

Will of John R. Slapin.

Know all men by these presents that I John R. Slapin, farmer of Otsego County of Hamilton State of Florida, in view of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and having a disposing mind and memory, do now make, declare and publish this my last Will & Testament revoking all others.

Sec. 1. I give and bequeath to my heirs all my real and personal property, subject only to such provisions for the support and support of my wife Caroline Emma, and such distribution among my heirs as I shall hereinafter make.

Sec. 2 The words "my heirs" above written and, whenever they may occur in this instrument, are intended to mean and refer to the following named persons, to wit: my grand daughter Emma, my daughter Sizzie Sprin and my sons Richard L. & James C. Slapin & Mary M. Slapin.

Sec. 3 I name and appoint my Son in Law Francis (Slapin) and my Son James C. Slapin executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Section 4th My heirs being mostly of age, it is my will and desire that there shall be no intervention of the law in the settlement of my estate - or only to the extent herein expressly providing, in view of which I prefer and desire the plan contained in the next following section. Sec. 5. As to my heirs by testament or their next friend or representative I will grant and provide and arrange with for a division of my estate - under the provisions of my will, and the plan herein and agreed upon by my executors or their representatives shall be binding upon all.

Sec. 6 It is my will that none of my lands shall be sold before the year and first of January Eighteen Hundred and Eighty six (1886) and only after said date by consent of at least four (4) of heirs or their representatives.

Sec. 7 I give and bequeath to my wife Caroline Emma, all my household & kitchen furniture, also one horse and buggy, also one year's supply of corn and Bacon.

Sec. 8. I intend the validity of the bequests in above Sec. 7, to be that of all other bequests, & all provisions herein after made in which intention are to secure a home and support for my wife - to dispense or her relinquishment of all right she may have to dower or other interest in my estate.

Other will to be void and of no effect.

Sec. 9 I give to my wife during her lifetime the right of possession to my residence at Otsego.

Will of John R. Stapler (continued)
year, and land to be taken attached to the public road on the west & including the peach orchard - also so much land on the east half of lot no. 203 as shall include the wood lands and wood-lots to the south - to the public road E & N line of said lots - also including the place where the old stone bridge & the old stone fields - also so much of lot no 203 as lies east of the public road.

Sec. 10. As soon after my death as practicable I wish my executor to collect my life policies in the Piedmont & Washington Life Insurance Company, Richmond Va. and Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, Broadway New York & pay the same to Dallas.

Sec. 11. Of this sum I have received, I give to Joseph G. Ellis in trust for my grand daughter Emmaoline Ellis, and for the use and support use & benefit of the said Emma. of said Ellis I have hundred & fifty (4500) dollars - from Andrew Siggis Spain, I have hundred & fifty (4500) dollars - to my sons Richard I & James B. Stapler each four hundred & fifty (4500) dollars - and to my sons Willie H. & Mary M. Stapler fourteen hundred & fifty (4500) dollars each.

Sec. 12. I wish the remainder of the life insurance proceeds in State of Georgia in trust-bearing bonds or other safe interest-bearing securities - and the annual interest applicable by my executor so far as may be necessary, to the support & comfort of my wife during her life.

Sec. 13. I wish the rents of my lands held subject also to this object at all times when the means above provided shall be found inadequate.

Sec. 14. I wish my wife to be the judge of what amount of money means shall be necessary to her support in view of her necessities & liabilities in Section 12 & 13.

Sec. 15. As soon after my death as practicable I wish my executor to pay my debts & general expenses from such cash means as may be available and also furnish my wife with such cash means as her living & other wants may require. And afterwards I wish her to receive an annual payment of Sixty Dollars for pocket money.

Sec. 16. If it shall be desirable to my heirs to sell the land in Alabama prior to the year 1882 Eighteen Hundred Eighty-two, they may do so by a majority vote of the heirs but whenever sold a sum must be received for the money by my executor simple to conveyance of the land & relinquish interest of right in the same.

Will of John R. Stabler (continued)

Declaring this to be my last Will & Testament & in testimony
whereof I have signed my name & affix my seal.

John R. Stabler T.S.
The above written instrument was subscribed by John R.
Stabler in our presence and acknowledged by him to be his last will & testament. And at
the testator's request in his presence we have signed our
names as witnesses, written opposite our names our
respective places of residence.

June 17th 1896

A. H. Smith
J. R. Stabler
J. M. Washington

Recorded Aug 14th 1896
J. R. Stabler
Deceased