

testamentary bequest }

In the name of God Amen I Mary Fox of the County of Richmond State of Georgia being weak of body but of perfect mind and sound understanding do make and publish this my last will and Testament by these words to wit that I will that my body be buried in decent Christian burials, and my just expenses and all my just debts be paid by my Executors in due time and after my decease

Item I will that my Daughter Harriet P. Ruffin be paid by my Executors the sum of ten Dollars

Third I give my negro woman named Kate Bowden and John P. King with the request that they make her as free as the laws will permit

Fourth I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property real and personal to John P. King and Kate Bowden in Trust that they or any of them keep the same in their possession and receive the income thereof for and during the natural life of Robert R. Ruffin and after his decease then to hold the same together with all interest and monies paid up to that time in Trust to and for the use and benefit of my daughter Harriet P. Ruffin and her then surviving Children share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns forever

Fifth I hereby appoint Kate Bowden and John P. King my Executors of my last will and Testament with full powers to carry the same into effect hereby revoking all former wills - In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this third day of March in the year of our Captains hundred and twenty eight

Signed sealed Published and
shown in Presence of

James R. Gould

Ann Gardner

N. Barnett

Mary Fox



State of Georgia Richmond County

In Chambers

Personally appeared James R. Gould who being duly sworn said that he was Present and saw Mary Fox sign seal and publish her last will and Testament and that she was of sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief and that he along with Robert R. Ruffin and N. Barnett signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other

Subscribed in presence and
presence of the Clerk

James R. Gould

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of April 1828

John Walker S. C. R. C.

John H. H. S. C. R. C.

John H. H. S. C. R. C.

to my last will and testament

First. It is my will and desire that all my just debts and liabilities according to the order prescribed by law for the payment of Debts of decedent and intestate estates; it is also my wish that my estate be so managed as to save out of it something towards the support of my wife and children, and believing that this cannot be done without vesting my executors with extraordinary powers, I do hereby give my whole estate both real and personal to my executors herein after named to hold the same and the proceeds and increase thereof in trust for the uses and purposes herein mentioned, and I do hereby authorize my said executors and trustees to reserve, or sell and dispose of all or any part of my estate upon such terms and conditions and at such times and places as they may think most conducive to the purposes of their appointment, or to lease, hire, pledge or mortgage the same or any part thereof, and to repair build remove or refit houses for the purposes aforesaid and to execute all instruments which may be necessary to the full execution of said powers.

Secondly. If after the payment of my Debts there should be any property left it is my will and desire that my executors and trustees hold the same in trust for the use and support of my wife Rebecca, her children Hannah, William, Elizabeth, Mary, Edwin, Edwin, Octavia and Sarah until the youngest child come of age, when it is my wish that it be equally divided between them or their issue - Should any of them die before that time their share is not to be a vested interest but it is to go to the survivor.

I have it discretionary with my executors and trustees, if either of my children marry before a division takes place, whether such child afterwards be supported out of my estate in common with the others or not; but should my wife marry before the division takes place her power over my estate and all her interest in and to the same shall immediately to cease.

Thirdly. The powers herein given to my executors and trustees shall be exercised by such as may qualify and the consent of the other shall not be necessary to authenticate the acts of my qualified executor or executors.

Fourthly. It is my ardent desire that my wife and children (and her children) and my two sisters Eliza and Sarah should live together and I sincerely hope that they will by reciprocal friendship and affection as much as possible to happiness of both and that a circle so dear to my heart, is purely recommended.

Witness my hand with or after any previous part of my will this 10th day of June 1850 James Henderson August