

Jonathan Gladden

State of Georgia
Washington County

In the name of God Amen: I Jonathan Gladden being of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life do make and declare this my last will & Testament in manner and form following

1st I wish all of my just debts properly satisfied

2nd It is my wish that the Church at Smyrna shall have a lot of land commencing at the black burn corner and running to the road in front of the Church and from thence said road to the head of a certain gully near said road thence down said gully so as to include the Spring now used by the Church thence up the line to the said B gun corner I give bequeath and devise said lot to the Church so long as it is used by the whites for a missionary Baptist Church I also give and bequeath for the use of burial ground one fourth of an acre which shall include the grounds near said Church as a family burying ground. I give bequeath and devise to my wife (Lydia Gladden) all of my estate both real and personal after all my ~~debts~~ of my lawful and just debts are satisfied during her widowhood and then at her death or marriage all the property to be sold and equally divided among the heirs of the aforesaid Lydia Gladden body and to their heirs and assigns forever

I hereby constitute and appoint my friends S & W Gladden & Lee & Gladden Executors and my beloved wife Lydia Gladden executrix of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me said Executors and executrix to hold for the benefit of the heirs of my sons William R Gladden and Jonathan R Gladden there distributive share of money from my estate till each of them shall become of age by law

Witness my hand and seal this the 6th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five

Jonathan Gladden (S)

Signed sealed declared and published by Jonathan Gladden as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribing witnesses who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other this Sept 6th 1875-

S W Veal

R W Cullens

A J Veal J P

November Term 1875-

Came in open Court George W Veal Robt W Cullens and A J Veal at this regular Term thereof and being duly sworn sayo they saw Jonathan Gladden sign and publish the within as his last will and Testament while of sound and disposing mind. That they witnessed & signed the same for him as witnesses at his request and in his presence and of each other and that the same was voluntarily executed by him on the day it is dated

Sworn to & subscribed before me

in open Court

Term 1875-

Haywood Brooks May

R W Cullens

G W Veal