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State of North Carolina

I John W. Harrison Clerk of the Court of
Plas Quarter Sessions held for the County of Northampton do
hereby certify that Thos. J. Gold Esq. whose name appears subscribed
to the within certificate is Chairman of the County Court aforesaid
was at the time he signed the same that his signature is in
his own hand writing & that full faith & credit are due & ought
to be given in all courts of record in the United States & America
to his official acts as such

The witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand officially this 2nd day of Sept^r 1824 & for 49th year of
American independence

J. W. Harrison Ck. C.
Recorded 10th January 1826

George Dawson Sen^r Will

Georgia. To all whom it may concern I George Dawson
Green County and of the County of State aforesaid being of
sound disposing mind have this day concluded to make my last
will & testament hereby giving disposing of all my estate both real
& personal in the following manner to wit

First. In the event of my wife Ruth being in life at the time
of my death I hereby give her all my horse hold & kitchen
furniture four choice horses four choice cows & calves a choice
pair of oxen my egg & thurnes & as many logs as she may re-
quire & the remainder of my stock or every description also six
negroes Edely Darny Ginda Pat Tom Miller to have & to hold
all said property for & during her natural life & I also give unto my
wife a life estate in that portion of land which I have this day
given to my said son William C. Dawson by a deed of gift together
with my dwelling house & I hereby give my said wife full power
& authority to make any arrangement with my said son in
relation to the use & cultivation of said land & after her death
the crop which may be on or growing on said land shall vest
in my said son William C. Dawson in consideration of the use
of said land & should he be dead in his legal representatives
And I also give unto my said wife at the time of my death

One hundred Bushels of horse fifteen hundred & parcels of bacon
or ten thousand pounds of pork & ten thousand weight of Kinder
Kend. I confirm unto my son-in-law David W. Whitely all the
real & personal estate which I have herebefore given him & I
also give unto the said David & his heirs an equal proportion
of all the negroes which are not specially disposed in this
will at the time of my death

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David & his heirs and assigns David Whitely all the property

which I have heretofore given him I shall give unto him. & his heirs are equal proportion of all the negroes which I may have at the time of my death that specially disposed of in this will. Fourth. I confirm unto my son in law Doctor James Marshall of the property which I have heretofore given him & I also give unto my sons Thomas & William & Dawson as trustees an equal portion of all the negroes not specially given away in this will & that I may have at the time of my death for the use benefit maintenance education & support of my Daughter Elizabeth & her children & I hereby require of my said sons Trustees as aforesaid to retain the contract & government of said negroes for the purposes aforesaid as may seem best in their discretion. I & hereby require of them to give to the children of my said daughter as they marry or come of age what they may deem just & right under the circumstances that may then exist.

Fifth. I confirm unto my son in law Farnisbelt H. Greene the property which I have heretofore given him & I also give unto my sons Thomas & William & Dawson as trustees for my daughter Ruth & her heirs an equal proportion of all the negroes which I may own at the time of my death & which are not specially disposed of in this will for the use benefit support maintenance & education of my said daughter Ruth & her children should she hereafter have any. I & hereby require of my said sons trustees as aforesaid to use & control & govern said negroes in that manner they may deem most advantageous for the purposes intended in this will. I should my said daughter die leaving no child in life. It is my will that said negroes shall be equally divided between my first sons Thomas John Hunter George & William & Dawson. I should my said daughter die leaving a child or children then child or children should before be or they become twenty one years old it is my desire that said negroes be equally divided among my five sons aforesaid or their legal representatives.

Sixth. I confirm unto my five sons Thomas John Reuben George & William & Dawson all the property both real & personal which I have heretofore given them respectively & I also give unto my wife each an equal proportion of all my negroes which I now have at the time of my death that specially disposed of in this will to them & their heirs forever. I & also desire that every thing which I have given in the first part of my will to my wife during her natural life shall after her death be equally divided among my five sons as aforesaid or their legal heirs or representatives with the reservation therein contained. & it is further my will & desire that all my estate both real & personal which is not otherwise disposed of at the time of my death shall then be equally divided amongst my five sons or their legal representatives.

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97 Seventh. I give unto my grandson George Watson Dawson
a little negro girl by the name of Hannah the child of
Dagney I should be die before twenty one years of age said negro
is to belong to my son George

Eighth. Should I die during the time that my negro crops may
be on hand I am disposed of ~~it~~ in my will I desire that my
executors immediately sell said crops or crops in the manner
they may think best I pay off my debts should any there
be & the remainder if any there be equally divided amongst
my sons Thomas John Newton George William & Dawson or
their legal representatives

Ninth. I hereby constitute & appoint my eldest & youngest sons
Thomas & William & Dawson my executors to carry into effect
this my last will & testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed
my seal this 20th day of March 1823

In presence of

C. Foster J. D. C.

Thos. Hicks J. D. C.

W. Lewis J. D. C.

Geo Dawson & Son

Codicil to the foregoing

Georgia I George Dawson of the
Greene County State aforesaid

do make & publish this codicil to my last will & testament in manner
following (that is to say) I give to my wife Ruth my negro man
Jack (blacksmith) in place of the negro ^{in the name of} ~~female~~ child which I gave
to her in my last will & testament I also give in addition to what
I gave her in my ^{will} last will my sett blacksmiths tools & as many
farming tools of every description of every description as she may require
for the use of her farm I also give my wife Ruth two small negroes
men Chancy & Amanda children of Dagney which is to be disposed
of among my five sons after the death of my wife as directed by
the said first clause of my last will I also will all the future increase
of the said negroes Emily Dagney & Ruth I also give my wife
Ruth in addition to what I have bequeathed in my said last will
for her maintenance eight bales clean cotton weighing at least three
hundred pounds each I bequeath by the first clause of my last will
the negro the crop or crops that might be on hand at the death
of my wife to my son William C. Dawson but not being satisfied with
that bequeath in my will I desire that it be divided equally between
my five sons or their legal representatives together with all the other
property increase & accumulation which may be at the death of
my wife in pursuance of the first clause of my said will And
I bequeath by the first clause of my last will I gave to my son William
C. Dawson my ~~Green County~~ ^{Green County} ~~Wills~~ ^{Wills} he will not move to it
& my desire is that ~~my five sons~~ ^{my five sons} should occupy it after the death

of my wife. I therefore give the said dwelling house to my son George with liberty to remove it for his own residence provided the land can be divided & laid off as to include the said dwelling on his part. And I do hereby will & declare that my said tract of land which I now live on containing nine hundred acres more or less shall be equally divided according to quantity (not taking into view the quality) the division to be governed in every instance by a deed of Gift except as above declared between my three sons Reuben George & William & I or their legal representatives. And whereas by my last will & testament I gave unto my servant David M. McIntosh & his heirs one equal portion of all my negroes which are not specially disposed of by this will at the time of my death. I do hereby confirm unto the said McIntosh all the property both real & personal together with three increase that I have heretofore given him. But I do hereby order & declare that my will is that I give unto my sons Thomas & William & Darius as trustees for my grand children sons & daughters of the said David McIntosh (to wit) Lepee Daniel Corty John Nancy George & Darius David Crosby & Parigade Thomas M. McIntosh all that part of the negroes which I gave to my son in law David M. McIntosh. And him by the latter part of the second clause of my will it being an equal portion of all the negroes not specially disposed of that is to say one ninth part & my request is that my said sons Thomas & William & Darius as aforesaid use the said property at their own discretion to the best advantage for the benefit of said children. & I further order that either if said children die before they come of age or marry their portion or part shall vest in & become the property of the remaining ones. I thereby require of my said sons to give an equal proportion as the come of age, I give unto my grandson George Malcom Davidson son of George Davidson & a small negro boy by the name of Buffs son of Call in the place of me I gave him in the seventh clause of my will that one being dead. I also will & declare that my daughter Ruth C. Green shall have an equal part of my household furniture with my five sons that is to say one sixth part this I bequeath unto my said daughter & her heirs & no other person or persons. And I also declare that it is my will & desire that my son George have my corner clock but the value to be deducted out of his proportionable part of the household furniture. And I also wish the fire house & all belonging thereto to remain for the use of my wife during her life & the same to belong & remain on the land after her death. This testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 23rd February 1824.

In presence of
Daniel Pett
Henry Rogers

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(for probates turn over)

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Geo Davidson Sr. (Seal)

Georgia Court of Ordinary July term 1825
Greene County

Personally appeared in open court Henry Rogers
& Daniel Stett two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
Codicil (annexed to the will of George Dawson senior) who being
duly sworn say that they saw the testator (George Dawson senior)
sign seal & heard him acknowledge the same to be a codicil
& to be taken & to be taken as a part of his last will & testament
that Ruth Stett together with themselves subscribed the same as
witness thereto in the presence of the testator & further that they
each believed him to be of Perfect sound mind & memory at the
time of signing the same

Subscribed in
Open Court 6th July 1825

Daniel Stett

Henry Rogers

Amos Fennice) Clk

Georgia Court of Ordinary July term 1825
Greene County

Personally appeared in Open Court Thomas Stocks
& Nicholas Lewis two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
Will (heretofore) who being duly sworn say that they saw the
testator George Dawson Senior sign seal & heard him pronounce
the same to be his last will & testament & that they each together
with Oliver Porter subscribed their names as witnesses thereto
in the presence of the testator & that they each believed him to
be of perfect sound mind & memory at the time of the execution thereof

Subscribed in
Open Court this 6th July 1825

Thomas Stocks

N. Lewis

Amos Fennice) Clk

Recorded 11th January 1826

Amos Fennice) Clk