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The last will and Testament of Joseph Bridges

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Georgia }
Dooly County } In the name of God Amen

I Joseph Bridges of said State and County
Being of Advanced age and knowing that I must shortly
depart from this world deem it right and proper
both as respects myself and family, that I should
make a disposition of the property with which a
kind providence has blessed me. I therefore make
this my last will and Testament hereby revoking
and annulling all others heretofore made by me

Item first. I desire and direct that all my just debts
be paid without delay by my executor hereinafter
named as I am unwilling that my creditors should
be delayed of their rights

Item second I give and bequeath to my son Allen
Bridges one horse bridle and saddle bed and
furniture and two hundred acres of land all
of which he has had

Item third. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin
Bridges one horse bridle and saddle bed and
furniture and one hundred and fifty acres of
land all of which he has had

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Winny
one bed and furniture and trunk which she
has had and two and a half acres of land whereon
her house now stands so long as she remains an it
or lives a widow and then in either case to return
to the former tract

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary
one bed and furniture and trunk which she
has had

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Item 6th Give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth one bed and furniture and trunk.

Item 7th Give ^{and bequeath} to my Daughter Martha one bed and furniture and trunk all of which she has had

Item 8th Give to my beloved wife Sarah the balance of my household furniture and the land and appertinences there on to be managed and controlled by my son Joseph W for her comfort and support so long as she lives in case she should not marry. but if she should marry then to have the household furniture and one years provision to be furnished by my son Joseph W

Item 9th Give and bequeath to my son Joseph W Bridges the rest of my property both real and personal with the land and appertinences named in the 8th Item to be under his entire control during the life or widowhood of my wife and at the event of either to be his

Item 10th I constitute and appoint my son Joseph W Bridges Executor to this my last will and Testament

Joseph Bridges (Sd)

signed sealed declared and published by Joseph Bridges as his last will and Testament in presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in presence of said Testator and each other

This 16th February 1856

John W Taylor
William B F Harvey
Daniel Bridges

Court of Ordinary

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In open Court personally came John W Taylor
William S T Harvey Daniel Bridges the
subscribing witnesses to the above will of Joseph
Bridges who being duly sworn deposes and says that
they were at the signing of the said will by Joseph
Bridges and they were requested to witness the signing
of the same and at the time of the signing of the said
will said Joseph Bridges was of sound mind and
disposing memory and that he made the same
of his own free will and that they each subscribed
the same as witnesses in the presence of each other and
the Testator.

Sworn to in Open Court this 2nd day of February
1857

Sam Brown Ordinary

John W Taylor
William S T Harvey
Daniel Bridges

Georgia } Whereupon it is considered ordered and
Dooly County } Adjudged By the Court That the said
will of Joseph Bridges deceased be and
the same hereby admitted to Record as the last will and
Testament of the said Joseph Bridges Deceased the same
having this day been proved by the oath John W Taylor
William S T Harvey the subscribing witnesses to said
will and it is further ordered by the Court that letters
Testamentary issue to Joseph W Bridges as Executor in
terms of the statute in such cases made and provided
February The 2nd 1857