

Silas Pickard's Will

Muscogee County Wills

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In the name of God Amen

I Silas Pickard of the County of Muscogee & State of Georgia being very weak in body but in perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make & ordain this my last will & testament that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors And nothing doubting that at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God And as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form

I give & bequeath to my wife Keslar the lot of land whereon I now reside containing two hundred & four acres for her use during her life also three negroes a woman by the name of Rhoda two men named Ned & Jerry one Roakaway two bay mules two feather beds & bedsteads & furniture & four hundred dollars in money said land & negroes to be hers during her life and at her death that together with the income if any to be divided amongst my five children and grand daughter Emeline Frances Livingston

Secondly I give my daughter Maria two negroes by the name of Randal a boy a girl by the name of Anna said negroes to belong to Maria her life time but her death to the heirs of her body if any otherwise to the nearest relation on my side

Thirdly I give my grand daughter Emeline Frances Livingston two negroes a boy by the name of Sam & a girl by the name of Mahinda and one feather bed & bedstead & furniture said negroes & all other property arising to her from my estate to belong to her during her life & at her death to the heirs of her body if any otherwise return back to the nearest relation on my side

Fourthly All the rest of property that may be found belonging to my estate to be divided equally between my five children & grand daughter Emeline Frances Livingston I do hereby ratify & confirm this and no other to be my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 26 of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty four Signed in the presence of

James M. Lloyd
W. L. Johnson
W. F. Snellings

Silas Pickard

Georgia Muscogee County
Before me John Johnson Ordinary in & for said County on this 28th day of April 1866 came William F. Johnson who being sworn an oath says that he

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was present when Silas Pickard late of said County executed published & declared the foregoing writing to be his last will and testament that said Silas Pickard signed said writing in presence of deponent & James M. Stoye & W. H. Smith who at the request of said Pickard signed their names in the presence of each other & of said testator as witnesses to said writing deponent further says that at the time of executing said will said testator was of sound mind & memory and that so far as witness knows or believes he did it fully of his own accord without any undue influence or compulsion

Sworn to & subscribed before me
this 28th day of April 1866 Geo Johnson
Ordinary

Georgia Muscogee County

Court of Ordinary May Term 1866

The within writing admitted to record as the last will of Silas Pickard deceased - see minutes Page 104 -
May 7th 1866 Geo Johnson Ordinary

James Comer's Will

The State of Georgia } Know all men by these
County of Muscogee } presents that I James Comer
of the State of Georgia & County of Muscogee being of sound & disposing mind & memory - blessed be Almighty God for the same - do ordain publish and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will & testament

Item 1 I give & bequeath the Southern Baptist Board for Foreign Missions located at Richmond Virginia the sum of one thousand dollars to be appropriated by said Board as they in their discretion may deem best for the cause of Christianity in Foreign lands

Item 2 I give & bequeath to the Alabama State Convention located at Marion Alabama the sum of one thousand dollars to be appropriated by said convention as their judgment may direct in promoting religious instruction among the slave population of the State of Alabama

Item 3 I give & bequeath to the Southern Baptist Board for Home Missions the sum of one thousand dollars to be appropriated by said Board as they in their discretion may deem best for the promotion of Christianity among the Indian Tribes throughout the States & Territories of the United States

Item 4 For the natural love & affection I have & bear to my dear Brother Marcus H. Comer I give & bequeath to him the sum of three thousand dollars and to his children at his death

Item 5 For the love & affection I have & bear to Channing & Rachel a brother of my wife I give & bequeath to him five hundred dollars