Georgia Newton County

Personally appeared in open Court George W. Smith and Miss Emilie Cain after being duly sworn depose and say that they personally knew Thomas Whitlow late of said County deceased and saw him publish and declare the writing to be his last Will and Testament and that he did it without Compulsion dread or fear. To the best of their knowledge and belief

Sworn to in open Court
8th May 1823
W. Hopkins C.C.O.

George W. Smith
Miss Emilie

Recorded 8th May 1823
W. Hopkins C.C.O.

Entered to B. Hillman Ex. 8th June 1857

In the name of God Amen I Thomas J. Cureton of the State and County aforesaid do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament

First I do give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary A. Cureton the Negroes of my Waiting and Field Negroes of Lucky to dispose of as she may think proper

Secondly I lend unto my Wife Mary A. Cureton during her natural life or Widowhood the whole of the balance of my Estate both real and personal Vesting her with full power to make private or public sale of any of my stock which may be due bodiant to her and also of appropriating any Means belonging to the estate towards the purchase of land as she and her friends may think it Most necessary having the title to be executed that I may be my children may be entitled to shares of the same in the same manner as by the will of my estate.

Thirdly Should my wife die before any division of my estate is made the administration to administrate with this Will annexed shall sell the whole of my estate both real and personal on such Credit as they may think best when the Money is collected and just debts and necessary disbursements are paid the balance to be put at Interest for the benefit of my Children.

Fourthly I Should my wife Mary A. Cureton think

Fifthly In such division of my estate the property to be valued by three disinterested persons known for their probity and good understanding to be appointed by the Court of Ordinary in the County aforesaid.

Sixthly I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary A. Cureton my sole executrix to this my last Will and Testament Making Void all former wills by Me heretofore Made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and twenty seven and in the fifty first year of American Independance signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

James Bass
John B. Bagby
Jacob Sherman

J. J. Cureton

Georgia Newton County

We Jacob Sherman and John B. Bagby do each of us solemnly swear that we saw Thomas J. Cureton sign publish and declare this writing to be Cureton his last Will and Testament that at the time thereof he was of sound disposing mind and Memory and that he did it freely without Compulsion to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Sworn to in open Court before me this 2d Sept 1857
W. Hopkins C.C.O.

Jacob Sherman
John B. Bagby

Recorded 2d Sept 1857
W. Hopkins C.C.O.

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