

John Papsmore's Will — Recorded.

State of Georgia Harris County—

In the name of God Amen. I John Papsmore of said State and County being of advanced age and knowing I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my last Will and Testament.

1st Item I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life, my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I ~~trust~~ hope for eternal salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whose religion I have professed, and as I humbly enjoyed for thirty years.

2nd Item I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter appointed as I am unwilling that my creditors should be delayed in their rights especially as there is no necessity for delay.

3rd Item I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Sarah Papsmore with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet for fifty years, Lot of Land number No (273) two hundred and a seventy three in the seventeenth Dist. at the time of survey containing two hundred two and a half acres, it being my present residence, and all that part or parcel of Land lying South of the Hamilton road it being the South part of Lot No (256) two hundred and fifty six in the eighteenth District at the time of survey, and a fifty acres of Lot No (225) two hundred and twenty five commencing on the East & West line dividing Lots No (256) two hundred and fifty six & two hundred and twenty five and running South to the ditch crossing said ditch and running to the fence thence along said fence running east to the branch and ditch and then taking along the meandering of said to Whiteheads Corner embracing some fifty acres of Lot No (274) two hundred and seventy four in the seventeenth Dist. at the time of survey with all the rights, members and appurtenances to said lot or parcel of lands in any wise belonging to her own proper use benefit and behoof, and after the death of my beloved wife Sarah all of the above Lands so bequeathed to return to the residue of my estate.

4th Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah for and during her Natural Life (only) the following Negroes (viz) Joe a fellow about thirty five years old his wife Matilda thirty years old and her eight children named as follows Worrier, Crawford, Julius, Julian, Saml, the Cathran and Samantha all the children of said Matilda, Scott a fellow about twenty years old and his wife Rebecca seventeen years old Dave a fellow fifty years old and his wife Rhoda fifty years old.

5th Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah all my household and Kitchen furniture except such as she may not stand in need of, also my Barouch and harness, five Mules such as she may choose, and six Cows and Calves and a number of Stock cattle as she may desire and six Sows and Pigs and thirty head of Stock hogs.

6th Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah four thousand dollars in Money and good notes.

7th Item I give and bequeath to my Son Nathan Papsmore one fifth part of my Estate.

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- Item 8 I give and bequeath to my son James Passmore one fifth part of my Estate
- Item 9 I give and bequeath to my son John S. Passmore one fifth part of my Estate and I hereby constitute and appoint my son Nathan Passmore Trustee of the person and property of my son John S. Passmore
- Item 10 I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Lawson wife of John Lawson one fifth part of my Estate for her sole and separate use for and during her natural life free and exempt from the debt and liabilities of her present or future husband and on her decease to such child or children as she may leave and I hereby constitute and appoint my son Nathan Passmore Trustee of the person and property of my daughter Elizabeth Lawson
- Item 11 I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Myron wife of Wiley Myron one fifth part of Estate for her sole and separate use for and during her natural life free and exempt from the debt and liabilities of her present or future husband and on her decease to such child or children as she may leave and I hereby constitute and appoint my son Nathan Passmore Trustee of the person and property of my daughter Nancy Myron
- Item 12 I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Executrix and my worthy son Nathan Passmore Executor of this my last Will and testament this 23rd June 1854

Sealed and declared and published by John Passmore as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in presence of the said Testator at his special instance and request and of each other this 23rd day of June 1854

Jno B. Foster
John J. Whitehead
Thos G. Dazier
Geo. Osborn



John Passmore (J.P.)

May Term 1858 of Harris Court of Ordinary
Came into open Court at this regular Term of the Court George Osborn & J. J. Whitehead and being duly sworn depose that they saw John Passmore sign and publish the within as his last Will & testament while of sound and disposing mind; that they witnessed the same for him at his request and in his presence and of each other and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed

Sworn to & subscribed before
me this May 3rd 1858
Geo W. Mullins
Ordinary

Geo Osborn
John J. Whitehead