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Will of William A. Sims Sr.

of said County

I William A. Sims Sr. of said County, And State, being of advanced age, but of sound disposing mind and memory, well impressed with the uncertainty of life, feeling that the age and circumstances of my wife and the minor children we have, makes it prudent and necessary for me to make disposition of the property I now have or may have at my death, make this my last Will and Testament.

1st I desire that my farm and house comprised of two hundred and eighty five acres of Lot of Land in town One hundred and fifty eight & lying on the West Side of Tiger Creek, twelfth District of said County, or such other house as I may own at the time of my death, and lands that may be purchased adjoining thereto, with all of my stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Furniture, Farm Implements, provisions and money on hand, be kept together and used by my wife, Amanda J. Sims, for her support and maintenance and for the education, support and maintenance of each of my children as may be under twenty one years of age, at the time of my death during the life time of my said wife, and if she should die before any or either of the children arrive at twenty one, then that it shall still be kept together and used for their benefit until they shall all become of age, or shall marry.

2nd I direct that the lands I own in Suwannee County, Florida, be sold at private sale, in such manner and terms as the Administrator, appointed to administer my Estate shall see fit. And the proceeds, divided equally among all my heirs.

3rd I desire that upon the death of my wife, and attainment of majority and contract of marriage by all my children, that the property conveyed in this Will, be sold by the Administrator if there shall be one, and proceeds equally divided among all my children if there shall be at that time no Administrator, then that it be divided by the heirs in such manner as they shall see fit. And the said proceeds be used for the support and maintenance of my wife during her life, and to provide as far as possible for the education and support of my minor children.

Will of William A. Sims Sr. (Continued)
 coming of age, that my property shall be enjoyed equally
 by all my children.

W A Sims Sr. Esq.
 signed, sealed, declared and published by William A.
 Sims Sr. as his last Will and Testament, in the
 presence of us the subscribers, who subscribe our
 names hereto, in the presence of said Testator, at his
 instance and request, and of each other,
 this January the 8th 1880

J A Ouley
 J M Hunt
 W N Ouley
 W R Talley

Lowndes Court of Ordinary, February Term, 1881.
 Personally appeared in open Court, G. H. Sims, and pro-
 ceed the last Will and Testament of William A. Sims,
 Esq. late of said County, deceased. And one of the sub-
 scribing witnesses, to wit, W N Ouley, which witnesses
 being duly sworn, depose and say, that he and the
 other subscribing witnesses, to wit, J M Hunt, J A Ouley
 and W R Talley, saw William A. Sims, the Testator, sign
 seal, declare and publish the instrument now presenting
 as his last Will and Testament, freely, voluntarily &
 of his own accord, and without any compulsion whatever,
 that at the time of the execution of said Will, said Testator
 was of sound and disposing mind and memory; that
 deponents & the other witnesses subscribed said Will
 as witnesses in the presence of said Testator, and at
 his special instance and request, and in the presence
 of each other.

W N Ouley
 signed to and subscribed in open Court
 Feb, 7th 1881

B L Stephens
 Ordinary

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will of
 the within named William A. Sims Sr. deceased, so far as I know
 or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same in
 accordance with the laws of this State. So help me God.

G. H. Sims
 sworn to and subscribed in open Court Feb, 7th 1881
 B L Stephens
 Ordinary