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Inferior Court of said County

It is ordered by the Court ^{that} the same be admitted to record

Recorded Octr 22nd 1847

E. G. Catoniff C. C. C.

Georgia 5
Monroe County) In the name of God Amen

Being of sound mind but feeble in body, I am convinced that my life is fast approaching its close. I do therefore affirm this to be my last will and testament.

First- I will and desire that my entire estate both real and personal shall be kept together under the Control of my beloved wife Frances H Colbert until the entire amount of my indebtedness is paid. After my debts are all paid I wish the following distribution made of my property. Namely, I wish my wife Frances H Colbert to keep the entire amount of my stock including hogs cows & horses together with the household & kitchen furniture including beds tables chairs dooms &c. for the benefit of herself and my minor children. I moreover will and bequeath to my beloved Frances H Colbert my house and lot of land in 188 for a home for her and my children during their minority and to her during her natural life - and then to be sold and equally divided between my children at her death.

Secondly. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Frances H Colbert during her natural life my negro girl Maria her children and increase and at the death my beloved wife I will and desire and my girl Maria & children to be equally divided between my children.

Thirdly. I will and desire after my debts are paid that a part of land No 169 including sixty acres more or less be sold at the highest bid before the Court house door in Forsyth Monroe City Geo and the terms of said sale be cash or otherwise as my beloved wife Frances H Colbert may think best and the proceeds to be equally divided between my children -

Fourthly- I will and desire that the remainder of my property shall be kept together on the premises and under the control of my wife Frances H Colbert for the purpose of enabling my wife Frances H Colbert to support my children, and as the children become of age or marry that said property shall be sold & to each one of them at the attainment the years of maturity his individual portion apportioned to him or her.

Fifthly. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife for her benefit and the benefit of my children during their minority the entire amount of my plantation tools including Gin Fan & thresh together with my shop tools &c. that is my saws & cuts. Moreover I

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any of my Carpenter tools that she may think proper to so do.
 Sixty- I hereby will and appoint my wife Frances H Colbert sole executrix
 of this my last will and testament
 Signed Sealed and

John Colbert 

witnessed in the presence of us
 this 10th day of Oct 1847

D R Tinsley
 Levin Burgay
 William Pritchett

Georgia
 Monroe County } Personally came in open Court David R Tinsley
 and William Pritchett who being duly sworn depose
 and say they saw John Colbert sign, seal, publish & declare this
 writing for his last will & testament that they, in the presence of the
 Testator & at his request & in presence of each other & of Levin Burgay
 attested said will as witnesses, that said Levin Burgay in presence
 of the Testator & at his request & in presence of deponents said will as
 a witness that the Testator at the time of the execution of said will
 was of sound disposing mind & memory, & that he executed the same
 freely, voluntarily & without compulsion
 Sworn to & subscribed in open Court,
 Nov 13. 1847

D R Tinsley

William Pritchett

The last will & Testament of John Colbert deceased having been proven in
 open Court upon the oaths of David R Tinsley & William Pritchett
 It is ordered by the Court that said will be admitted to
 record, & that letters testamentary be granted to Frances H Colbert the
 executrix in said will named

Georgia
 Monroe County } I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the
 true last will of the within named John Colbert
 deceased, so far as I know or believe that I will well & truly execute
 the same by paying first the debts & then the legacies contained in
 the said will as far as his goods & chattels will thereto extend
 & the law charge me & that I will make a true & perfect inven-
 tory of all such goods & chattels so help me God. Sworn to in open
 Court Nov. 13. 1847
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Monroe County, Ga.

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Frances H Colbert