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Georgia In the name of God Amen
Clarke County

I John Odom of said County and State
being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and
memory, do make Ordain publish and declare this to be my
Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by
me heretofore made.

And first I Commend my soul to God who
gave it trusting for salvation through the merits of a Crucified
Redeemer, my body I wish buried in a decent Christian like
manner.

Item 1st I Wish all my just debts paid as soon as practical after
my death

Item 2nd After the payment of my debts I wish the balance of my Estate
to remain in the possession of my beloved Wife Ann Odom
during her life or widowhood for the purpose of raising and
educating my children, and as any of my children arrive of age
or marry, I will and direct that she give to them such portion
of my Estate as part of their share as she in her judgment may
think proper, taking a receipt therefor, and in the event of her
marriage or death I wish a division of my Estate to take place
in case of her marriage the division to be among her and all my
children and in the event of her death without marrying the
division to be among all my children, and in the division in either
event each of my Legatee to be made equal taking into the
account what any of them may have before received of my Wife as
above provided, and the division to be made without selling the
Negroes if practical, but if an equal division cannot be made without
selling them then let them be sold for that purpose, and as to the
division of my other property let that be divided by sale or
otherwise as my Wife or those of my Legatee then of age may
may think best, and in the management of my Estate before a
division is made I wish my Executors to have the power to sell
at private or public sale any portion of my Estate and reinvest
the proceeds in other property as to them may seem best, and
I also wish my Executors also to have power to sell at public or
private sale such property as they may think best for the
purpose of paying my debts, and whatever portion of my
Estate may be going to any of my Daughters under this
my Will I will and direct that the title of the same shall be
vested in my Executors in trust for the use and benefit
of my said Daughters and their children and after their
deaths respectively to be divided among their children respectively
freed from the trust.

Item 3rd

I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved Wife Ann
Odom Executrix and my son William D. Odom
and my friend W. H. Hargis and James M. Mottet
Executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

Witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
6th day of November 1861

Signed Sealed published
and Acknowledged before us
who sign as Witnesses in the
presence of each other & of the
Declarator & at his Request
intended before signed
Doctor N Elder
Roman McKee
John B Elder
John D McKee

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Georgia Court of Ordinary Regular Term
Clarke County 13th January 1862

Personally appeared in Open
Court Doctor N Elder & Roman McKee who by the subscribing
Witnesses to the within and foregoing Will of John Osborn late
of said County deceased who on oath say that they saw said
Testator sign and seal said instrument and heard him
acknowledge the same to be his Last Will and Testament,
that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing
mind and memory, that they signed the same as Witnesses
in the presence of each other and of the Declarator & at his Request
and also saw John B Elder and John D McKee sign the
same as Witnesses in the presence of each other & of the Declarator
& at his Request

Do now to and

Subscribed in

Open Court

Wm M Jackson

Ordinary

Doctor N Elder
Roman McKee

Whereupon It is Ordered by this Court that said Will
and testament be Recorded in Terms of the law
Jan^y 13th 1862

Wm M Jackson Ordinary

Recorded 17th Jan^y 1862

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