

Georgia
 Clarke County In the name of God, Amen.
 I, John D. Meigs of said State & County
 being of sound mind & memory, and
 knowing the uncertainty of life, deem it right and proper
 that I should make a disposition of the property with
 which a kind providence has blessed me. Do hereby
 make this my last Will and Testament.

Item 1st

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent
 and christian like manner, suitable to my circumstances
 and condition in life.

Item 2^d

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my
 Executors hereinafter appointed.

Item 3^d

It is my desire that my property be equally divided among
 my wife & children with the exceptions hereinafter
 mentioned.

Item 4th

I Give and bequeath unto my wife, Martha ever and alive
 a proportionate part of my Estate the following property
 to wit, one negro woman, named Emily, Albert, Lewis
 Dinah & Henry, all my Household and Kitchen Furniture
 Carriage & Horses. The portion given to my wife, she can
 dispose of at her death as she pleases, provided it is given
 to all or any one of my children.

Item 5th

The property which I will and bequeath to my daughters
 Sarah & Julia D. Meigs I wish to be placed in the hands of
 Trustees, for their benefit and not subject to the debts of their
 Husbands, Should they marry, and not liable for any contracts
 made by their Husbands. I hereby appoint my wife Martha
 and my Sons R. D. & J. C. E. Meigs, Trustees for my above
 named daughters. Should either of my daughters marry
 their Husbands may become Trustees, if my above named
 Trustees should consent to resign their Trust to him or
 them.

Item 6th

I have heretofore given my Sons R. D. & J. C. E. Meigs property to
 the amount of Twenty one thousand, four hundred and
 ninety dollars or thereabouts as will appear by reference
 to a deed of gift to them - and in the settlement of my Estate
 they are to be charged with that amount and the negroes
 given to my daughters are to be rated at the same price
 as the negroes were given to my said Sons.

Item 7th

If I should not purchase whilst in life a House & lot for
 my wife & daughters, I hereby authorize my Executors to purchase
 for my wife & daughters a House & lot at any place they may
 deem best, not to cost exceeding five thousand dollars, and
 hereby authorize them to raise funds for the payment
 of the same by selling my plantation in Alabama or
 such of my negroes as they may deem best - and if they
 should sell my plantation, I hereby authorize them to
 purchase another plantation, wherever they may deem
 it most advisable, so that my negroes may be kept together
 until the death of my wife or the marriage of one or
 both of my daughters.

Item 8th
Item 9

I hereby appoint my wife Martha, Executor & my Sons
H. G. & C. G. Moss Executors of this my last Will & Testament
I hereby direct that my Executors & Executors Should
make their returns to the Courts in Georgia and not be
subject to the jurisdiction of the probate Courts of the
State of Alabama.

Signed, Sealed, declared
& published as my last
Will & Testament this
4 day of November 1862.

J. D. Moss 1862

John Cranford
D. H. Wilson
James C. Nichols J. D.

Georgia Court of Ordinary Regular
Columbia County Term 2nd May 1864

Personally appeared in Open Court John Cranford
Thomas H. Wilson and James C. Nichols the subse-
-ribing witnesses to the within and foregoing Will of
John D. Moss late of said County deceased who
in Court 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 Sealing 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 Testator and at his Request.

Sworn to and
Subscribed in
Open Court.
Asa M. Jackson
Ordinary

John Cranford
D. H. Wilson
James C. Nichols

Whereupon It is Ordered by the Court that said
Will and probate be recorded in terms of the law
Regular Term 2nd May 1864

Asa M. Jackson
Ordinary

Recorded 5th May 1864