

William Dodson (Will)

State of Georgia
Rockdale County

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In the Name of God Amen

I William Dodson of the State of Georgia and County of Rockdale knowise the great uncertainty of human life and that I must soon depart this life and go the way of all the earth and desiring that all my property and effects with which a kind and Merciful God has blessed me with may be disposed of by my Executors herein after appointed according to the provisions herein after set forth I and I now being of and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking, all others heretofore made by me

Item 1st { I desire and direct that after my decease my Body may be decently buried and I trust my immortal Soul will Return to God who gave it

Item 2nd { I will and direct that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate before any distribution shall be made as herein after directed

Item 3rd { I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha E. McNight Seven hundred Dollars

Item 4th { I give and bequeath to my Daughter Amelia W. Masley five hundred Dollars

Item 5th { I give and bequeath to my Grand Children the Children of my deceased Son Joseph, W. Dodson and their Mother M. E. A. Dodson Five hundred Dollars Said Sum of Money Five hundred Dollars to be equally divided between my Said Grand Children and their Mother M. E. A. Dodson

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Item 6th { My deceased Daughter ^{Rockdale County, Georgia Wills 1870-1916} ~~Adeline~~ Langford having died without leaving any living Children and her surviving husband John W. Langford having already enjoyed sufficient favors and probably could not enjoy property in the future I therefore hereby give and bequeath to him the sum of five dollars and no more for that is all I intend shall go in that direction

Item 7th { I will and desire that all the remaining portion of my property and effects or Estate not herein before disposed of in this will be equally divided by my Executors herein after named between my Daughter Martha E. McNight Sarah E. Norton Amelia W. Mosley and my Grand Children the Children of my deceased son Joseph V. Dodson and their Mother M. E. A. Dodson my said Grand and their Mother M. E. A. Dodson is only to receive an equal share with each of my Daughters in this sum of my will they all standing as one beatee

Item 8th { I will devise and direct that all my property both real and personal shall be by my Executors herein after appointed sold in terms of the Law and the proceeds arising from the sale of my property both real and personal to be divided according to this my will

Item 9th { I will desire and direct that should any of my Daughters now living dies before this will goes into effect then the Child or Children of such deceased Daughter is to stand in place of such deceased parent and receive such portion as their Mother would have been entitled to if living under this will

Item 10 th I hereby appoint B. H. McNight and G. L. Dodson Executors of this My Last Will and Testament and Request that they Carry out the provisions of this Will after My decease with as little expense and delay as possible

In witness whereof I the Said William Dodson to this My Will Consisting of the foregoing have set My hand and Seal this 11th of August 1876
William Dodson (S)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named William Dodson as his last will and Testament in presence of us who at his request in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto
this August the 11th 1876

John B. Morris
Francis M. Clayton
B. G. Parton
Q. Morris N.P.
and ex officio J.P.

Rockdale Court of Ordinary
November Term 1878

Personally came into the Court of Ordinary of said County
E. Morris one of the Subscribing Witnesses to this will who being duly
Sworn deposeth and saith that William Dodson signed sealed
declared and published the within and foregoing as his last
will and Testament while of sound disposing mind and
Memory and that deponent signed the same as a witness
in the presence of Testator and at his Special Request and
instance and that he saw Francis M. Clayton B. G. Parton
and John B. Morris do the same and that the same was executed
freely and voluntarily by Testator on the 11th day of August 1876
Sworn to and Subscribed
before me November the 4th 1878
R. Seaman

E. Morris