

Joseph Clarke's Will

Muscookee County, Georgia Wills

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In the name of God, Amen

I Joseph Clarke being of sound mind and discretion do make and declare this my last will and testament

I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as possible, and that I be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner trusting my soul will return to God who gave it

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my children Josephine Madden, Lucy Givins, John Clarke and Isabella Clarke the House and Lot upon which I now reside situated near the South Western Rail Road Depot, with all the furniture and household apparel I appoint as Guardian for Isabella Clarke my Son John Clarke giving him the power to act for her in all matters without any authority from Court

2^d I give and bequeath to my Son John Clarke all my Barber Shop furniture, Razors, Mirrors, and every thing in it pertaining to the Business of a Barber

3^d All other property I now possess, or may possess I give to my children above named, share and share alike

4th I desire and will that my children should provide a home and support for my beloved wife Evaline Clarke during her life, trusting they will always treat her in a manner becoming my children

5th I desire that my house and lot before mentioned as being willed to my children, be kept for them, and they paying pro rata all debts that might come against it, leaving to my Executors to decide upon a proper way for an equal distribution

6th I appoint as Executors of this my last will and testament revoking all others I may have made, my friend Walter H. Johnson and my Son John Clarke

Signed sealed and declared the last will and testament of Joseph Clarke this the 30th day of August 1873

Joseph ^{his} Clarke
mark

Signed and subscribed to in our presence and the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other this the 30th day of August 1873, as witnesses to the last will and testament of Joseph Clarke

Chas. H. Williams

Carrie Martin

Simon Clark

Subscribing Witnesses

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Before me J. M. Brooks Ordinary in and for said County of Georgia personally came Simon Clarke who upon being duly sworn deposes and swears that he saw Joseph Clarke late of said County deceased sign and publish as his last will and testament the writing now produced in Court, that Deponent signed the same as one of the subscribing witnesses at the request of said Joseph Clarke and in his presence, Deponent further says that he saw Charles B. Williams and Carrie Martin sign the same as subscribing witnesses at the like request of the said Joseph Clarke, and also in his presence and all in the presence of each other and of the testator - And Deponent further says that said Joseph Clarke was at the time of executing said will, of sound and disposing mind and memory and that as far as witness knows or believes he did it freely without any undue influence or compulsion

Sworn to & Subscribed before me
this 6th day of October 1873
J. M. Brooks
Ordinary

Simon Clark

County of Georgia Muscogee County

I do solemnly swear that the within writing contains the true last will and testament of Joseph Clarke deceased so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the Constitution and laws of this State So help me God.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me
this October 6th 1873
J. M. Brooks
Ordinary

Walter H. Johnson

Muscogee Court of Ordinary
October Term 1873

The foregoing instrument of writing admitted to Probate and Record in Common form of law as the last will and testament of Joseph Clarke deceased

this 6th day of October 1873

J. M. Brooks
Ordinary