

State of Georgia

In the Name of God Amen

John R. Keaton Sr of the State and County of Macon being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family and my self that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. So therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me

1st Item I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent Christian like manner. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it

2nd Item. I desire that all of my just debts be paid without delay by my executor. I am unwilling that my Creditors should be delayed in their rights

3rd Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann Keaton all that tract of land on which I now live in the 18th Dist and 3rd Sect of Polk County together with all the appurtenances belonging thereto and all or as much of the household and kitchen furniture as she may desire to keep also one Cow said Cow to be chosen by her for and during her natural life for her home and her support and at her death all the same to be sold and the proceeds of said sale to be divided among the hereinafter named legacies equally.

4th Item I desire that all of the property that I may be possessed with at my death both real and personal not otherwise provided for in the 3rd item be sold and the proceeds equally divided among the hereinafter named legacies James M. Keaton Malinda Campbell wife of J. P. Campbell Lucinda Barber wife of J. M. Barber Amanda Brumblow wife of W. B. Brumblow Martha A. McCarley wife of J. M. McCarley Julia A. Keaton Mary Atkins wife of J. S. Atkins John R. Keaton Jr Joseph Keaton James Keaton Benjamin S. Keaton and Sarah Meates wife of W. M. Meates

5th Item I desire what I have given some of my children heretofore shall be taken out of their distributive share The amount to be settled by me and found in a memorandum book in my possession

6th Item I appoint John R. Keaton and James Keaton to attend to the renting of the farm and collecting of the rents and to pay the same over to my wife Mary Ann Keaton to be used for her support and maintenance this October 6th 1883 John R. Keaton (Seal)

Signed sealed declared and Published by John R. Keaton Sr as his last will and testament in Presence of us the Subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the Presence of said testator at his special instance and request and of each other this October 6th 1883 W. McKeines
J. Griffin
J. M. Hightower
S. M. Meaze

Georgia J. S. McKeines do swear that I as well as W. McKeines J. Griffin and J. M. Hightower saw the within named John R. Keaton Sr sign and publish the within paper as his last will and testament that I subscribed the same as a witness thereto at the special instance and request of the said John R. Keaton and in his Presence as did also W. McKeines J. Griffin and J. M. Hightower that the said John R. Keaton signed the same freely and voluntarily and was at the time of such signing of sound and disposing mind and memory

S. M. Meaze

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 5th day of May 1884 Joel Bacon Polk County Wills 1848-1891
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