

Georgia } In the name of the State of Georgia
Paulding County } Miscellaneous of the State of Georgia
Paulding County being of the same
deceased }
while I have thought to do so Therefore the said John
do first commend my soul to God who gave it and may my
body be buried decently and in order

First I desire and will that all the property real and personal of
the Estate of Davis Middlebrooks my Father deceased said
property now in Administration my Brother James H Middlebrooks
being the Executor of a will made by my Father the said
Davis Middlebrooks who died in the County of Paulding State
of Georgia

5th April A.D 1861 That after all my debts are paid and
settled the ofousais property shall belong to my affectionate
wife Rhoda Jane until her death and after her death to
be given to my two children Laura A and James D born to me
by the said Rhoda Jane and should she the said Rhoda
Jane bear to me any other child or children then the ofousais
property to be equally divided between them

Second I desire and will that the Estate real and personal of the Estate
of James Stewart Father of my wife the said Rhoda Jane said
property being now in Administration of Mr Stewart son in law
being the Administrator upon said Estate the said James Stewart
died in the County of Hampshire State of Georgia on the day
of September A.D 1860 I hereby give and bequeath said property
to my affectionate wife the said Rhoda Jane during her natural
life and after death to be equally divided between my two children
Laura A and James D and any other child or children
that she the said Rhoda Jane may bear unto me

Third I Give and bequeath my landed Estate situate and lying in the County
of Paulding State ofousais Consisting of four or six lots or 160 acres
known as the Rhoden place said place being my home and residence
to my affectionate wife the said Rhoda Jane during her natural
life and after her death to my two children Laura A and James
D and any others which she the said Rhoda Jane may bear
unto me the said landed Estate to be equally divided between
them the said Children

Fourth I give and bequeath to the said Rhoda Jane for the support
of herself and my children the said Laura A and James D all my
personal property consisting of Horses Cows Hogs Sheep and cattle
to be appropiated to their use and comfort

Fifth I desire that the said Rhoda my wife collect or cause to be collected
all my notes and accounts and that after all claims against
me are paid off that she and her children have and use the
remainder for their use comfort and support

Sixth I desire and direct that my children by the said Rhoda Jane
wife be well Educated and that for the accomplishment of the
desirable objects I give and bequeath the whole of the said
personal property or as much thereof as may be necessary

of my purpose I mean that they are each of them either
at the present time or sometime to acquire a thorough
English Education. On that is the whole and at the same
time I desire that they are each of them to be
able to act their own part well and if they or
any of them through wanton neglect fail and refuse to avail
themselves of the advantage I thus offer them I desire that in
such a case that the property which would come to them
be given to that one or those of my children who may in
that the deepest wish of my heart improve the means thus offered.
For a young man or woman is far better to enter the world
prepared with a good Education without a cent than
a vagabond and spendthrift with a fortune.

I do hereby make and appoint my affectionate wife the said
Rhoda Jane to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament
believing that she will faithfully execute and carry out to the
letter and spirit all the provisions thereof And the said
John Middlebrooks do hereby revoke and annul all wills
or Testaments by me at any time heretofore made
Witnesseth under my hand and Seal this the 8th day of July 1862

John Middlebrooks

Attest

Witness that on the 11th day of July 1862
the said John Middlebrooks made publishing signed and
sealed the above as his last Will and Testament and
that he was of Sound and disposing memory

John G. Clonts Paulding County Ga
J. B. Smith Paulding County Ga
William Jones Paulding County Ga

Paulding Court of Ordinary January Term 1866
The Will of
John Middlebrooks being propounded in open Court for Probate
by A. T. Wynn the Husband of the Executor appointed under
of said Will who has filed his petition and proved the same
And two of the Witnesses to said Will John G. Clonts & J. B.
Smith who being duly sworn in open Court depose that
that they saw John Middlebrooks sign & Publish the within
as his last Will and Testament while of Sound and disposing
mind that they Witnessed the same for him at his request
and in his presence and of each other and the same was vol-
untarily by him in or about the 1st day of September 1862
Signed to and subscribed before me
John G. Clonts
in open Court January 8th 1866
J. B. Smith
Recorder the 8th day of January 1866