trust for Eliza Holtyendorf one negro woman Ledy and her ^{two} children now in her possession and five hundred dollars in cash all which property to be possessed & enjoyed by Eliza Holtyendorf without account on the part of the Trustee for the profits and at her death to be disposed of as she may direct.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son William R Coleman my Gold Watch chain and key exclusive of his distributive share of my estate.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my grand son Robert Coleman and Pope a negro girl by the name of Nancy now in the possession of his father William M Pope exclusive of the distributive share of his mother Caroline J Pope.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my son John A Coleman a negro man by the name of Ned valued at seven hundred dollars in part of his distributive share of my estate.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Adaline A Coleman a negro woman by the name of Sophy valued at seven hundred dollars in part of her distributive share of my estate.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline J Pope wife of William M Pope the following negroes viz Sae valued at seven hundred dollars Mariah at six hundred dollars, Margaret and Green at eight hundred dollars and lands in the counties of Butts & Jasper including the ferry thereon on the Ocmulgee river valued at three thousand dollars which I have conveyed to her husband William M Pope by deed and all of which is in part of her distributive share of my estate.

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Item 9th I hereby nominate and appoint John H. Coleman, John Kelopton and Richard H. Randolph guardians for my ^{minor} children Mary Judith Coleman Samuel Taylor Coleman, Robert Coleman & John Coleman.

Item 10th I hereby nominate and appoint William M. Pope Guardian for my daughter Adaline Coleman and my son William R. Coleman.

Item 11th I hereby nominate and appoint Scott Kray, William M. Pope & John H. Coleman Executors of this my last Will & Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 24th day of October 1840.

Signed Sealed, published & declared in the presence of us and attested by us in the presence of testator & at his request & in presence of each other

Elbridge H. Kabanick
James M. Knott.

L. Bankston

Robert Coleman

Recorded October 8th 1862 Wm M. Riley

Georgia
Monroe County } Personally appeared in open Court James M. Knott & L. Bankston two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will and being duly sworn depose and say they saw Robert Coleman Sign Seal publish and declare the foregoing as and for his last Will and Testament that they in the presence of Testator and at his request and in the presence of Elbridge H. Kabanick attested said Will as witnesses that Elbridge H. Kabanick in the presence of testator and at his request and presence of deponent attested said Will as a witness that said Robert Coleman at time of the execution of said Will, was of sound disposing mind and memory and that he executed the same freely voluntarily and without compulsion.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court this 9th day of Nov 1840
James E. Alexander D. C. C.

James M. Knott
L. Bankston

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Monroe County } I John J. Stephens Ordinary of said County Certify that this paper contains the Original Will of Robert Coleman late of the County of Bibb deceased and that said Will was admitted to probate in this County in the County in which the testator died and in which the witnesses resided at the time of Probate and that I have transmitted said Will to the Ordinary of the County of Bibb this day.

In Witness my official Signature this August 4th 1862
(Seal)

John J. Stephens Ordinary Monroe County