

State of Georgia Early County,

In the name of God Amen

I Joshua Johnson of the State and County aforesaid being feeble in health, but of sound and disposing mind, and coming and proper as respects myself, do solemnly and lawfully make this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all others with me before made by me;

Item 1st I desire that my body be consigned to old Mother Death and my soul I trust will return with God who gave it, for in him I confessed all my trusts for Salvation.

Item 2nd I desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereafter named.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my Children as follows, to wit: to what they have already had, to my deceased Son, my Spouse Ann Foster Children, also to my Daughter Helen, also to my Daughter Mary Duke, and to my Son Thomas Johnson Twenty dollars each.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my four Grand Children, to wit: Johnson, Vandella Johnson, William Johnson, & Wm. Johnson, fifty dollars each, to be equally divided between them, also I give and bequeath to my Grandchildren Anna & Eliza fifty dollars each.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my Grand Children Robin A. and Virginia T. Johnson one hundred dollars each and fifty dollars each.

Item 6th I give & bequeath to my Son D. A. Johnson one acre of Port, which he has already enjoyed.

Item 7th I leave unto my beloved Wife Caroline with whom I have lived in love and harmony for forty years, all of my property both real and personal and Black of every kind, money & notes, House hold and Kitchen furniture and every article in my possession at my death to her during her natural life, and at her death I give all the above named property to my Son Samuel, & I Johnson to his own possession of the same.

Item 8th I constitute nominate and appoint my beloved Wife my Executrix & my beloved Son Thos. Johnson Executor to carry out this my last Will & Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this thirteenth day of June 1863.

W. H. Eastling

E. D. Taylor

Jam. McCalhoun

Joshua Johnson

Recorded April 1864

Georgia } Personally came before me James B Brown ordinary in &
Early County } for said County James B. Calhoun one of the subscribing
Witness to the within last Will & Testament of Joshua Johnson
and, who after being duly sworn, deposes & saith, upon oath that
he saw the said Joshua Johnson sign, seal, and deliver the will then to
be his last Will and Testament, and that separately subscribed the same
as Witness, and that he saw Wm. Carleton and J. D. Taylor as so
likewise, and that they all subscribed the same as Witnesses at the request
of the testator, and in the presence of each of the testator.
Sworn to & subscribed before me this December the 4th day 1863,
James B. Brown Ord.

The above and foregoing Will of Joshua Johnson having been
proven in terms of the Statute in that case made and provided,
It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be docketed
to Record, & that a copy do issue to the Executor in terms of Statute
passed as the law directs, In Open Court this December the 7th
day 1863,
James B. Brown Ordinary

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Martha R. Calhoun's Daughter to have such share as
will make her equal www.georgiapioneers.com including her independent
estate to the same to be held by her Trustee for her sole and separ-
ate use free from the debts or contracts of her Husband for
her life and at her death then to such child or children or Grand-
children per stirpes as may be in life at the time of her death
and should the said Martha R. Cook die leaving no child
or children or Grand children then in life the said property
then to be equally divided between such of my children or Grand
Children who shall live per stirpes as may be in life at the
time of the death of the said Martha R. Cook.

The whole of the Estate except as herein provided to be
Kept together and managed and controlled by my Wife Sarah
A. Cook for the support Education and Maintenance of my said
Wife & Children and in no event to be sold disposed of or
parted except as is herein after provided for.

When either of my children or such as may be born within
the usual time of Gestation, after my death when either of my
children shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years or marry
then an equal share of my Estate including my Wife's portion
the portions given to Martha R. Cook shall be cleared out of my

Estate, and paid over to such person or persons as shall be appointed by the Superior Court in trust for the use, benefit and advantage of my said child or children so arriving of age or marrying for and during the life of said child or children, and at the death of either of said child or child - dren, then to be equally divided between the children of said child or children that may be living at that time. But should either of my said children die leaving no child or children or the representative of child or children, then to be equally divided between them surviving brothers or sisters then on the said property so given in trust for life is not to be subject in any manner shape or form to be seized and sold for the debts, liabilities or contracts of the husband of either of my daughters or for the liabilities of either of my sons, except for such debts as may be incurred for their necessary support and maintenance.

Should my Wife Sarah A. Cook marry after my death, then my Will is that there shall be carved out of my Estate a portion equal to a child's part, and paid over to the person as may be appointed by the Superior Court as Trustee, which estate shall for her sole or separate use be free from the debts and liabilities of her husband for and during her natural life, and at her death to be paid to such child or children as she may have by her second marriage of the second marriage of my Wife, or if she then have such child or children of mine as may come hereafter, the same terms, limitations and restraints as are contained in the intent of this Will.

Should my Wife Sarah A. Cook marry after my death then my Will is that her letters testamentary to be a Trustee for my children shall be appointed by the Superior Court under such Bond and Security as the said Court may direct to be in a sum sufficient to secure my child - ren who shall take charge of my Estate and is hereby empowered to carry into effect the provisions of this Will and intent and purposes as my Wife could do had she remained unmarried.

It is hereby expressly my Will that the portion or share given to my Wife if taken by her under this Will is to be in lieu of and for her right to dower in my Real Estate, and should she elect to take dower then the bequest to her is to be void and she only to have her dower in my Real Estate.

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