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Named Netley together with an equal portion of
My estate that is not partitioned by Georgia with my
children share & share alike with my blood
Wife & my son John F. Collins & my three daughters
Lucinda M. Mary E. & Sarah A. Collins
Signed in presence of us John F. Collins
the 10th of August 1826 mark.
Charles Gibbons
William Johnston

Georgia Presumably appeared before us
DeCATUR County Whitman A. Owens & Henry Arline
Justices of the Inferior Court in & for said county
Sitting in chambers Jonathan Robinson who being
duly sworn deposes & swears on oath that he saw
John Collins sign the annexed will & also the subse-
quent witnesses sign the same as witnesses sworn
to & subscribed to before us the 3rd November 1834
Whitman A. Owens J. C. J. H. A. Robinson
Henry Arline J. C. J. H. A.

A Vincupative Will

The last will and testament of John Rog-
ers late of DeCATUR County State of Georgia
deceased declared by him by word of Mouth
the fifteenth day of December one thousand
Eight hundred & thirty five (1835) bequeaths to
his Brother Bradford Rogers one negro boy
named Adam supposed to be about ten
years of age also money enough to school
his Brother three Years - now should the
said Bradford Rogers die before the said
negro ^{boy} Adam should die, and said Bradfor-
d having no family the said Adam to
return as the property of my wife Mary
Rogers and my two children Benjamin
& Martha Rogers —

42. Lastly after all my just debts being paid
I bequeath all the remainder of my property
to my Wife Mary Rogers & my ^{Decatur County, Georgia Wills} ¹⁸³⁸ ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} ^{Note: right binding} children
Benjamin and Martha Rogers
These were the words spoken by said deceased
John Rogers in the presence of us who have
hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses
thereof this Eighteenth day of December (1835)
Signed

Wm Whiddon
Martha ^{her} Whiddon
Marshall

the above Subscribed and sworn to before
me the day and date above written
Thos Harrison J. P.

Ordinary Court
May Term 1836

The above sworn witnesses together with
Jesse A Neal came into Court and after
being duly sworn said on oath that
John Rogers died above written died
at his own residence where he had lived
for months and that he requested them
to bear witness that the above was sub-
stantially his last will and testament and
further that said will & request was
made during the last illness and but
a few hours before the said expired

The witnesses is sworn to wit William
Whiddon Martha Whiddon and Jesse
A Neal state on oath as aforesaid that
all the above written words as nearly
as can be recollected on their minds
used by the said John Rogers dec'd -

just before his death sworn to and
subscribed in open Court this 2^d day of
May (1836)

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Note: "tight binding"

Martha McGowan
Mark McGowan
Wm Whiddon

Attest
C. M. Amos C. C. O. Justice Attest
In the Name of God Amen
I Jacob McGowan
of the State of Georgia and County of Decatur
being of Sound and disposing Mind and
sound do make and ordain this to be my
last Will and Testament in manner and
substance as follows - viz I hereby
will and direct my Executors after my
Burial or Funeral Expenses are paid to
Settle and fully pay all my Just and Legal
debts after which it is my will and
desire that my whole Estate both real
and Personal should be kept together
and used & Managed for the greatest
Mutual benefit & advantage of my
Wife Nancy and four Children
to wit Prudence McGowan James
Alexander McGowan Mary McGowan
and Elizabeth Dorcas McGowan
I would further will and direct
that my said four Children be edu-
cated ^{in the} in Sound principles of Literature
and Morality at correct schools
or institutions not inconsistent with
a requisite economy of these circum-
stances and capacity - always with
a view to their present and ultimate
good as soon as being - I further
will and direct that in the Event of