

Georgia Group County. In the name of God Amen.

I, Nicholas Johnson of the County of Chatham State aforesaid, being weak of body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, and knowing that it is appointed for men to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament, revoking any and all others by me made, in form, as follows, as touching my worldly substance which it has pleased God to bless me with, viz. Item 1st My will is, that all my just debts be paid & funeral expenses. Item 2nd I wish for my Children to remain with their Mother during their Minority, to be raised and educated, in the following Manner, viz. that my beloved wife Margarett Ann Johnson, and my Children be removed to my fellow Jackett possessions, and said possessions be reserved with all my personal property, for the use of my wife during her natural life or widowhood, and the raising and educating of my Children, as shall be directed by my Executors hereafter appointed and named.

Item 3rd I further wish, my Executors as my Children shall become of lawful age, to give to each of them such an amount of property as they may think can be spared from the estate, and have said property valued, and charge them with the amounts, which amount, to be deducted from their Legacies in a final settlement, and division of my estate, after my wife's death, or Marriage.

Item 4th In case my wife Margarett Ann, should marry again, I desire, my Executors to give, in possession of a certain negro Girl by the name of Frances, with her increase, for her own use and benefit, during her natural life, and at her death, the said Girl and her increase to revert, back to my Children, taking such a lien on; for said Girl Frances as will secure her, and her increase to my Children.

Item 5th In case the fourth Item should be fulfilled, the balance of my Estate both Personal and real. I desire, my Executors to divide equally amongst my heirs, as they may think best, except as may hereafter be excepted.

Item 6th I further direct, my Executors to dispose of my, the remaining part, of my real Estate, not mentioned in such Manner, Publick or private as they may think most advantageous, for my estate.

Item 7th In case my estate being divided agreeable to any of the above provisions, before my younger Children shall receive a good English Education, I desire, my Executors to reserve a full equivalent, first out, of my estate, to educate the youngest Child as above; and then an equal division on the remaining part, of my estate only as excepted in the fourth Item.

Item 8th That it may be distinctly understood, I wish, my wife placed in possession of the property agreeable to the second Item, and have the Control of said property, for said purposes, with the advice & consent of the

The Executors.

...th Lastly, I appoint and constitute my wife - Margaret Ann Johnson
- together, together, with my friend James C. Johnson, Henry Perkins, Stanley
Johnson and Price C. Johnson Executors to carry into effect, this my last
will and Testament, given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of
August, 1835. the words, ~~other~~, entered before a signed.

... and acknowledged
in the presents of

Nicholas Johnson Seal

Wm. M. Olin
W. C. Buffington
C. Harrison
R. M. Ghee

November, Term 1835.

In open Court, the last Will and Testament, of
Nicholas Johnson ~~deceased~~, was exhibited for probate. And was proven
by the Oaths of William M. Olin, William C. Buffington C. -
Harrison and Robert M. Ghee, the subscribing witnesses thereto.

You William M. Olin, William C. Buffington, C. Harrison
and Robert M. Ghee, you and each of you, do solemnly swear, that
you saw Nicholas Johnson ~~deceased~~, sign seal publish and declare this instrument
of Writing to be and contain the last will and Testament, of said ~~deceased~~. And
that, he was of sound mind and disposing memory. And that, he did it
without Compulsion, and of his own free will; and that you subscribed the
same in the presents of each other, and at the request of the testator, To help
you God:

Given to in open Court, and exhibited before me;
this 2nd day of November, 1835.

Wm. M. Olin
W. C. Buffington
C. Harrison
R. M. Ghee

Henry Perkins, C. C. O.

At which time, Margaret Ann Johnson, the Executrix of Nicholas
Johnson ~~deceased~~, was qualified as Executrix, to the last will of said ~~deceased~~;
You Margaret Ann Johnson, do solemnly swear, that this instrument of Writing
contains the true last will and Testament, of the within named Nicholas
Johnson ~~deceased~~, so far as you know or believe, and that you will, well and
truly execute the same, by first paying the debts, and then the legacies, contained
in said will - as far as his goods and Chattles, will thereunto extend, and
the law charge you, and that you will make a true and perfect
inventory of all such goods and Chattles. To help you God.

Witness my hand
Henry Perkins, C. C. O.

Margaret Ann Johnson
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