

will that she own and enjoy all my estate that may be left during her natural life ^{Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860} ~~www.georgiapioneers.com~~ and I do hereby authorize and empower my said son John to enjoy for the purpose of supporting her and my children that is John and Francis and William and the one that is not yet born if it is Gods will that it may come into this world living and I further authorize my Executor and it is my wish that he make first parts of my property that is as much as will settle my just debts such thereof as my wife Susannah may think she can best spare and at her death or at the expiration of her widderhood the ballance of any of my property be left to be sold and Equally divided between my above named children. and I appoint John Herrett my Executor. In witness of the same I hereunto subscribe my name with my own seal this 22th of July 1843

In the Presents of

Wm Burdett

Hiram Brown

Radford his Jordan
mark

Dorothy Smith *from*

Georgia } Const. of ordinary September Term 1843.

Elbert County. Personally came into open Court Hiram Brown and William

Borden Two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being sworn saith that they were present and saw Drury Smith sign & seal the within instrument as his last will and Testament. and that these deponents together with Radford Jordan signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other. and that these deponents believe the testator was of sound and disposing mind at the time he executed the same. Sworn to in open Court this 4th September 1843

Hiram Brown
Wm. Borden

Hiram Brown

Wm. Burdett

Attest ^{Wm} B. Nelson Secy.

Georgia $\frac{3}{4}$ Court of ordinary September Term. 1843.

Colbert County } ordered by the Court that the within will be

Recorded the 11th day of September 1843 Wm. B. Kuhn, c.o.

John Skelton Jan. will 1843

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I. John Shelton Senr. of the State of Georgia and County of Elbert being much afflicted in body but sound in mind and memory knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. willing my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent Christian like manner & as teaching such

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wouldly goods as it has pleased God to bless me with I give and devise in the following manner and form my will that all my just debts be paid out of my estate, and the balance to be divided as follows. I give unto my wife Rebecca Skelton six or seven acres of land round the House & the house where I now live during of her lifetime I also give unto her all of my household & kitchen furniture to dispose of among her children as she thinks advisable. I give unto her two Chop Cows & Calves. I give unto her my sorrell mare I also give unto my wife my gray stud Horse & waggon I wish my Executors to sell my negro Tom that is now in the Alabama state & to give unto my wife Rebecca Skelton Five hundred dollars out of the proceeds of sale I also give unto her seven of my Chop Hogs, also two sows & pigs & six head of sheep I give unto my son Elijah Skelton two dollars to be paid out of my estate, I also give unto my son Wiley Skelton two dollars to be paid out of my estate, I also give unto my son James Skelton two dollars to be paid out of my estate. I also give unto my son Richard Skelton two dollars to be paid out of my estate. I also give unto my daughter Dicy Brown two dollars to be paid out of my estate. I also give unto my son John Skelton two dollars to be paid out of my estate. I also give unto my daughter Elizabeth McGuire two dollars to be paid out of my estate. I also give unto my son Swan H. Skelton two dollars to be paid out of my estate. I also give unto my son William Skelton two dollars to be paid out of my estate. I also give unto daughter Dianah H. an McGuire one Bay mare one cow & calf. I also give unto my son Littleton Skelton Seven hundred & fifty acres of land including the tract of land whereon I now live also two negroes to wit one a man the other by the name of Buckner also a bay Horse, also one ox Cart an all plantation tools & my saddle. I wish my Executors to sell my purchase land my Horses cows sheep & Hogs & all the balance of my property that I have not given away in this will & the balance of the sale my negro Tom for that is the Alabama state & make an equal division of the proceeds of said property between all of my lawful heirs except Thomas McGuire & my daughter Dicy Brown which is to have no part of said money. I do nominate and appoint my sons Wiley Skelton and James Skelton, Executors to this my last will and Testament giving them full power and authority to act and manage my estate according to the tenor of this of this my last will & Testament & I do hereby revoke & disannul all former wills & bequeaths ratifying & conforming this my last will & Testament. Whereof I do set my hand & seal this 11th day of July 1842.

John Skelton

Barnabas Bonnell
Joshua his Son in law
Barnell Bobo

Codicil

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It is my will that my wife ^{www.godspioneers.com} ~~John~~ Skelton shall have all the land lying south of Big Cedar creek that runs the the plantation where I now live dure of her lifetime also one negro boy by the name of Booker during of her lifetime the within land & negro that I have inserted at the death of my wife is to belong to my son Littleton Skelton also one half of all the working tools on said plantation whereas I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 5th day of August 1843

Test Barnabas Barron

Joshua ^{his} TotmanJohn ^{his} mark

Burrell Bobo

John Skelton ^{Seal}

Georgia } Court of ordinary January adjourned Term 1843
Elbert County } Personally came into open Court Barnabas Barron and being sworn saith that he saw John Skelton sign & seal the annexed instrument of writing as his last will & Testament and that he signed the same as a witness in the presence of the testator and at his request and that he saw Burrell Bobo & Joshua Totman sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and that he saw the testator sign the codicil to the said will and that he signed the as a witness and saw Joshua Totman John Brown & Burrell Bobo sign the same as witnesses and that he believes the testator was of sound mind & memory at the time he executed the same sworn to in open Court this 6th February 1843

Attest Wm. B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Barnabas Barron

Georgia } Court of ordinary January adjourned Term 1843
Elbert County } Personally came into open Court Joshua Totman and being sworn saith that he was present and saw John Skelton sign & seal the annexed instrument of writing as his last will and Testament and he subscribed his name by making his mark as a witness in the presence of the testator and that he saw Barnabas Barron & Burrell Bobo sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, and that he saw the testator sign & seal the codicil to the same in the presence of this deponent and in the presence of Barnabas Barron & John Brown and he also saw Burrell Bobo sign the same as a witness in the presence of the testator and that he believes the testator to have been of sound mind & memory at the time he executed the same sworn to in open Court this 6th day of February 1843

Attest Wm. B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Joshua ^{his} Totman

Georgia
Elbert County } Court of ordinary January adjourn Term 1843.
Personally came into open Court Burrall Bobo and being sworn
Sath that he subscribed his name as a witness to the annexed
instrument of writing in the presence of John Skelton the testator and in
the presence of Joshua Totman & Barnabas Barron the other witnesses and
that he believes the testator was of sound mind & memory at the time
that he signed the Codicil as a witness in the presence of the testator
in the presence of Barnabas Barron, Joshua Totman & John Crum &
that he believes the testator was of sound mind at the time.
sworn to in open Court this 6th February 1843
Attest Wm B. Nelms c.c.o. Burrall Bobo

Georgia
Elbert County } Court of ordinary January adjourn Term 1843.
It is ordered and adjudged by the Court that
the within will has not been sufficiently proven to
convey the real estate but is good as to the personal property and
as such be Recorded
Attest Wm B. Nelms c.c.o.

Appeal
We the jury find the within instrument to be the last will
& Testament of John Skelton senr. deceased & that the same
be admitted to record in the Court of ordinary as such
Thomas J. Bowman
Foreman

Recorded the 10th day of October 1843
Wm B. Nelms, c.c.o.

Polly Dickey's Will 1844
Georgia Elbert County. In the name of God Amen
Polly Dickey of the state and county aforesaid being of a sound mind.
but of feeble body. make this my last will and Testament.
First I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and
Christian like manner. my soul I trust shall return to God
who gave it to rest with my savior Jesus Christ in whom I
have long trusted as my hope of eternal salvation -
Second. It is my will that my brother Bedford Harper and my
Doctor fees be paid their demands, so far as they are legal
and just out of my whole estate. But that my husband John
Dickey shall pay all other demands against him, and myself out
of his own part of my estate which I shall in this will bequeath
him -
Third. I give and devise my negroe girl Mary to Elizabeth Ham