

James A. Chapman's Will -

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Georgia, Muscogee County -

I James A. Chapman of the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby declare and publish this as my last will and testament whilst I am able to do so, hereby revoking all other wills -

Item I -

I desire and direct that my Executor shall dispose of my house and lot and household furniture in the City of Columbus after my death, either at public or private sale, at such time and upon such terms as may be for the best interest of my Estate, also whatever Cotton may be on hand I desire and direct to be disposed of in the same manner.

Item II -

I desire and direct that my Executor may in his discretion, and as he may deem to the interest of the Estate, either sell my entire Estate in the County of Russell Ala. consisting of my plantation, mules, horses, hogs, provision and plantation utensils &c, or he may carry on the farming or planting business for the benefit of the Estate and legatees, until such time as said plantation or personal property may be advantageously disposed of -

Item III -

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sonisa E. Sackett the sum of Five thousand dollars to be paid to her from the proceeds of my Estate as the money may accrue in the hands of the Executor and he can do so rateably with other legacies in this will. I also give & bequeath to her from the proceeds of my Estate one year's support to the amount of one thousand or twelve hundred dollars -

Item IV -

I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law John R. Mott to have and to hold as Trustee for my son Henry A. Chapman and in trust for him and for his use and benefit one sixth part of the proceeds of my Estate after the obligations and debts of the Estate are settled -

Item V -

I desire and direct that the balance of my Estate be divided equally, share and share alike, between my son-in-law John R. Mott, my daughter Sarah M. Eaton, and my daughter Sonisa E. Sackett,

Item VI -

I hereby appoint my son-in-law John R. Mott my Executor of this my last will and testament -

In witness whereof I, James A. Chapman do hereby set my hand and affix my Seal this Oct. 14th 1869 -

James A. Chapman (E. J.)

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Signed, Sealed, declared and published the above named James A. Chapman as his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in presence of each other have subscribed our names thereto as witnesses -

Robt. S. Hardaway -
E. Barnard -
B. H. Crawford -

Georgia, Muscogee County -

Court of ordinary for said County - Nov. Term - 1869 -

Before me, John W. Dyer, Judge of ordinary for said County, personally came Bennett H. Crawford, who being duly sworn depose and saith, that the paper writing now presented for proof, as the last will and Testament of James A. Chapman, was executed by said Chapman, on the day the same bears date, that Deponent, Edward Barnard and Robert S. Hardaway, whose names are signed to said paper as witnesses, were present and witnessed the execution of the same - That Deponent saw said James A. Chapman sign said paper as his last will and testament, and in the presence of all of said witnesses; and Deponent signed the same as a witness, and saw the said Barnard and the said Hardaway also sign the same as witnesses, and all in the presence of said Testator and in the presence of each other - And Deponent further saith, that said James A. Chapman, was at that time of sound and disposing mind and memory. Sworn to & Subscribed before me } Bennett H. Crawford -

this 2^d day of November 1869

John W. Dyer
Ordinary

Georgia, Muscogee County -

I, John R. Mott do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named James A. Chapman, deceased, so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State - So help me God -

Sworn to & Subscribed before me }
this 2^d day of November 1869

John R. Mott.