

August the 18th 1865

State of Georgia
Polk County
3 In the name of God Amen: I, John H. Watts of said state and County being of advanced age, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, knowing that I must soon depart this life, do it right and proper both as respects myself and my family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I do therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made.

First I desire and direct that my body after death be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my condition and circumstances in life. My soul I trust shall return to God who gave it, as I hope for salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Second I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors hereinafter named and appointed, of give and bequeath to my son Joseph H. Watts the tract of land on which I now live containing Two hundred and seventy acres more or less, consisting of the following named lots and pieces of lots, viz (354) Two hundred and four (433) Four hundred and thirty three (432) Two hundred and twenty two 2nd and fourth sections part of the two first off, the truck being the line, (1283) Twelve hundred and eighty three (1284) Twelve hundred and eighty four (1285) Twelve hundred and eighty five Third district and fourth section and a half Ac^{rs} (1226) Twelve hundred and thirty six (1237) Twelve hundred and thirty seven (1238) Twelve hundred and thirty eight in the Third district of the Fourth section, not previously disposed of by deed. The condition upon which I will and bequeath to my son Joseph H. Watts said tract of land are as follows: I hold the deeds of said land and the land in my own possession and name during my natural life, he having paid the price agreed upon between himself and me for the land, and I hereby direct that my Executors hereinafter appointed shall after my death make and grant to be my son Joseph H. Watts title to said land.

Third I desire and direct that after my death the residue of my property, both real and personal, wherever and whenever situated be sold without delay, and equal division be made of its proceeds among all my children.

Fourth I will and direct that my Executors hereinafter named shall hold in their hands all that part of my estate going to the heirs of my deceased son Joshua H. Watts, until such of them comes of age, or during their minority, and then pay over to them their proportionable part as directed in this will.

Sixth I hereby constitute and appoint my son George H. Watts and my son in law Stephen Young as the lawful executors of this my last will and testament, by writing whereof I the said John H. Watts to this my last will have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of August 1865.

John H. Watts

In presence of Mr. J. Johnston, R. L. Johnston & James H. Simmons

Born Dec 29th 1871 Submitted to record January Term 1871 and recorded April 26th 1871. S. J. Bordas C. C.

Georgia

Polk County We Stephen Young and George H. Watts do solemnly swear that the above writing contains the true last will and testament of John H. Watts late of said County deceased and that we will well and truly execute the same by first paying the debts and then the legacies contained in said will as far as his goods and chattels, realty and the law charge us, and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of all the effects of said deceased and a just return thereof when thereunto required, so help us God.

Geo H. Watts Stephen Young

Given to and subscribed before me Polk County Wills 1848-1891

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