

Will of Thomas Fox

State of Georgia
Lowndes County

In the name of God amen.

I, Thomas Fox of said State and County being of advanced age, and knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper to do respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st

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 God with God who gave it, as I hope for eternal salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose religion I have professed and I humbly trust enjoyed for a number of years.

Item 2nd

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay, by my executors hereinafter named appointed, as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed in their rights.

Item 3rd

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary E. Fox all of my property consisting of real and personal property during her natural life, said property consisting of four hundred and eighty eight (488) acs, of lot of land number four hundred and twenty four (424), one hundred and thirty five acs of lot of land number four hundred and five, (405), both of said lots of land in the Eleventh (11th) District of said County, also lot of land number three hundred and fifty seven (357) in the Seventh (7th) District of Clinch County Ga, and lot of land number ninety (98) in the twelfth (12th) District of Clinch County Ga. Also two head of mules, one horse, twenty head of stock cattle and forty head of hogs, all of my farming utensils, consisting of Plows, Plow gear, hoes, axes, and everything I now own and possess on the place; said property to belong to her during her natural life, and if she should die suddenly I then direct that my friend James F. Hall take charge of all of said property and manage the same for the benefit of my children by her, share and share alike.

Item 4th

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary E. Fox executrix and my esteemed and worthy friend James F. Hall executor of this my last will and testament.

This Aug. 29th 1887

Thomas Fox (L.S.)

Will of Thomas Fox (Continued)

Signed, Sealed, declared and published by Thomas Fox as his last will and testament, in the presence of the subscribers, who subscribed our names ^{there} ~~hitherto~~ in the presence of said testator, at his special instance and request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other.
This Aug. 29th 1887.

W H Ramsey
Lawrence Duffy
William Percell
G P Bass.

Lowndes Court of Ordinary
February Term 1890.

Personally appeared in open court W H Ramsey, Lawrence Duffy, William Percell and G P Bass the subscribing witnesses to the within will, who being duly sworn, each deposes and says that on oath that they ^{there} saw Thomas Fox the testator sign, seal, declare and publish the said will and for his last will and testament, and that they the said W H Ramsey, Lawrence Duffy, William Percell and G P Bass, did at the special instance and request of him the said Thomas Fox and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribe the same as witnesses; and that at the time the said will was so signed, declared and published by the said Thomas Fox, he was of sound disposing mind and memory, and that he signed said will freely voluntarily, and of his own free will and accord.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
in open Court February 3, 1890.

Be Stephen
Ordinary

W H Ramsey
Lawrence Duffy
William Percell
G P Bass

You, J J Hall and Mary E Fox do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will and testament of the within named Thomas Fox late of said County, deceased, so far as we know or believe, and that we will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State. So help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed
in open Court Feb. 3, 1890
Be Stephen
Ordinary

M E Fox

Recorded Feb. 17th 1890
B. J. J.