

Georgia } In the Name of God, Amen, I Samuel Johnson of
 Taliaferro County } said State and County being of Advanced age, and
 Knowing that I must shortly depart this life, desire
 right and proper both as respects my Family and myself, that I should
 make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has
 blessed me, do therefore make this my last will & Testament hereby
 revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1st Item, I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and
 Christian like manner suitable to my Circumstances and Condition in life.
 My Soul I trust shall return to rest with God, who gave it;

2nd Item. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay, by
 my Executors hereinafter appointed as I am unwilling my Creditors should be
 delayed in their rights, especially as there is no necessity for delay.

3rd Item - I give and bequeath to my Nephew Samuel Johnson son of my Bro
 Elias M. Johnson of Newton County Ga. (after he the said Samuel Johnson
 shall have paid over to his Sister Catharine Reynolds, the sum of Five hundred
 dollars) Nine Negroes, to wit, Peter a Man about 53. or 54 years of age; Peter's
 wife Lettice about 59 years of age and their five Children viz Elizabeth
 Harriet, Clarinda, Lydia, & Mary; and Anna and Sarah Jane - Grand Children
 of the said Peter & Lettice together with and increase of the issue of the said
 Negroes

4th Item I give and bequeath to my Nephew Elias M. Johnson the proceeds of the
 Sale of my Negro man Dick about 46 years of age known as my Blacksmith
 My Executors to sell him privately giving him the privilege of choosing his own
 purchaser, and my Negro woman Ginny about 48 years of age I also give and
 devise to my said Nephew Elias M. Johnson all of my Washington County lands
 and also the tract of land which I purchased of P. J. Lightfoot, known as the
 Jackson place; I also give and bequeath to Samuel Johnson son of my said
 Nephew Elias M. Johnson one thousand dollars, to be paid over to him when my
 estate is settled up.

5th Item - I give and bequeath to my Nephew William P. Johnson my Negro
 woman Lucy 69 years of age, and Elijah a man about 39 years of age. I
 also give and bequeath to Samuel Johnson son of the said William P. Johnson
 my Negro boy Simon about 15 years of age, he the said Samuel to have possession
 of the said Simon, when he arrives at the age of 21 years up to that time to
 belong to his father William P. Johnson.

6th Item - I give and bequeath to Samuel J. Moore son of my deceased niece
 Clarinda H. M. Moore Taliaferro County Wills 1826-1866
 Clarinda H. M. Moore my Negro woman Lettice about 32 years of age
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and her two Children named Dallas & William together with and inclusive of the issue of the said Adeline wishing them to be kept together or if sold, sold together and to have the privilege of Choosing a purchaser.

7th Item - I give and bequeath to Newton Humphrey the proceeds of the Sale of My Negro man Ley about 21 years of age the said Ley to be sold by my Executors with the privilege of Choosing a purchaser

8th Item - I give and bequeath & devise to Samuel A. Howell the other half of the tract of land known as the Parker place, as divided by himself and My self

9th Item - I give & bequeath to my Nephew William Samuel Johnson son of my deceased Bro John Johnson, one thousand dollars. I also give and bequeath to my Nephew John F. Johnson, son of my said deceased Bro John Johnson Five hundred dollars, and I also give & bequeath to my niece Mary Ann Armstrong daughter of my de^d Bro aforesaid Five hundred dollars each amount to be paid over to them when my estate is settled up

10th Item - I give and bequeath to my niece Minerva Howell one thousand dollars and to Mary Jane Moore Five hundred dollars each amts to be paid over to them when my estate is settled up

11th Item - I give and bequeath to my Niece Narcissa Humphrey daughter of my bro Ashfield Johnson Five hundred dollars, and to Samuel Adkinson, son of my Cousin Mary Adkinson I also give Five hundred dollars each to be paid over when my estate is settled up.

12th Item The residu of my property both real and personal whenever and whatever it may be after my Executors shall have paid over and settled up as before directed. I give bequeath & devise to my six Brothers & Sisters, to wit, Bro Elias M. Johnson William Johnson, Ashfield Johnson, and sisters Hannah Parker, Susan Slaughter, and Elizabeth Gaine each of whom to have and equal portion of all my lands in Taliaferro County Ga except the portions willed to Elias M. Johnson and Samuel A. Howell, the lands to be sold by My executors and the following Negroes, to be sold in like manner and with the privilege of Choosing their own purchasers, to wit, my Negro woman Abby and her eleven Children & Mary and her eight Children exclusive of one willed to Samuel J. Moore

13th Item I hereby constitute and appoint my nephew Samuel Johnson, Samuel A. Howell and William M. Moore Executors of this my last will & Testament and desire that they shall be compensative for their services.

This I do at 19th 1858.

Samuel Johnson

(258.) last will & Testament in presence of us the Subscribers, who subscribed our names hereto in presence of said testator at his special instance & request this 11th March 19th 1858.

Seaborn L. Jordan

John W. Reynolds

John Johnson

Georgia Caliaferro County.--- Court of Ordinary May Term 1858.

The last will and Testament of Samuel Johnson late of said County deceased, was produced in open Court by W. W. Moore and Samuel Johnson two of the Executors, nominated and appointed by said will for Probate and was proven in Common form of Law, to wit,

We Seaborn L. Jordan and

John W. Reynolds two of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and Testament of Samuel Johnson dec. do solemnly swear that we saw Samuel Johnson sign seal and acknowledge the same to be his last will and testament that he was (at the time) of sound disposing mind and memory that he did it freely and without compulsion, and we subscribed the same in his presence and in the presence of each other, and John Johnson subscribed the same as a witness in our presence and the presence of the Testator at his special request.--- Sworn to and Subscribed in }
open Court - attest Quincea Neal Ordinary }
& Clerk & officia }

Seaborn L. Jordan

John W. Reynolds

The Court then Ordered the will and proceedings to be Recorded - Recorded March 25th 1858.

Quincea Neal Ordinary & Clerk

State of Georgia } By the Court of Ordinary for said County
Caliaferro County }

To all to whom these Presents shall Come - Greeting

Know ye that on the third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight the last will and Testament of Samuel Johnson late of Caliaferro County deceased was exhibited in open Court and in Common form of Law proved and admitted to record a Copy of which is hereunto annexed, and administration of all and singular, the goods Chattels and Credits of said deceased was granted to William W. Moore and Samuel Johnson two of the executors in and by said will named and appointed they having first taken the oath and performed all other requisites required by law they are by Order of said Court and by virtue of these presents legally authorized to administer the Goods and Chattels of said deceased, according to the tenor and effect of the said will and Testament, and according to law and

perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, and appraised and returned to this Court according to Law and to render a true and correct account to the said Court of Ordinary of their doings and doings yearly and every year until their administration is fully Completed

Witness, my hand, as Ordinary, and the seal of the said Court, this 3rd day of May eighteen Hundred and fifty eight

Quinn Okeal Ordinary

Recorded May 3rd 1858.

Quinn Okeal Ordinary & Clerk Ex officio

In the Name of God, Amen. — I George L. Bird of the County of Taliaferro and State of Georgia being of feeble health but of sound Mind and disposing memory do make declare and publish this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me. — Item 1st It is my will and desire that out of the Money Notes and Accounts and other evidences of debts of which I may die possessed all of my just debts should be first paid

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my wife Martha Bird the House and lot whereon I now live and all my House-hold and Kitchen Furniture on said lot and provisions for one year which bequest is intended in lieu of dower, and if she claims dower I wish the House & lot herein willed her to be sold and divided between my Children share and share alike. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife one Fifth part of all my other personal property of every kind and description

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that all the balance of my property both real and personal be equally divided into four parts — One of these parts I give to my son George Bird — one of these parts I give to my son Buford E. Bird — one of these parts I give to my Brother Philemon Bird in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter Catharine Bird during her Natural life free from the Marital rights of any man with whom she may intermarry and after her death in further trust to her Children and in Case she shall die without leaving issue living at the time of her death to divide said property among my Children living at the time of her death and the representatives of my Children living at the time of her death