

In the name of God, Amen

Warren County, Georgia Wills 1829-1852

I, John Ruark, of the State of Georgia and county of Warren being sick in body but of sound disposing mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, and first and principally of all, I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I commend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial - and touching such worldly estate wherewithal it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and bequeath in the following manner and form - to wit, Item first, my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid, to be released and made out of my estate -

Item Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Ruark, during her natural life, my land and plantation, whereon I now reside, and also one horse, and the stock and plantation tools and household and kitchen furniture, except as herein after excepted -

Item third I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Ruark, one horse now in his possession.

Item fourth, I give and bequeath to my son Jackson Ruark, one horse now in his possession.

Item fifth, I give and bequeath to my four daughters, that are now living with me, to wit, Elizabeth, Patsey, Lurry and Amanda, one bed and furniture, and cow and calf each, to be by them freely & fully possessed as they, or leave their mother

Item sixth, at the death of my wife, my will and desire is, that my land and plantation be equally divided between my two sons, Thomas Ruark and Jackson Ruark.

Item seventh, after the decease of my wife, my will is that my three daughters, to wit, Sally Morgan, Polly Duman and Litty Magraw, have ten dollars each to be exised and made out of my Estate -

Item eighth, after the decease of my wife, my will and desire is, that whatever may be remaining on hand not otherwise bequeathed in this my last will and testament, either in stock of horses, cattle, hogs, household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools, &c. together with a tract of land in the Cherokee purchase be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between my four daughters, to wit, Elizabeth Ruark, Patsey Ruark, Lurry Ruark, and Amanda Ruark.

Item Ninth, I nominate and appoint Elisha Burson, Executor to this my last will and testament, fully ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament, and I do hereby revoke and disannul any and all former wills and testaments that may have heretofore been made by me,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and

Seal, January 1st 1842
Warren County, Georgia Wills 1829-1852
F. M. Nunn, www.georgiapioneers.com

Bethia Ruark, (L.L.)

Wm C. Smith.

Elisha Burson.

(Probate)

Georgia, you Elisha Burson & Francis M. Nunn, do swear that you Warren County, saw the within named Bethia Ruark, sign, Seal, publish & declare this instrument of writing to be and contain his last will and testament, and that at the time thereof, he was in your opinion and belief of sound disposing mind & memory and that he did it freely without compulsion, and that Wm C. Smith was a subscribing witness to the same with yourselves, in presence of said Testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other, to the best of your knowledge.

To help you God.

Elisha Burson

Francis M. Nunn.

Sworn in open Court.

May 3rd 1842.

Patrick N. Hardin, C.C.K.

Recorded May 6, 1842
P. N. Hardin, C.C.K.

Georgia, Warren County, August, 2^d 1842.

I Nancy Adkins knowing that it is appointed for all people to die being low in body, but in sound mind & memory do before Almighty God, & these witness, make & ordain, this my last will & Testament, viz: First I bequeath to the grave in decent burial, & my soul to God who gave it, as touching earthly affairs, I will & bequeath as follows: after my debts are all paid First, I give to my son Abesalom, The oldest Sorrel mare & all my hogs, all the cattle, with the exception of five head, also one bed & furniture & half of the Kitchen furniture, also half the household furniture, with the exception of beds & furniture & twenty dollars in ready money & this present crop. 2ndly, I give & bequeath to my daughter Martha, The Spotted mare & one cow & calf, also the ready money, with the exception of twenty dollars that is what money is in hand, one bed & furniture & one half of the other household & kitchen furniture, except the beds & furniture, also one hundred dollars & the Geese twenty head. 3^rd I give & bequeath to my Son Lazarus, the colt & one black heifer, also one bed & furniture.