

Will of John Williams Decd

Georgia
 Brooks County } I John Williams of the County
 of said and disposing mind and memory do make
 declare and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby
 revoking and making void all other wills by me at any
 time heretofore made

Item 1st

After the payment of my debts it is my will and
 desire that all my children be made as nearly equal in
 the distribution of my property and Estate as circumstances
 will permit and for that purpose it becomes necessary to
 estimate the amount which have been by them heretofore
 received and which are as follows To wit-

My son David M Williams has received from me
 four thousand Seven hundred and Eighty three Dollars
 and forty five Cents

My son Johnathan W Williams Eighteen hundred
 and forty five Dollars

My son Jordan Williams Twenty One hundred and
 Eighteen Dollars

My son Joseph B Williams Nineteen hundred and
 twenty three Dollars

My daughter Elizabeth Johnson has received from
 me four hundred Dollars in estimating the amount received
 by my son Johnathan W. I have included One Thousand
 Dollars paid out for his Classical Education besides
 property which I have let him have and paid for him
 and in estimating the amount received by my son Jordan
 I have included the Notes I hold against him and which
 are to be given up to him if not destroyed by me before
 my death. It is perhaps proper that I should have stated
 that my daughter Elizabeth Johnson did receive a
 Negro woman worth about six hundred Dollars but she
 was taken to pay her deceased husband debts and she left a
 widow with children and no means of support consequently
 I do not take said woman into consideration in the disposition
 of my remaining property and Estate. And accordingly
 it is my Will and desire that the said amount of six
 hundred Dollars shall not be estimated nor counted against
 her but that she shall receive her part of my property and
 Estate in the same manner as if said Negro woman
 had never been given to her

Item 2nd

It is my Will and desire that my
 and Estate

payment of my debts as first aforesaid be divided among all my Children in such manner as to make them equal retaining the amount received by each one as heretofore mentioned and specified leaving out however the said Negro Woman received by daughter Elizabeth.

The respective shares of my property and Estate which is for each of my Children I give and bequeath to each of them for during their natural lives only and then to their Children forever and if any of them shall die without leaving Children or the representation of Children then their Children shall go to my other Children or their Representations in the same manner as heretofore specified. and I hereby leave each of my Children Trustees for their Children having authority to sell any property which may come to their lot and appropriate the proceeds as heretofore mentioned.

I hereby nominate and appoint my sons Johnathan W Williams Joseph B. Williams and David W Williams Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I John Williams the testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and affixed my seal this the 4th day of November 1860

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said John Williams as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses thereof at the request and in the presence of each other on the day and year aforesaid.

Leary Stanley
Isaac Johnson
Chas. T. Davis

John Williams

Georgia
Brooks County } Court of Ordinary of said County
July Term 1863.

Personally appeared in Open Court Joseph B. Williams and David W. Williams two of the Executors of the last Will and Testament of John Williams Deceased and also produced in Open Court Leary Stanley Isaac Johnson and Chas. T. Davis who after being duly sworn depose and say that they saw John Williams the Testator sign and declare and publish the above and now presented in Court as his last Will and Testament freely voluntarily and of his own accord.

Will of John Williams Deceased

or influence whatever. That at the time of the execution of said Will said Dictator John Williams was of sound and disposing mind and memory that deponents signed said Will as witnesses in the presence of said Dictator and at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other

Sworn to and Subscribed
Before me in Open Court
July 6th 1863.
Angus Morrison
Ordinary

Isaac Johnson
Leary Stanley
Jesse F. Davis

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Brooks County } July Term 1863.

Angus Morrison Ordinary
Williams Two of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of John Williams late of said County Deceased having produced said Will in Open Court and also having present at the same time all of the subscribing witnesses to said Will who took and subscribed the foregoing affidavits and the Court being satisfied that the same was sufficient to allow said Will to record, the parties at interest having had due notice of the same

It is therefore Ordered that said Will be admitted to record in said Court it having been proven in solemn form and that Letters Testamentary issue to Joseph B Williams and David M Williams two of the named Executors upon their taking and subscribing the usual Oath of Office
July 6th 1863.

Angus Morrison
Ordinary

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Recorded April 26th 1864
Angus Morrison Ordinary
We Joseph B Williams and David M Williams do solemnly swear that this writing the true last Will and Testament of John Williams Deceased as far as we know or believe and that we will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in said will as far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend and that we will make a just and true inventory and appraisement of all such goods and chattels and a just return thereof when thereto required do so by God
Sworn to and Subscribed
Before me in open Court