

Last Will & Testament of Joshua Gray

In the name of God Amen

This is the last will & Testament of me Joshua Gray of the County of Clay in the State of Georgia. Mindful of the uncertainty of life & knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die and being in infirm health but of sound disposing mind & memory I have made and ordained this my last will & testament in the words following to-wit. I give my soul to god who gave it trusting trusting and hoping to obtain a life of blessed immortality through and by the merits of his son Jesus Christ. I direct that my body be buried in a decent & Christian like manner without any unnecessary expense or parade. for that purpose I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Gray for and during her natural life or widow hood all of my property that I now possess & at the death of my beloved wife Sarah Gray I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Gray five dollars, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary King five dollars at the death of my wife Sarah Gray I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Gray five dollars At the death of my wife I give and bequeath my negro woman Nancy to Sarah M. London & her children. At the death of my wife Sarah Gray it is my will & desire at the death of my wife Sarah Gray that my negro woman Jane & her child Robert be sold and be equally divided between my sons John Gray & William V Gray and my daughter Elizabeth Culpffer & her future increase, I give and bequeath unto my sons James A Gray & Jonathan H Gray my half lot pine land No seventy one in the fifth district formerly Early now Clay County I give & bequeath to my sons James A Gray & Jonathan H Gray my negroman for at the death of my wife Sarah Gray & my house hogs cattle and present crop and at my wife's death I give & bequeath one feather bed to my daughter Sarah M. London and one feather bed to my daughter Elizabeth Culpffer the balance of my house hold and kitchen furniture I leave for my wife to dispose of as she may think proper at her death I direct my just debts to be paid out of my present crop & if it should not be sufficient it shall be paid out of my stock most available to be disposed of

I appoint & ordain my two sons James A Gray & Jonathan H Gray my executors of this my last will & testament in witness hereof I have this my last will & testament contained in one sheet of paper set my hand & seal this eighteenth day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five Signed sealed and published & delivered by the said Joshua Gray the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of

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each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses we have set our hands

Peter Lee

Joshua ^{his} Gray
mark

Seal

S. T. Engstrom Joseph Lee

Georgia Clay County

We do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will & testament of Joshua Gray so far as we know or believe and that we were well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained therein as far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend & the law charges us and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels so help us God

John H. Jones

Ordinary

Jonathan H. Gray

James A. Gray

State of Georgia Before me John H. Jones Ordinary for said County, Clay County I came in open Court James A. Gray & Jonathan H. Gray and produced in open Court the last will of Joshua Gray late of said County decd. and two of the witnesses to said will (to-wit) Peter Lee & Seaborn T. Engstrom (the other Joseph Lee having departed this life) which witnesses being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Joshua Gray, the testator sign and publish the foregoing instrument now presented as his last will and testament freely voluntarily & of his own accord and without any compulsion or influence what ever. That at the time of the execution of said last will and testament the said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory that deponents signed said will as subscribing witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other and that they saw Joseph Lee sign the same likewise and that the said Joseph Lee is now dead Sworn to & subscribed before me this 7th day of June 1858

John H. Jones

Ordinary

Peter Lee

S. T. Engstrom

Recorded June 7th 1858

John H. Jones Ordinary