

State of Georgia }
Upson County }

In the name of God Amen!

I Charles Howell, of the County aforesaid, in view of the certainty of death, do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament -
Chief. I commend my Soul to the Mercy of Him who gave it; and my body to the Earth in decent Christian burial: And of my worldly substance I make the following disposition -

Item, I give to my beloved wife Christine Howell the use of my old black iron safe & his wife Serena, and the one fifth part of all my Estate both Real & Personal of every kind, to be kept by her during her natural life under the following qualifications, viz: She is to keep it together with my Children's property that remain together until my youngest Child comes of age; And if she should choose to Marry her Husband not to have the same till he gives good bond & security to my Executor or Executor to return the same to my Executor, or Executor upon the happening of the death of my said wife

Item. My will and desire is that my Children alive at the death of my said wife, & their Children, (should any of my Children be dead & leave Children) have, share & share alike, the property hereinbefore given to my said wife, my said grand Children only to have the same share -

Item. I wish all my property both Real & Personal to remain together as it is under the direction & Management of my Executor 'subject to the divisions hereinafter mentioned', And my wife and Children to receive from the proceeds of the same bond, Clothing & schooling such as a prudent economy would justify - And whenever any surplus arises from the sale of the Crop, let my Executor or Executor loan out the same on good security -

Item. When my daughter Mary comes of age or Marry I give her ^{Subject} to the ^{personal} ~~first~~ ^{equal} share of my ^{personal} ~~property~~ ^{property} except safe & his wife & the same both & kitchen furniture: My Executor or Executor to execute a title to my said daughter or their husband so as to secure said equal share to my said daughter during their natural life against any & every liability whatever to be contracted by their husband or any one else -

Item. In making said equal share of property herein mentioned I include my wife & four Children, making now five parts, when she gets three parts leaving four and so on down

Item. As my sons come of age I give them the one fifth part of all my Estate both Real & Personal without Reserve -

Item. I wish my Children as they come of age or Marry to receive such household and kitchen furniture as the rest of my family can well

space, my Executor, taking a receipt for it and estimating its value in the same -

Item - Should one of my Children die before receiving their share of my Estate it is my will that their share be equally divided among the rest of my Children (and grand children in case one be dead leaving Children to inherit their deceased Parents part), and to be divided in such way as will be most convenient to my Executor & the well being of the Estate.

Item - Until my youngest Child becomes of age, it is my will & desire that my Children as they marry or come of age receive from my Executor the use of the one fifth part of my land to be taken from the Smith and Pacey lots, and to be selected by my Executor or Executor in such way as to give them the same in as good & convenient a place as they may be able to do taking ~~into~~ Consideration the other interests. provided the same shall be occupied by my said Children & not by a Tenant or Tenants, and my said Children shall so use said one fifth part as to take proper care of the same both in Cultivation and keeping up the fences -

Item - Whenever my youngest Child may be of age, I wish my land divided equally between my said wife Christen & my young Children (or their Children if one or more be dead) My said daughter & wife to receive their part in the same way & under the same circumstances as I have given them the personal property hereinbefore mentioned to be divided in such way as may suit a Majority either by sale or otherwise -

Item - Upon the death of my wife I hereby give her interest in my land to my Children & Grand Children if any of my Children be dead to be divided share & share alike -

Item - I have heretofore agreed, and now give to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church that are appointed or that may hereafter be appointed for the Church called Antioch near my house four acres of land around said Church; the line to commence on the Public Road and at a point South of the Church so as to run East from the said Road and take in the Grave Yard some ten or fifteen steps, & to continue East so as to pass the Grave Yard, then around the Church so as to include the four acres & embrace the Church Grave Yard & have a good and open way to the Church upon the Road -

Item - I wish my Second Bookies sold on a Credit of twelve months to raise Money to pay my debts, and my Executor to take such notes and good security.

I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Robert Simmonson and William Crawford Executors of

my last Will & Testament.

In Testimony whereof I the said Casper Howell
have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth
day of October eighteen hundred & forty four.

Signed Sealed & published in presence of us,

not subscribing in presence of the Testator

A. C. Gibson

X. Bowdoin

Jo: P. Hampton

Casper Howell

CP

Georgia
Upson County

Inferior Court sitting for ordinary purposes
November Term 1844

The within last Will and Testament of Casper Howell
did having been duly proven at this regular Term in open Court upon
the Oaths of Obadiah C. Gibson Xenophon Bowdoin & Joseph P. Hampton
the subscribing witnesses thereto, Ordered that the same be admitted
to record, and that Letters Testamentary be granted to Robert
Dimmockson and William Crawford the Executors thereby appointed.

Attest

Wm A. Cobb clk

Recorded this 7th day of November 1844
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