

Georgia In the name of God Amen I John Calhoun of
Stewart County do hereby being of advanced age and knowing that I
cannot shortly depart from this mortal life and being both as respects
myself and family that I should make a disposition of the property which I hold
in this world and have blessed me - I therefore make this my last will and
testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me

Item first - I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent
and Christianlike manner. I entreat to my Executors as directed herein
my last I trust, shall return to rest with God who gave it and give
for their education through the kind of love and tender favor which
in whose religion I firmly believe

Item second - I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without
delay by my Executors herein after named as soon as possible my
creditors should be delayed of their rights especially as there is no
suspense for delay

Item third - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha with whom I have
lived in the blessed quiet and love for twenty years, all my estate both
real and personal and all my relations if any be for and during her life
and life or widowhood and at her death or marriage to be equally divided
among my four children, viz. Mark S. Calhoun, John S. Calhoun, Elizabeth Calhoun
and Mary Calhoun - I bequeath to my daughter Martha Calhoun - provided
because that should my wife choose to marry she is to retain one fifth
part of my estate for her own support and behoof for ever with full
power to dispose of the same as she may think proper

Item fourth - I desire and direct that my negro woman Rebecca be sold by my Execu-
tors and the money to be paid over to my wife with the same instructions
and directions as aforesaid in the above bequest made to her - My object
for this item is, I fear the negro would not be controlled by her

Item fifth - I constitute my loving friends Benjamin Kemp and my brother
Samuel S. Calhoun, my Executors of this my last will and testament - with
these instructions that should they discover that my wife is making an
unlawful waste of my estate, that they sell the same and make an equal
distribution of the same amongst my wife & children - giving my wife one fifth
part - This day 23 - 1853

John Calhoun

Signed Sealed and published by John Calhoun as his last will and
testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribe our names hereto
in the presence of said testator and of each other - This day 23 - 1853

Robert P. B. B. B.
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Subscribed and sworn to before me of Stewart County of Georgia 1853 (See Subscribers)
This 25th day of August 1853

John S. Calhoun