

In the name of God Amen

I Rufus K Evans of said County being in full health but sound mind and memory and being desirous of making such a disposition of my property, before leaving this world as will in my judgement best subserve the interest of my family, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First - It is wish that all my lawful debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Second - It is my will and desire I do hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Eleanor P Evans the house in which we now reside including seventy feet front of Cherry Street commencing at the Alley below the house & running back to the twenty feet Alley in the rear of the Lot. To have & to hold the same House & Lot during her natural life or Widowhood. In case of her death or marriage then to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between all of my children, my wife to share equally with the children in case of her marriage.

Third - It is my will and desire that my said Wife shall have the privilege of selecting five hundred Dollars worth of my household furniture to be taken at the appraised valuation - which is to be kept in the house for the use of my family during the life or widowhood of my wife - in case of her death or marriage then I wish this furniture sold & the proceeds to be given to my youngest child Flora Catherine Evans.

Fourth - It is my will I desire that all the balance of my property be sold and after the payment of my lawful debts then from the proceeds thereof - I do give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Rufus Evans two hundred & fifty dollars, and to my son Robert Jost Evans two hundred dollars, and to my daughter Mary Malice Evans one hundred & fifty dollars.

Fifth - It is my will I desire that if there should be any thing left after the payment of my debts & the legacies aforesaid it shall be equally divided between my wife & all my children.

Sixth - I nominate & appoint my friends Robert B Washington & Matthew E Rylander & my son John W Evans my Executors to this my last Will and do hereby revoke & annul all other Wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

testator in our presence & signed in his presence
in the presence of each other at his request

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John Graham
Wm A Roff
Benj. F Roff

Before us Inferior Court - as a Court of Ordinary in Chambers
Georgia } Before us Justice of the Inferior Court personally
Pitkin County } came John Graham and William A Roff who
being duly sworn say that they each saw Rufus K Evans la
of said County deceased sign seal & publish the foregoing
instrument as his last will & Testament - that they signed
same as subscribing witnesses at his request & in his presence
saw Benjamin F Roff do so likewise. Deponents further
say that the said Rufus K Evans at the time of executing
said Will was in their opinion of sound mind & memory
Sworn to before us this the 22nd day
of December 1857

Henry Wood - J. J. C.
Nathan Cook - J. J. C.

John Graham
Wm A Roff

At Test

Georgia } The last Will & Testament of
Pitkin County } Susan Sims -

I, Susan Sims of said
State & County being of sound & disposing mind & memory do make
& ordain this my last Will & Testament.

It is my will & desire that all my just debts be paid & to do this I direct
that my two negroes Ellen & Hannah & the proceeds so far as it is necessary
be applied thereto; and the overplus (if any) be put out at interest or used
in such way as shall conduce to the best interest of my Estate.

It is my Will & desire that after the payment of my debts the whole of my
property real & personal be kept together until my son Charles arrives at age
eight, such personal property as I now own
at which time a division shall be made equally among my children
and my daughter Ediza to be kept with my two daughters.

It is my request that Mrs Pega Whitfield take charge of my two daughters
& be their guardian & protector & educate them out of my Estate
in such manner as their circumstances will authorize. For which
she is to be amply compensated. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal this 1st Octo 1857.

Susan Sims

Signed, sealed, declared and published by Susan Sims as her last Will & Testament
in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence
said testatrix and of each other this 1st of October 1857, & the instrumentation was made
before the execution of the Will.