

117. Seen at this term of the Court. produced by
Harriet A. Michaux the Executrix to the same
and having been pronounced at said term of
the Court for probate and no objection urged against
the probate of said monition will, and on motion
to admit the same to record and the Subscribing Witnesses
thence Jas. Henrietta J. Michaux Harriet A. Michaux
and William Brown being examined and it appearing
to the satisfaction of the Court by the oaths of the
said Witnesses. that the paper produced contains
the last will of said Joseph J. Michaux. It
is therefore ordered by the Court that the same
be admitted to record, as the last will and
testament of said Joseph J. Michaux deceased
July 2^d 1855

J. Larr Ordinary

Georgia

Decatur County

{ In the name of God Amen:
I Robert Hamilton being in
sound mind and feeling the
uncertainty of life desire to make a disposit-
ion of the property with which a kind
providence has blessed me; I therefore make
this my last will & Testament hereby
revoking and annulling all others
heretofore made by me -

(Item 1st) I desire and direct that all my
just debts be discharged as soon as
possible -

(Item 2^d) I desire & direct that all my prop-
erty Real & Personal be kept together during
the life of my wife Louisa C. Hamilton
(except the property designated in the four
following items I.e. items third fourth fifth

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do more than this the balance after paying Plantation expenses to be equally divided between the three hereinafter named legatee or their heirs -

(Item 3^d) I give to my son J. Benson Hamilton a bed & bed furniture + two cows + calves whenever he wishes to take them this to equalise him with my son Madison & daughter Louisa Ann who have received similar property -

(Item 4th) I give to my son J. Benson aforementioned the negr boy Joe -

(Item 5th) I give to my son Madison S. Hamilton one negr man Jim -

(Item 6th) I give to my daughter Louisa Ann Brown & her children one negr girl Martha

(Item 7th) I desire & direct that when my wife Louisa C. Hamilton shall die my property shall be divided as follows first my real estate I give to my son J. Benson the west half of what is known as the Sadder lot of land & enough of the lot known as my residence lot to make in all one hundred & twenty five acres - I give to my son Madison S. the east half of said Sadder lot & as much of my residence lot as includes his house & yard - I give to my daughter Louisa Ann & her children my residence or residence lot of land except the portions before named and five acres including the Sun House & screen. This five acres & buildings attached I give to my heirs to be held & enjoyed in common -) 2^d I desire & direct my unimproved property divided as follows.

119 Jack - 1 negr man Lyttleton & 1 negr woman Lydia - I give to my son Madison S. 1 negr boy Eli 1 negr man Anderson & 1 negr woman Harriet - I give to my daughter Louisa Ann & her children 1 negr woman Charity & her two children Richard & Polly & their increase; 3^d I desire & direct that Horses, Mules Stock of all kinds, Borks Household & Kitchen Furniture, Plantation utensils of all kinds &c be sold, the proceeds disposed of as follows - to my son J. Benson Three Hundred dollars (\$300) (as the property given him is not so valuable as to the others) 2^d to make up to each of the three legates any then existing disparity in the value of the several lots of Negroes bequeathed to each which may have been occasioned by death or other Providential cause, 3^d these two purposes answered the balance to be equally divided between the three legates & their heirs.

(Pth) I desire & direct (as a farther limitation or exception to item second) that Lot of Land Ch 84 in the Eighteenth District of originally Wilkinston County Georgia & now owned by me be sold at the discretion of my executor & the proceeds divided equally among my then named legates.

9th I hereby constitute & appoint my son Madison S. Hamilton Trustee of the Property real & personal bequeathed to my daughter Louisa Ann Brown & her children. I also constitute & appoint him sole executor of this my last Will & Testament. In testimony whereof I affix my hand

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Signed & sealed in
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James Griffin
C. J. Munnerlyn
H. H. Lewis

Robert Hamilton L.S.

Georgia } Court of Ordinary July Term 1885
Decatur County } By J. S. Law Ordinary
Before me J. S. Law Ordinary of said
Court comes Madison S. Hamilton at this
the regular term of said Court the executor
of the last will & Testament of Robert
Hamilton late of said County dec'd &
produced before me the said last will
& Testament for probate record & brings
Charles J. Munnerlyn & Henry H. Lewis
two of the subscribing witnesses to the
same who, the witnesses aforesaid being
say that they saw the said Robert
Hamilton the testator sign seal declare &
publish the within instrument the same
now presented as his last will & Testament
-t freely voluntarily of his own accord &
without any compulsion or influence what-
-ever; that at the time of the execution
of the said will said testator was of sound
& disposing mind & memory; that deponents
signed said will as witnesses in the presence
of the testator & at his special instance &
request & in the presence of each other & of
James Griffin who signed the same as a witness
in the presence of the testator & at his special
instance request & in their presence.

Shown to & subscribed before me } C. J. Munnerlyn
H. H. Lewis

Georgia } Term Term 1866 Court of Ordinary
Decatur County } The within last will & testament
having been proven in common form
on the oath of C. J. Mumfory & H. H. Lewis
two of the subscribing witnesses to the same
at the regular term of the Court. It is ordered
there being no objection that the same be
admitted to record
J. Larr Ordinary

Georgia } In the name of God Amen;
Decatur County } I, Martha Brock of said
state & County being of advanced age and
knowing that I must shortly depart this
life deem it right & proper both as respects
myself my family that I should make
dispositions of the property with which a
kind providence has blessed me. do
therefore make this my last will &
Testament hereby revoking all others
heretofore made by me -
(Item 1st) I give bequeath to my daughter Sarah
Harrell Six Negroes May a woman about
twenty five years old and her children
Dennis a boy & Augustus a boy & Isaac a boy
& Betsy a woman about twenty one years
of age & Jies a boy about twenty years of
age. The negroes with increase to her
& the heirs of her body forever for their
sole use & benefit free from the control
debts & circumstances of her husband.
(Item 2d) I give bequeath & devise to my son
John Brock one hundred acres of land
of Lot No 60 in the Sixteenth District