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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MOSE MATHIS DECEASED

Georgia Marion County:-

I Mose Mathis of said State and County, being of a sound and disposing mind and memory; do make this my last will and testament.

Item first:

I give and bequeath to my wife Harriet Mathis; all my property of every nature, both real and personal, which I may own at my death for and during her natural life; she to have the full use and benefit of all of said property so long as she may live; and to control the same for the purpose of her own benefit and use for and during her natural life.

Item Second:

At the death of my said wife it is my will and desire that all my property as bequeathed to my wife Harriet Mathis in Item First, hereof, go to my step-daughter-in-law, Pidy Mathis, said Pidy Mathis to have the full use and benefit and control of said property, both real and personal for and during her natural life.

Item Third:

Upon the death of my said step-daughter-in-law, Pidy Mathis, it is my will and desire that all of my said property, as willed to my wife in Item First and to Pidy Mathis in Item Second, go to the children of said Pidy Mathis born to her by her present husband John Mathis, said children to share and share alike in all of said property. Should Pidy Mathis die before the death of my wife Harriet Mathis, then it is my will and desire, upon the death of my wife Harriet Mathis, that all of my property go to the children of Pidy Mathis by John Mathis as set forth in Item Third hereof.

Item Fourth

It is my will and desire that so long as my wife Harriett Mathis or my step-daughter-in-law Pidy Mathis either of them live, that none of my property herein willed and bequeathed be sold, unless either of them may deem it expedient and proper to sell some of the personalty such as cows, hogs or mules &c, but it is here expressly understood that neither of them shall have any authority or right to sell any lands of my estate, unless it be the life interest of either of them.

Item Fifth:

I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Harriet Mathis my executrix of this my last will and testament, to take charge of and control the same (my estate) without giving any bond; and upon her death my step-daughter-in-law to have control of all of my estate as executrix, without any bond.

This March 23rd 1895.

Mose (his X mark) Mathis.

Signed declared and published by Mose Mathis 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; he signing in our presence and we in his presence.

W. T. Foster  
W. D. Maddux  
W. B. Short

GEORGIA MARION COUNTY:-

I, W. B. Short do swear that I as well as W. T. Foster & W. D. Maddux saw the within named Mose Mathis sign and publish the within attached paper as his last will and testament; that he subscribed the same as witness thereto at the special instance and request of the said Mose Mathis and in his presence as did also W. T. Foster & W. D. Maddux in the presence of the testator and of each other; that the said Mose Mathis signed the same freely and voluntarily, and was, at the time of such signing, of sound and disposing mind and memory.

W. B. Short

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of Aug. 1909

The foregoing last Will and testament of Mose Mathis and the probate thereto filed in Office of Ordinary of said County on 2nd day of August 1909, Ordered to record Aug. 2nd 1909 and recorded Aug. 3rd 1909.

John C. Butt Ordinary