

Georgia

Monroe County

In the name of GOD. Amen

I John Slack of the State and County aforesaid - being of sound mind, though feeble and diseased in body - having been blessed with a portion of this worlds goods - make this my last will and testament - hereby revoking all former wills.

Item 1. I give and bequeath my Soul to God, the author of the existence - and my body to its mother earth.

Item 2. In consideration of love and affection I have for my Nephew George W Slack, the son of my brother Jesse - I give and bequeath to him the following negroes (viz) - Ace aged eighteen or nineteen years and Melton aged fifteen years - upon the following conditions, to wit that the aforesaid George W my Nephew shall, after arriving at the age of twenty one year, make a fee simple title to my Nephew Thomas Slack of the State of Texas - to a negro man named Mary now the property of the aforesaid George W. and if my Nephew George W should refuse to comply with this my last request then the aforesaid negroes Ace & Melton are to go to my nephew Thomas Slack of the State of Texas.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my Nephew John Slack the son of my brother Benjamin, a negro boy named Jon aged 12 twelve years.

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my beloved niece Emma Slack - the daughter of my brother Benjamin a negro girl named Sarah aged fourteen years.

Item 5. My negro woman Sarah, aged thirty four having always proved herself a faithful and obedient servant to me and others I do manumit her with the consent of the Court and the authorities of the State aforesaid - and I request my Nephew John Slack to see that John is meted out to her.

Item 6. All of the aforesaid negroes are to be hired out by my executor until all just demands against me shall have been paid off - and it is my earnest desire that the aforesaid negroes Ace & Melton should be kept within the limits of the County of Monroe until my nephew George W shall have attained the age of twenty one year.

Item 7. I hereby nominate & appoint my friends and neighbors Rowland Ridding and Sydnor Ridding my executors to this my last will and testament relying fully upon their honesty and integrity.

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of James P Ridding & Sydnor Ridding this the thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty one.

James P Ridding

Sydnor Ridding

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Monroe County } Personally Came into open Court James P Redding &
Ezekiel Redding the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
Will & being duly sworn depone & say they saw John Slack 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
attested said Will as Witnesses, & that said 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
this 7th Sept. 1846
8 G. Cabaniss C.C.O.
James P. Redding
Ezekiel Redding

The last will & testament of John Slack decd. having been proven
in open Court upon the oaths of James P Redding & Ezekiel Redding, the
witnesses thereto
It is ordered by the Court that said Will be admitted to record
& that letters testamentary be granted to Sylvanus M Borney & Rowland
Redding the executors in said Will named.

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Monroe County } We do Solemnly swear that this writing contains the true
last will of the within named John Slack decd. so far
as we know or believe, that we will well & truly execute the same by
paying first the debts & then the legacies contained in said will so far
as the same will extend & the last charge is, & that we will make
a true & perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels belong to said
decd. as we will make
Sworn to & subscribed this
7th day of Sept. 1846
8 G. Cabaniss C.C.O.
S. Borney
R. Redding

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Upson County } In the name of God Amen
I Charles B B Bird of said State and County being of
advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart this
world it will and proper both as it respects myself and family that I should
make a distribution of the property with which a kind Providence has
blessed me I therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking
all others heretofore made by me
Item first I desire that my body be buried in a decent and Christianlike
manner my soul I trust will remain to God who gave it as I hope for
salvation through the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whose
religion I have professed and as I humbly trust have enjoyed for many