

Examination of the Will of Joseph Roberts, Taken 1837.

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 Superior Court, Hancock County.

Superior Court sitting for ordinary purposes Monday 7th November 1836. Present their Honors Joel Crawford, Wilson Bird, John W. Rabun. Justices.

The last Will and Testament of Joseph Roberts late of this County deceased being produced in Court by Burch M. Roberts one of the nominated Executors thereof, and the due and legal execution thereof, and that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind at the time of executing said Will by the evidence of Littleberry Tucker, George W. Cuthbert and Solomon Rainwater attesting Witnesses to said Will: It is considered that said Will is fully proved and that it be recorded.

State of Georgia, Hancock County.

I Joseph Roberts of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory at this time (yet of feeble body) have thought and do think proper to make and ordain this my last Will and testament: which is as follows.

Item 1st I have given and confirmed unto my son Coleman Roberts five negroes, to wit, Amelia, Albert, Gilbert, Anderson, and Lafayette and their increase as his legacy forever of my estate.

Item 2nd I have given and confirmed unto my son Daniel M. Roberts the following named negroes, to wit, Bob, Bill, and Maria and their increase as his legacy of my estate, forever.

Item 3rd I have given and confirmed unto my daughter Betsey Ransom, the following named negroes (to wit) Ned, Belia, and her children and their increase, I do likewise leave in the hands of my Executors four hundred dollars to be applied to the purchase of a negr. girl for the benefit of the heirs of my daughter Betsey Ransom.

Item 4th I give and confirm unto the children of ^{my} wife's daughter, Fanny Wright the five following named, negroes, to wit, Jimmy, Sally, Richmond, Augustus, and, Abigail and their increase, now in possession of my step daughter; the right and title of, in, and to said negroes, I do fully vest in the children of my step daughter, to be equally divided among them, it is however my wish and desire, that so long as my step daughter does live that said negroes shall remain with her and work for her support, but in no wise subject to her control or that of her husband.

Item 5th I give and confirm unto Burch M. Roberts my son, four negroes named Sam, Lucy, Betty and Martha and their

increase (which negroes are now in his possession) forever.

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Item 6th I give and confirm unto my son Jesse M. Roberts my son, four negroes named, Jack, Esther, Glasgow and Ann and their increase, (which negroes are now in his possession forever.

Item 7th I give and confirm unto Rebecca A. Coffey five negroes named, Wesley, Hagar, Anthony, Malinda, and Calvin, and their increase (which negroes are now in her possession) forever.

Item 8th I give and bequeath unto my wife Clarissa Roberts the whole of my negro property not disposed of in the foregoing part of this Will, now in my possession and their increase, also all my lands, stock of Horses, Mules, Cows, Sheep, household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools of all kinds, accounts, notes, money, and all other species of property of which I am possessed of, not disposed of in any preceding items, and it is my wish that my wife Clarissa Roberts should give unto my younger children as they become of age or get married a portion of the above property equal in value to that I have therein given to Birch M. Roberts, Jesse M. Roberts and Rebecca A. Coffey and no more, the rest of said property to be applied to her own proper benefit and use during her natural life, and at her death, the balance that may be in her possession at that time to be equally divided between the children which ^{have} ~~she~~ begotten by her alone, and further that Birch M. Roberts, Jesse M. Roberts and Clarissa Roberts do act as my Executors to execute this my last Will and Testament.

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th October one Thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Signed and acknowledged Jos. Roberts (Seal)

in the presence of
Littleberry Tucker
George W. C. Shivers
Ruben Tamplin
Solomon Rainwater

{ See balance of Exemplification in Book E. Inventories }
page 611, 12, & 13. CLK.

Burch M. Roberts and Jesse M. Roberts nominated Executors of the last Will and Testament of Joseph Roberts, dec^d appeared in court, were duly sworn and qualified as executors and received Letters Testamentary in the premises.

Recorded April 19, 1837.

Patrick H. Maddux, c. c. o.