

John L. Johnston of said State  
 of advanced age, but of  
 sound mind and memory, knowing that I

Must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper, both  
 as respects myself & family; that I should make a disposition  
 of my property, with which a kind Providence has blessed  
 me, I do therefore make this my last will and testament  
 hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore  
 made.

First, I desire and direct that my body be buried in a  
 decent and Christian like Manner, suitable to my Con-  
 dition & circumstances in life, My soul I trust shall  
 return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for  
 Salvation through the Merits and atonement of the  
 blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Secondly, I desire and direct that all my just debts  
 be paid by my Executors & Executors hereinafter named  
 and appointed.

Thirdly, I give bequeath and devise to my beloved  
 wife Jane for and during her natural life all my  
 real Estate, with all the rights, Members and appur-  
 tenances to said real Estate in anywise belonging,  
 to her own proper use benefit and behoof forever,  
 I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife all  
 my farming utensils, Black Smith tools, Carpen-  
 ters tools, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, Waggon, and all  
 my household and kitchen furniture, with  
 full power, to dispose of any part of my personal  
 Estate whenever my beloved wife and executors  
 hereinafter named, and appointee shall deem  
 it to the interest of my beloved wife to do so.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my Minor Son  
 James A. My Rifle Gun, I also give & bequeath to  
 my said Minor Son fifty dollars to be paid by my  
 Executors & Executors hereinafter named and appoin-  
 ted when he arrives to the age of Twenty one years,  
 or as soon thereafter as it can be done without sacri-

fifty dollars.  
Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha  
one cow and calf, one sow and pig, and one pair  
wax candles and bedding.

Sixthly, After all the foregoing provisions of this my last  
will and testament is fully executed by my Executors  
and Executors hereinafter named, and appointees,  
and after my beloved wife's estate in both my real and  
personal estate is over, I desire both my real and  
personal estate sold, by my executors hereinafter named  
and appointees, and equally divided between my  
lawful heirs with such provisions as is hereinafter  
named, to wit: My two Minor Grand Daughters  
Leona Viva and Jane Elizabeth heirs of my deceased  
Daughter Elizabeth A. formerly wife of W. B. Anderson  
I desire to have that portion of my property that my  
said deceased daughter would have inherited if  
she had survived me, whenever my said Grand  
Daughters, Marry or arrive to such age as will  
authorize them to transact business for themselves  
said property to be for their sole and separate use  
and benefit forever, And I hereby appoint my sons  
Joseph W. and John B. Johnston Guardians  
of the Property of my said Minor Grand Daughters  
Leona Viva & Jane Elizabeth heirs of my said  
deceased daughter, I also desire my Minor  
Grand son, heir of my son Richard C. deceased,  
John Henry, to have that portion of my property  
that my said deceased son would have inherit-  
ed if he had survived me, whenever my said  
Minor Grand son, John Henry heir of my deceased  
son Richard C. arrives to the lawful to transact  
business for himself to be paid to him said property  
to be for his sole and separate use & benefit for-  
ever, And I hereby appoint my sons, Joseph  
W. and John B. Guardians of the property  
of my said Minor Grand son John H. heir of  
my said deceased son Richard C.

beloved wife, and my sons Joseph W. and John R. Executors of his last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1866,

John C. Johnston  
Signed and published by John C. Johnston as his last will and testament in our presence as witnesses thereto, by his request; this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1866.

C. C. Christian  
Thomas Thomas  
O. W. Gaddis,

Georgia Milton Co. Ga.

Before me came, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1870, at Chambers for the purpose of proving the last will and testament of John C. Johnston the witnesses to said will, to wit: C. C. Christian Thomas Thomas, & O. W. Gaddis, and the will having been produced & read to them before that time, for probate thereof, by the Executors, Joseph W. & John R. Johnston who has filed their petition for probate of the same they the witnesses depose of the same, that they saw said John C. Johnston sign & publish the same as his last will & testament on the day and year it purports to have been signed as executed by him; that they the witnesses, witnessed the same at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, that the same was voluntarily executed by him, while he was of sound mind, and disposing thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed } C. C. Christian  
before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of } Thomas Thomas  
August 1870. } O. W. Gaddis  
O. P. Shelton, Clerk } Witnesses

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...the do solemnly swear that this  
writing contains the true last will and  
testament of the within named John G. Johnston  
deceased, so far as we know or believe, and that  
we will well and truly execute the same, by paying  
first the debts, and then the Legacies contained  
in the same, as far as his goods and chattels will  
thereunto extend and the law charges us, and that  
we will make a true & perfect inventory of all such  
goods and chattels so help us God.

Sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> of J. M. Johnston  
day of August-1870. J. B. Johnston  
C. P. Milleden Ordinary.

State of Georgia, In the name of God Amen,  
Milton County } I Dabney Gancy of said State  
and County being of sound and  
disposing mind and memory, and being desirous  
to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength  
so to do, make and publish this my last will and  
testament, hereby revoking all will by me at any  
time heretofore made.

First- I desire and direct that my body be  
buried in a Christian like manner, suitable to my  
circumstances and condition in life. My soul I  
trust shall return to rest with God who gave it.

I hope for salvation through the merits and  
atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ.

Second, I desire and direct that all my just  
debts be paid by my Executors hereafter named  
and appointed.