

Edw. H. Champion's Will

Muscogee County, Georgia Wills

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In the name of God Amen

I Edw. H. Champion of the State of Georgia & Muscogee County being of advanced age & knowing that I must shortly depart from this world deem it right & proper both as respects myself and my family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last will & testament hereby revoking & annulling all other heretofore made by me.

Item First I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent & Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances & condition. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God when gave it.

Item Second I desire & direct that my just debts be paid without delay by my executors hereinafter named.

Item Third I give and devise to my beloved wife Parshoba my settlement of land being one hundred & fifty acres West half of lot No one in eighth district of Muscogee County & thirty acres of lot No 20 and twenty acres of fraction No one all in said County & State with all the members, rights and appurtenances to said parcel of land in anywise belonging for her and proper benefit use & behoof during her natural life with full power to dispose of the same at any time before her death as she may think proper. I also give & bequeath to my wife in the same unrevoked manner all my ready money & promissory notes and notes near Martha & my negro girl Adeline and all my farming tools and all my stock of every description & all my household & kitchen furniture except one bed & bedstead & furniture heretofore disposed of & all my crop that may be on hand at my death. All or any of the said property to be disposed of in any way my wife may think by gift to any of my heirs or by sale. Provided there be a true account kept of gifts & sales so that any of the heirs receiving a gift from my wife in her life time to be as so much of their distribution since at the death of my wife.

Item Fourth I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Parshoba Anne Perry one bedstead & bed to be comfortably furnished.

Item Fifth I desire & direct that at the death of my wife that all the property that may be on hand at the death of my wife be sold & distributed in the following manner viz First Five dollars (\$5.) a piece to my three grand children viz Anna Champion, Mary Champion & James Champion. Second, one fourth part of what remains to my son Philomian Champion and one fourth part to my daughter Mary Ann Kemp and one fourth part to my grand children viz Jackson M. Perry & Parshoba Anne Perry.

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share & share alike and one fourth part of the children viz Polly Ann Davis & Sarah Ann Davis share & share alike

Now 4th I give & bequeath to grand daughter Mary Jane Long ten dollars (\$10.) to be paid to her by my executor hereinafter named in money

Now 5th I have given but a small amount in this my last will & testament to my three grand children viz Anna Champion, Mary Champion & James Champion I deem it proper to state here that I consider that their father James Champion sen. received his portion in land in his life time Now seventh I constitute & appoint my son Philomax Champion and my worthy friend Cory C. Miller's executor to this my last will & testament this February the 26th 1859

Elias F. Champion

Signed sealed declared & published by Elias F. Champion as his last will & testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names here in the presence of said testator and of each other this February the 26th 1859

Daniel Huff

Thomas Riddle

Wilmon J. Pearce

Georgia Muscogee County

On this 27th day of October 1862 on the application of Philomax ^{Champion} & Cory C. Miller's Exors &c in vacation comes before me John Johnson Ordinary Daniel Huff who being duly sworn says on oath that he was present when the foregoing instrument in writing was executed by Elias F. Champion then in life but now deceased - that said Champion published and declared the same to be his last will that he signed the same in presence of defendant & Thomas Riddle & Wilmon J. Pearce who at the request of said Champion signed their names as witnesses in the presence of said testator & of each other that at the time of executing said writing said Champion was of sound mind & memory and that so far as witness knows or believes he did it freely of his own accord Sworn to & subscribed before me this 3rd day of October 1862 Jno Johnson Ordinary

Georgia } Court of Ordinary November Term 1862
Muscogee County } The within will admitted to record - see minutes page 452 November Term 1862 - November 3rd 1862
Jno Johnson Ordinary

Georgia } I Charles Miller
Muscogee County } I Philomax Champion
do solemnly swear that the foregoing writing contains the true last will of the therein named Elias F. Champion

Charles H. Champion's Will
 decreed so far as I know or believe & that I will execute the same by paying first the debts & then the legacies contained in the said will as far as his goods & chattels with the same extend not the law charge me and that I will make a true & perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels so help me God & Christ's I swear to & subscribed in open Court
 this third day of November 1862
Geo Johnson Ordinary

Mary Soley's Will

State of Georgia Muscogee County— In the name of God Amen

I Mary Soley of said State & County being of advanced age but of sound mind and memory knowing that I must shortly deposit this life deem it right & proper that I should make a disposition of my property

First I give my soul to God and my body to be buried in a christian manner suitable to my circumstances

Second I desire my just debts to be paid

Third I give & bequeath to my son John T. Soley my three acres (being & her two children Melia & Mary Catharine being about thirty years of age Melia nearly grown & Mary Catharine about six years old to him the said John T. Soley forever

Fourth I give & bequeath to my son William Soley my negro man Nick (or boy he is) about ten years old to him the said William forever

Fifth I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth (who married William C. Aldridge and since divorced from him a virago matronis) the residue of my property wherever & whatever it may be to her in fee simple for ever

Sixth I hereby constitute & appoint my sons John T. Soley and William Soley Executors of this my last will & testament
 this February 4th 1860
Mary Soley (died)

Signed sealed declared and published by Mary Soley as her last Will & Testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance & request and in presence of each other
 this February 4th 1860

Robert E. Dixon
Thomas Brasfield
Doyleton McColquitt

Georgia Muscogee County

The foregoing writing admitted to record as the will of Mary Soley having been in solemn form at the December Term 1862 of the Court of Ordinary for said County—passed (see minutes pages 456-457) December 11th 1862
Geo Johnson Ordinary