

Larkin Clark Will 1853

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- Georgia
Elbert County, ⁽¹⁸⁵³⁾ I the name of God Amen
- I Larkin Clark of the County and State aforesaid being of sound Mind and disposing Memory but recollecting the uncertainty of life do make and ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament as follows,
- First, It is my Will and desire that my just debts shall be paid in manner as I shall hereinafter direct.
- 2^d. I leave and bequeath to John F. Edwards as trustee for Frances M. Clark, wife of my son James A. Clark, the following Negroes to wit, ^{held} Jeff a boy, Edward a Man, Milledge a Man, Sereena a Woman, and her Child, Mabel, (Daddy a a Woman, Peggy a Woman and Parthena a Girl, to be by him the said John F. Edwards ^{held} in trust for the sole and exclusive use & benefit of the said Frances M. Clark during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between the Children of my son James A. Clark then in life.
- 3^d. I leave and bequeath to my Daughter Martha Good the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) having heretofore given to all my other Children (except those whom I shall hereinafter mention) their respective Shares and portions of my Estate. Which I wished them to have.
- 4th. I have by instrument in Writing dated the ninth day of November Eighteen hundred and forty given and conveyed to my son Larkin L. Clark four Negroes to wit, Milton, Jacob, Dary, & Ben, which gift I wish to stand good and remain in full effect and should said instrument prove invalid informal or in any wise insufficient, to Vest in the said Larkin L. Clark ^{the} full right & title in and to said Negroes then it is my Will and desire that the right and title to said four Negroes should and shall Vest in him the said Larkin L. Clark under and by Virtue of this my last Will and Testament.
- 5th. I leave and bequeath all the remainder of my property both Real and personal ~~for~~ and Bank Stock to my beloved wife Lucy Clark during her natural life.
- 6th. At the death of my Wife Lucy Clark, it is my Will and desire that all my Real Estate and Bank Stock together with the profits and increase of said Stock be divided into two equal Shares. One Moiety or half thereof I leave and bequeath to my son Larkin L. Clark and the other Moiety or half to John F. Edwards as trustee for Frances M. Clark Wife of my son James A. Clark the same to be held by the said John F. Edwards in trust for the sole use and benefit of the said Frances M. Clark during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between the Children of my said son James A. Clark then in life.
- 7th. It is further my Will and desire that at the death of my Wife Lucy Clark the whole of my personal property (except two Negroes viz. George & Aggy and what I have herein before disposed of) shall be divided into four equal Shares & distributed as follows to wit, One Share thereof to my Daughter Mary Richardson, One Share to my daughter Caroline Edwards, One Share to my son Larkin L. Clark and one Share to John F. Edwards to be by him held in trust for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of Frances M. Clark Wife of my son James A. Clark during

his natural life and at his death to be equally divided between the Children of my said son James A. Clark and his wife.

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- 8th It is my further ^{my} will and desire that should my son ~~Larkin~~ Larkin A. Clark die before he attains ^{the age of} twenty one years leaving no lawful issue living then all the property both real and personal herein bequeathed to him shall be equally divided into three shares and distributed one share to my daughter Mary Richardson one share to my daughter Caroline Edwards and one share to John F. Edwards as trustee for Francis M. Clark during his natural life and at his death to be equally divided between the Children of my son James A. Clark then in life.
- 9th It is my will and desire that the two Negroes (George and Aggy his wife) mentioned in the bequest of the said my last will, shall at the death of my wife Lucy Clark go to and become the property of either or any of my Children whom they may choose for their Master or Mistress and it is my will & desire that my Executors do strictly observe or said Master or Mistress that I wish said Negroes well treated in their old age.
- 10th It is my will and desire that John F. Edwards as trustee as herein before named and set forth shall out of the trust Estate hereby created to be placed in his hands, pay the following promissory Notes due by me or one made to sundry parties for thirty six hundred dollars or thereabouts, one to William Brewster for one thousand dollars or thereabouts one to Elyah Mannan for sixteen hundred dollars or thereabouts one to Thomas F. Gibbs for three hundred dollars or thereabouts provided said Notes shall not be paid and shall remain due at the time of my death and should a part or portion of said Notes be paid before my death the said Trustee as aforesaid pay as aforesaid the amount of said Notes remaining unpaid and the remainder of my debts to be paid by my Executors out of my personal Estate.
- 11th It is my will and desire that should my son James A. Clark die without leaving any Children of ^{his} said son James A. Clark in life then the whole of the property herein bequeathed to John F. Edwards as trustee for the said Francis M. Clark during his life shall go to and become the property of and be absolutely vested in my son James A. Clark and his heirs.
- 12th I do hereby constitute ordain and appoint my wife Lucy Clark Executrix and my son James A. Clark and Robert M^r William Executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this fifth day of February One thousand eight hundred and forty One

Signed and sealed in presence of us and by us Witnessed at the request of the Signer Larkin Clark, the fifth day of the month of February attested before signing

Asa Chandler

Thomas S. Bowman

William S. Roebuck J.P.

Larkin Clark (Seal)

Georgia Court of Ordinary January Term 1843.
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Person who came into Court I Prochuck one of the subscribers
Witnesses to the above and foregoing Will and being sworn saith that he was present and
saw Larkin Black sign it and acknowledge the same and foregoing instrument as
his last Will and testament and this document together with Lisa Brantley and others
I Bowman signed the same as Witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request
and in the hearing of each other and this document believes the testator was possessed of
sound mind and disposing memory at the time he executed the same.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this second
day of January 1843
Attest Wm B Adams C.C.C.

Wm J. Prochuck

Georgia Court of Ordinary January Term 1843.
Elbert County, Georgia
Ordained by the Court that the within Will of Larkin Black
be Recorded.
Attest Wm B Adams C.C.C.
Recorded this 9th day of January, 1843. Wm B Adams C.C.C.

Rhody Eaves Will 1843

Georgia In the Name of God Amen. I Rhody Eaves being of
Elbert County } imperfect health but of perfect mind and reason knowing
that all men have to by but after death the judgement I
First of all recommend my soul into the hands of God that give it and
my Body I recommend to my mother but to be buried in decent
Christian Burial and it has pleased to give me a portion of this world
I feel it my duty to dispose of the same as seemeth good to my own view
I first of all make this my last and only will and testament I give and
bequeath to my loving wife Mary Eaves during her natural life four
hundred Acres of Land in the state and county aforesaid and on the
waters of Shole Creek and adjoining Mrs Eaves and Isaac Ginn and others
and at her death I give it to my two daughters and son Elizabeth Eaves
Judy Ann and Eliza Eaves to be Equally divided and as to my horses
cattle hogs and stock of all kind House hold and kitchen furniture
my above named wife to hold and possess during her life and at her
death to be disposed of in the following manner that is to say
Luneford I give one dollar one dollar to the heirs of Catherine Ginn
and one dollar to Mary Bradberry and one dollar to Juney Roberts
Elizabeth Mason one dollar Nancy Felker one dollar and Susanah
Grady all to be raised out of my personal property above named after
my just debts being first paid the Ballance if any left out of the
personal property to be Equally divided between the following children
William Eaves, James Eaves, Alfred Eaves, Eliza Eaves, and Martha
Brown, Judy Ann Hendrick Sarah Calaway, Loney Calaway, Elizabeth