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Georgia Carroll County

Thomas W Baskins being in a  
feeble state of health do hereby make & constitute the following

my last will & testament

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire that my wife  
Hattie J Baskins have the control of my homes & plantation &  
have it carried on the same as I could or would do if living  
& that here & our children use all my property for the support  
& maintenance of the family & for the education of the children  
applying the income of the farm & the personal effects to & for the  
purpose after paying my debts & necessary expenses my said wife  
is authorized at her discretion to sell or dispose of any part  
or all the personal property that may be spared from keeping up  
the farm & the use of the family until the youngest child comes  
of age.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I desire that all of my property both real and  
personal after payment of debts & necessary expenses go to my  
said wife the title of the same to rest in her during her life  
or widowhood for the uses set forth in Item 1<sup>st</sup> but as the  
children come of age she may make them such advancement  
on their probable distributive share as she may think best &  
if the last child becomes of age while she is living & remaining  
my widow she may either sell the property for the purpose of an  
equal division amongst her & the children or may make an  
equal division in third & may do the same if she marry before  
the youngest child becomes of age, but if she accepts & carries  
out the foregoing provisions of this will & has it probated before  
the ordinary it is to be in lieu of Dower & she is only to take  
a child's part.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I constitute & appoint my beloved  
wife Hattie J Baskins my Executrix and desire that she have  
this will probated in common form & recorded but do not wish  
any further expense than an inventory & appraisement to be  
recorded I desire that annual returns be dispensed with & that  
all be left in her control & management under the fore  
going direction

Signed sealed & published as the last  
will and testament of the said Thomas Baskins who signed  
the same in our presence who at his request in his presence  
& the presence of each other signed the same as witnesses to  
his said will January 4<sup>th</sup> 1879

T W Baskin (S)

C W Baskin

J L Cobb

O M Blodow

I Hattie J Baskins do solemnly swear that this paper con-  
tains the true last-will & testament of Thomas W Baskin deceased  
so far as I know or believe & that I as Executrix will execute  
the same to the best of my skill & knowledge according  
to the law & to the direction of said will Hattie J Baskin  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1879 D B Johnson Notary

Georgia Carroll County.

Before me D B Johnson Ordinary  
of said County on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1879 at Carrollton  
for the purpose of probating in common form the last-will  
& Testament of Thomas M Baskin deceased one of the witnesses to  
said will viz Oscar McBledsoe, and the said will having been  
proclaimed for probate in common form by the Executrix Nettie  
J Baskin who has duly filed her petition for said probate  
in accordance with law, he the said witness deceased says  
that he saw Thomas M Baskin sign & publish the same as his  
last-will on the day & year then stated as executed by him  
that he witnessed the same at his testator's request in his  
presence & in presence of the other witness, who also signed  
the same in testator's presence & at his request, that the same  
was voluntarily executed by him while he was of sound and  
disposing mind & memory. Oscar McBledsoe

Swear to & subscribed before me at office this 25<sup>th</sup>  
February 1879 D B Johnson Ordinary