

Isaac A. Shelor, Esq.

Thomas A. Shelor

State of Georgia

Gordon County

Will of Thomas A. Shelor, Deceased

In the name of God Amen.

Thomas A. Shelor of said State and County, being of advanced age and afflicted with sickness, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made.

I give, bequeath and devise all my property and estate, both real and personal, as follows, that is to say:

First: I desire and direct that my body be buried in a manner suitable to my circumstances and conditions in life.

Secondly: I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executrix hereinafter named and appointed.

Thirdly: I give, bequeath and devise to my beloved wife, Isaac A. Shelor, Lots of land numbers Sixty Three (63) - Sixty Two (62) - Fifty Nine (59) and Fifty Eight (58) containing each One hundred and Sixty acres and also One hundred and ten acres of lot number Sixty one (61) Forty acres of lot number Thirty two (32) and thirty acres of lot number thirty three (33) all of above described tracts and parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Gordon, State of Georgia, and Thirdly: I give, bequeath and devise to my beloved wife, Isaac A. Shelor, One hundred and twenty acres, with all the rights, members and appurtenances to said above described land as my wife belonging to her own proper use, benefit and behoof for and during the term of her natural life, with full power to dispose of the same by Will, gift or otherwise equally to her children or as before her death, as in her discretion she may deem best and proper.

And if in her discretion she thinks the interests of the estate may be best subserved, she is hereby vested with full power and authority to sell and convey any or all of said estate with a view to a settlement upon her children, to wit: Sarah E. Stebbins, Mary S. Hamlin, Virginia E. Wright, N. Rebecca Steele, Robt. Jesse Shelor, Joseph W. Shelor, William E. Shelor, and Isaac Shelor. I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife in the same manner, with like limitation, the following articles and all belonging to the farm on said above described lands and all my household and kitchen furniture, stock of all kinds, including Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs &c. and all other of my personal property, real and effects of whatever kind and character, including money and debt due and owing to me. To her unrestricted use and control with full power to dispose of same as she may deem proper, only looking to an equal distribution of the residue of the estate at her death among her children aforementioned taking into consideration the services rendered by her.

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been made to any of them.

Fourthly: I give, bequeath and devise to my daughter Mary S. Harbin my undivided interest in lands owned by myself and Wiley A. Harbin lying in the waters of Pinebog and Spring creeks in said County of Gordon, upon the condition that she take it at Three Thousand dollars and pay to my beloved wife interest on said sum at the rate of seven per cent. per annum till such time as my wife may deem meet and proper and upon the payment by my said daughter Mary S. Harbin of such sum as will secure the corpus of such estate to an equality with other children of my beloved wife upon upon final distribution by my beloved wife of the residue of the estate herein bequeathed to her. Should my daughter, Mary S. Harbin fail or refuse to take said estate on above condition, then it is my will that same go to my beloved wife as other real estate devised in third section of this my Will,

Fifthly: I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Susan A. Shelton, Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, with power to employ such assistance as she may require, and she is hereby vested with full and ample power and authority to do all and singular whatsoever is or may be necessary to the execution of this Will without giving Bond and Surety, or accounting to the Orphans Court.

This December 25th 1878

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Thos. A. Shelton. 

Signed, sealed and declared and published by Thos. A. Shelton as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request, and in the presence of each other. This Dec 25th 1878

Calvane Reeves

Wm B. Franklin

A. J. Fletcher

Filed and probated Janry 21st 1879.

E. J. Kiker, Clerk

Recorded in accordance to order of Probate & Minutes B. Judge

This February 10th 1879.

E. J. Kiker, Clerk