

Will of John C. Royal

Dooly County Will Bk 1847-1901

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In the name of God I John C. Royal of

The County of Dooly and State of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind & memory, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have strength so to do, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made. And first I commend my soul to God who gave it, & my body I desire to be buried in a plain but decent and respectable manner.

Item I desire that all of my perishable property not herein after disposed of, be sold and the proceeds as far as necessary be applied to the payment of my just debts & should such proceeds not be sufficient, then I desire that my Executors herein after named dispose of such other property (not specially bequeathed) as can be spared with the least injury to my residuary legatee for that purpose.

Item I give and bequeath to my loved wife Lucy Ann Royal the following property viz the lot of land & improvements thereon I now live on being lot number one hundred and twenty four in the fourteenth (14) district of Dooly County also the following negro slaves Cindy a woman & her infant child named Lela, Killy a woman, Dilly a woman, James a man & Daniel a boy, also two horses to be selected by her from my stock of horses, also four cows & calves & negroes support immediately succeeding my demise to have and hold said described property to her my said wife forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my son in Law Eli Henry one hundred dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executors herein after named.

Item I give and bequeath to Martha Jane Stewart daughter of Elizabeth or Betsey Sheffield one negro named Rudy, one bunch of cattle known as the Sheffield cattle & also one lot of land number Forty eight in the fourteenth district of Dooly County, said property to be held by my brother Simon Royal in trust for the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Martha Jane Stewart and the heirs of her body, but should the said Martha Jane Stewart

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and in that event, ^{Book Entry Will Bk-1847-1850} ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} I desire that said property bequeathed to the said Harriet Jane, shall go to and be equally divided between my Grand Children the children of my daughter Mary Jane Penn, share and share alike.

The residue of my Estate both real and personal remaining after the several bequests hereinbefore made, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Jane Penn formerly Mary Jane Royal and her children now born or to be born, said property to be held by my worthy friend John H. Penn in trust for the sole and only proper use benefit & behoof of my said daughter and her children forever. not subject to the debts, control custody or management of my said daughters present or any future husband, and should any of my grand children the children of my said daughter Mary Jane arrive to the age of twenty one years or marry during the life of their mother, then & in that case I desire that their trustee herein before named with the concurrence of my said daughter shall deliver over to such child or children so arriving of age or marrying such portion of said property as to them shall seem reasonable & just to be held by them during the life time of their mother my said daughter, and at the death of said daughter such portions of said property divided off. I desire to be brought into hotch pot and all of said property equally divided between my grand children the children of my said daughter Mary Jane, share and share alike.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my brother Simon Royal and my friend Sidney S. Hathaway Executors to this my last will and testament.

I am witnesses whereof I the said John C. Royal have set my hand and seal to this my last will & testament this 22nd day of February 1859

Signed sealed published & declared by the John C. Royal
above named John C. Royal as his last will & testament in presence of us who at his request, in presence of each other

have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.
Wm H. Davies

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C. H. Everett
 Robert B. Davies.

Georgia } Before me William H. Davies
 Dooly County } Ordinary in & for said County came
 in person Simon Royal Executor of the last will &
 Testament of John C. Royal deceased late of said County
 and also the witnesses to said will William H. Davies &
 Charles H. Everett who being duly sworn depose and say
 that they saw the said John C. Royal sign seal publish
 and declare the said Instrument as his last will and
 Testament; Voluntarily, freely without compulsion or
 restraint of any kind and that they signed said will
 as witnesses in the presence of said John C. Royal &
 in the presence of each other.

C. H. Everett.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in
 open court this 5th day of November 1866
 Wm. H. Davies Ordinary.