

In the name of God Amen. I Francis Ross of the State of Georgia & County of Hancock - now being of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God and calling to mind the Mortality of my body, with a knowledge that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do therefore make, constitute & Ordain this to be my last Will & testament in the following Order - Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to the Almighty - God that gave it me & my body I recommend to a decent Christian like burial; and touching my estate wherewith I am possessed, I give devise & dispose of in the following manner - First I recommend that all my just debts be paid out of my estate, by my Executor; And I lend to my beloved wife Mary Ross all that tract of land whereon I now live, with all the improvements thereunto belonging together with a sufficient portion of my household furniture, Money, Stock, Plantation Tools & Kitchen ~~utensils~~ as may be deemed necessary for her use - to be agreed on by the joint judgment of herself and my Executor; and four negroes namely, Dick, Jim, Winney and Amy, for & during her natural life; and after her death, it is my Will that all the articles of property that may be then remaining which I have now lent to her, shall be equally divided with my grand children that shall or may be at that time living.

Item. I give unto my wife's Niece Sany Frost one horse to be of the full value of one hundred dollars or upwards to be given and delivered to her by my Executor out of my estate with two hundred dollars

for & during his natural life, the use of a tract
of land in Putnam County known by No 375 &
Deeded to me by Elloas Eakin, together with one
Negro man named Newman & if she should
have any legitimate child or children, then it
is my will that the said child or children as
the case may be, shall have the said land &
Negro in equal interest which I have now lent
to Samy Cosart - but if the said Samy shall
die & leave no such issue, then in that case
I will, that the said tract of land No 375 and
Negro Newman as aforesaid shall be equally
divided among my grand children that may be
then & at that time living -

Item. The whole of my estate which I have not her-
etofore mentioned that I am now in possession
of or may possess at the time of my dissolution
both real and personal, I give to my beloved
children in equal interest with each other that
may be then & at that time living -

And last of all I hereby make, constitute &
ordain my trusty friend William Wilkey
the lawful Executor to this my last will and
testament, after revoking, nullifying and setting
aside all former wills & Executors by me made
& appointed - In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this
sixth day of January in the year of our Lord
One thousand eight hundred & fifteen -

In the presence of
Walter Hamilton
Archibald Turner
Nelson Harris

Francis Ross (Seal)

In the name of God Amen. I Francis Ross of the State of Georgia & County of Hancock - now being of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God and calling to mind the Mortality of my body, with a knowledge that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do therefore make, constitute & Ordain this to be my last Will & Testament in the following Order - Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to the Almighty God that gave it me & my body I recommend to a decent Christian like burial; and touching my estate wherewith I am possessed, I give demise & dispose of in the following manner - First I recommend that all my just debts be paid out of my estate, by my Executor; And I lend to my beloved wife Mary Ross all that tract of land whereon I now live, with all the improvements thereunto belonging together with a sufficient portion of my household furniture, Money, Stock, Plantation Tools & Kitchen ~~utensils~~ as may be deemed necessary for her use - to be agreed on by the joint judgment of herself and my Executor; and four negroes namely, Dick, Jim, Winney and Ann, for & during her natural life; and after her death, it is my Will that all the articles of property that may be then remaining which I have now lent to her, shall be equally divided with my grand children that shall or may be at that time living.

Item. I give unto my wife's Niece Janny (poor one) horse to be of the full value of one hundred dollars or upwards to be given and delivered to her by my Executor out of my estate with two hundred dollars in money; 1849-1850 And to her

for & during his natural life, the use of a tract
 of land in Putnam County known by No 375 &
 Deeded to me by Moses Eakin, together with one
 Negro man named Steuman & if she should
 leave any legitimate child or children, then it
 is my will that the said child or children as
 the case may be, shall have the said land &
 Negro in equal interest which I have now lent
 to Janny Covert - but if the said Janny shall
 die & leave no such issue, then & in that case
 I will, that the said tract of land No 375 and
 Negro Steuman as aforesaid shall be equally
 divided among my grand children that may be
 then & at that time living -

Item. The whole of my estate which I have not here
 - before mentioned that I am now in possession
 of or may possess at the time of my dissolution
 both real and personal, I give to my beloved grand
 children in equal interest with each other that
 may be then & at that time living -

And last of all I hereby make, constitute &
 declare my trusty friend William Wilkey
 the lawful Executor to this my last will and
 testament, after revoking, nullifying and setting
 aside all former wills & Executors by me made
 & appointed - In testimony whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this
 sixth day of January in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred & fifteen -

In the presence of
 Watter Hamilton
 Archibald Sumner
 Nelson Harris
 Henry

Francis Ross

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The last will and testament of Francis Ragsdale was proved in open Court by the oath of Walter Hamilton, Henry Turner and Archibald Turner three of the subscribing witnesses to the same and ordered to be recorded - William Wilkins the nominated Executor duly qualified - whereupon it is ordered that said testamentary issue to him accordingly. 6th March 1815.

James H. Loxley
Clerk

In the name of God Amen. this 8th day of October A.D. 1814. I Benjamin Read of Hancock County and State of Georgia, being sick and weak of body but of sound, perfect and disposing mind and memory. do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First. I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Read all my estate both real and personal and whatsoever nature or kind it be to be by her occupied, possessed and enjoyed during her natural life or widowhood for the purpose of raising my children. My will and desire is that my negro man Sam be sold at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named.

Second. I do hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Elizabeth Read full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament and hereby revoking dissuelling and making void all other wills or testaments by me made, do make and declare this and this only to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my