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In the Name of God Amen

I Louis A Pettiford of the County of Clark and State of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament to wit

It is my Will and desire that my three Daughters and my two Youngest sons have the Land on which I live with a Reserve of five Acres for my Daughter Mourning to be laid out in any part of said Land together with the use of the buildings during her natural life and at her death to return to my five Children first named. Also one Acre is reserved for Parbury Carter embracing the House she lives in during her natural life and to return to my Children and I have all my Stock of any kind, household and kitchen furniture and plantation Tools, Waggon and Cart to be equally divided between my five first named Children to be managed by my Executor hereafter named as shall seem right and proper.

If either of my three Daughters Marries a Slave they shall have no part of my estate whatever. It is my Will and desire that my three sons John, William and Elder shall live with Samuel N Thompson and his family until they become twenty years old my Daughters are to clothe them.

I appoint Samuel N Thompson Executor to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others.

Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of July 1853

Louis A Pettiford
J. C. Cullen
Mary J. Cullen
Sam N Thompson
Martha D Thompson

Louis A. Pettiford

Georgia Court of Ordinary Regular Term
Clark County 7th December 1863
Personally appeared in open Court
Mary J. Cullen and Martha D. Thompson two of the witnesses to the foregoing Will of Louis A. Pettiford a free person of Color late of said County deceased who on oath say that they saw said deceased 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 depose that said J. C. Cullen (son of said J. C. Cullen) Sam N Thompson the other two witnesses to said Will signed the same as witnesses in the

Witness of each other and of the Dictator and
as this Request

Given to and Subscribed Mary J. Ellen
in Open Court Martha Thompson
H. M. Jackson
Ordinary

Wherefore It is Ordered by the Court that
said Will must be read in terms
of the law, except all that part of the
said Will in reference to
bequeathing a Slave and one of the sons of the
Dictator, which is adjudged and considered by
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