

0 ✓ The last Will & Testament of John D. Adams

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Georgia } To God the Father, God the
Dooly County } Son and God the Holy Ghost,
be all honor, praise and holiness forever
more Amen.

I John D. Adams of said State and County being now about thirty nine years of age in the prime of life but weak feeble and infirm in body (having been sick now for several days) & knowing that it is allotted once for all men to die and as all other men having no appointed time to live deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with a kind and merciful Providence has blessed me, Do therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me,

Item 1st

I desire and direct when I come to die that my body be buried in a christian like manner suitable to my condition and circumstances in life. My soul I hopefully and humbly trust shall return to rest and happiness with God who gave it, as I hope for eternal salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

Item 2nd I desire and direct that after my death my Executors hereinafter named sell enough of such property out of my estate as can be best shared and without delay shall the

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And as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed in their just right that old Stry and two mules which I now own be sold to the best advantage and the proceeds applied to the payment of my debts,

Item 3rd

The remainder of all my property both real and personal I desire and direct to remain together and be taken care of to the best advantage by my Executors until any one of my children should become of mature age or marry so as to need its part, then I desire and direct that it shall all be equally divided into five parts and the one fifth part given to the child so of age or that has married and the other four parts to equally belong to my beloved wife Martha Jane Adams and the other three children and that the remaining three children severally be entitled to take each one its share as they become of age or marry as the first one above mentioned until they all get their several shares, subject however to be kept together and managed to the best advantage by my Executors as aforesaid until the youngest or last child becomes of age or marries provided however that in case my said wife should hereafter to me another child after my death then and in that event I desire and direct my property to be equally divided into six equal parts instead of five as aforesaid and the one sixth part given to said child which may be hereafter born subject

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stated and to be managed to the best advantage by my executors as aforesaid,
Item 4th.

The portion of property to which my beloved wife Martha Jane Adams will be entitled according to the provisions of the third item of this my will I desire and direct she shall enjoy for and during her natural life for her sole use and benefit and in case she should hereafter marry said property is not to be subject to the control disposal or debts of said husband. And at the death of my said wife Martha Jane then the portion so given to her is to go to my children which I leave by her,

Item 5th.

For the special trust and confidence which I have in my beloved Martha Jane Adams, Ewallen Mashburn and Sumner Adams I hereby appoint them my executors to carry out this my will and empower them without any further order to do so to sell the lands in which I now live in case they should think it advantageous to the legatee to do so and with the proceeds of the sale buy another plantation for my estate,

In witness whereof I hereby sign seal publish and declare this to be my last Will & Testament August 4th 1868, Intestment with the words so to be assigned

M. B. Johnson

John D. Adams

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Georgia }
Dooly County } I hereby make and declare
this to be my supplemental will to the above
and foregoing

Item 1st In case either of my said
children should marry and die without
a child or children then and in that
event I desire the portion of property to
which they will be entitled according to
my foregoing will shall go to and belong
to my other children and their representatives

In witness whereof I publish seal and
declare this to be a supplement to the above
will and testament, August 4th 1858

M. B. Johnson

John E. Adams

R. A. Pate

J. J. Lock

James M. Dees

Court of Ordinaries August 23rd 1858

In vacation personally came M. B. Johnson R. A.
Pate, J. J. Lock & James M. Dees the subscribing witnesses
to the above will of John E. Adams who being duly
sworn depose and say that they were at the signing
of the said will by said John E. Adams and they
were requested to witness the signing of the same
& at the time of the signing of the said will said
John E. Adams was of sound mind & disposing ma-
ny and that he made the same of his own free
will & that they each subscribed the same as
witnesses in the presence of each other and the
testator,

Sworn to in vacation

Louisa Brown

Ordinary

M. B. Johnson

R. A. Pate

J. J. Lock

James M. Dees