

State of Georgia in the name of God Amen

Early County, I, Abner A. Swartz of said State and county, being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family & myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which kind Providence has blessed me I do therefore make this my last will & testament hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made.

First I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it as I hope for salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Secondly I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor hereinafter named and appointed Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my Sons Emmett and Augustus a certain lot of land lying and being in the fifth District of Early County and known in the plans of said County as lots 136 & 137 containing each two hundred & fifty acres more or less

Fourthly I give and bequeath the balance of my property including all both real and personal to my daughter Elizabeth Swartz during her natural life and at her death to be divided between my children Emmett, Augustus, William Thomas Whittier Catherine and my Grand Child John Webster as follows At the death of my wife my Executor shall appoint three discreet appraisers and they shall divide all my property hereby given to my wife between the above named children & my Grand Child and give them all share & share alike and make them equal taking into consideration making Emmett account to them for the value of the land given him in this will & a horse of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars Augustus to account for the value of the land I hereby give him in this will. William is to account for a horse previously given him worth one hundred and twenty five dollars Thomas is to account for a horse previously given worth one hundred and seventy dollars Whittier is not to account for any thing Catherine is to account for a horse & other things to the value of two hundred dollars Webster is not to account for any thing all of the above mentioned children & my Grand Child be made equal and the above named property to be divided between them taking into consideration what each one has received as above stated and then to give to him enough from the property he receives the same amount

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Fourthly I give to my son Augustus in addition to the above
two hundred dollars to complete his education and which amount
he is not to account for to the appraisers who divide my property at
the death of my wife

Fifthly Having previously given to my sons Edwin & Malcolm
& my daughters Frances wife of Lewis Harris and Sarah my
of Cunningham to handle property that will amount in value
to as much as I have given to my children and Grand children
herein named I hereby give them & their heirs one dollar each

Sixthly I hereby constitute and appoint my sons William
& Emma my Executors who shall carry out my will without gain
and July 30th 1874

Abner Averitt (S.B.)

Signed Sealed declared and published by Abner Averitt
his last will and testament in the presence of us the under
signed who Subscribed our names hereto in the presence
of said testator at his special instance and request and
in the presence of each other July 30th 1874

J. P. Kemmer

J. Wm. McEwen
Wm. D. R. Cranford

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Witnesses
James H. Evans Ord. C. C.
this 30th 1874

George } Before me James H. Evans Ordinary of said
Early County } County came in person Wm. D. Swartz and Emma
Averitt Executors of the last will and testament
of Abner Averitt deceased, late of said county and also
two of the witnesses to said will John McEwen and
Wm. D. R. Cranford who being duly sworn depose and say that
they saw the said Abner Averitt sign, seal, publish and declare
the said instrument as his last will and testament voluntarily
freely without compulsion and that they signed said will
as witnesses in the presence of said Abner Averitt and each other
sworn to and subscribed before me

this 30th 1874

John McEwen
Wm. D. R. Cranford

James H. Evans
Georgia

Ordinary Early County

Dec. 10th 1874
J. H. Evans Ord.

Early County } We do solemnly swear that this writing contains the
true last will of the within named Abner Averitt deceased so far
as we believe and that we will well and truly execute the same
according to the laws of this State so help us God W. D. Swartz
sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th 1874
James H. Evans Ordinary Early County

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 Georgia } Before me James N. Evans Ordinary of said
 Early County } county came in person R. C. Kenner one of the
 witnesses to the last will and testament of John
 Overitt deceased late of said county who being duly sworn
 depose and saith that he saw the said John Overitt sign
 seal, publish and declare, the said instrument as his last will
 and testament voluntarily and freely without compulsion and
 that he saw John Mc Leander & Wm. D. Mc Leander sign
 said will as witnesses in the presence of said John Overitt
 and each other.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me } R. C. Kenner
 this 12th day of April 1877
 James N. Evans Ordinary
 Early County
 Recorded April 12th 1877
 James N. Evans Clerk.

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Georgia } I, George H. Johnson of the County and
 Early County } State aforesaid, being of sound mind and
 memory and being desirous of settling my
 worldly affairs while in life do make and publish the
 my last will and testament hereby written and signed
 do me at our time last seen
 Item 1st

I will and bequeath to the children of John G. Johnson
 one half of lot of land No. 61 known as the place formerly
 owned by Joseph H. Johnson deceased and to the children
 Attaway H. Johnson one half of lot of land No. 30 and
 one half of part of lot No. 11 which lies on the West side
 of Dry Creek; and to George H. Johnson the other half of
 lot No. 30 and part of lot No. 11. All the said lot of
 land lying in the 28th dist of the county and State aforesaid
 Item 2

After all my just debts are paid it is my will that all
 my stock, except one yoke of oxen shall be equally divided
 between Attaway H. Johnson George H. Johnson and John
 G. Johnson, the said John G. Johnson to have the wagon
 and said yoke of oxen besides.