

Rebecca Whitfield

Sign, Seal & declare the within instrument with its oblications and interliniations, to be her last will and Testament, and that she was in perfect mind and memory at the time, and does so without any undue influence exercised over her at the time but signed it by making her mark freely voluntarily & with her own accord in the presence of this deponent James E. Lewis and Thosia Wayne who signed it as witnesses, in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other at her special instance & request.

Swear to and subscribe before me in receipt of Court this 31st day of July 1868.

Hazegwood Brookins Crdy.

Barney Murphy
mark

Redding Date

State of Georgia - In the name of God Amen,

I Redding Date of the County of Washington and State aforesame knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, and taking into consideration the necessity of disposing of such worldly effects as it has pleased God to bless me with. And being weak in body, but of sound disposing mind and memory. Do make Ordain and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in the clauses and words following to wit,

In nomine, I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body to its mother earth to be buried in a Christian like manner, at my death.

Item, My Will and desire is that all my just debts shall be paid first from the sale of my property as herein after provided, that should my Executors hereafter named have to borrow money at an instant over eight p[er] cent to pay my debts with. It is my Will and desire that such Executors be paid out of my estate before any damages taken.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son John H. Date, Redding the Date and Anthony C. Date being all the children I now have, but should my wife Elizabeth have any more children before my death or within nine months thereafter, they all to have an equal share of the following tract of land to be divided among themselves, when John H. Date arrives at the age of twenty one and so on successively as the number age till all shall have received his portion to wit, Six lots five tracts and a piece in Mountain No one and two in the ninth, part of lot N fifteen in the fourth District, N eighty five in the tenth district, N fifty eight in the fifth District. Also N three hundred and six in the seventh Early now Baker County. Also one other tract in the fifth District of Lee, N two hundred and thirty seven, now Franklin County, also N 162. One hundred and forty two in the twelfth of Monroe Palaski County, if not sold to be sold by my Executors aforesaid.

Redding's Pate

hereafter named, also one half lot N. Secinity, four in the Seventeenth
District Muscogee, also one other tract in the County fourth of
McKinney County Aⁿ One hundred and forty two containing two
hundred ten and a half acres, when last named lot is sold reserves
thirty three dollars and twenty five cents, and the balance my wife
and heirs is shall be paid over to William Thirly or his heirs.

Item, I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Pate, my tract of
land in Washington County, on the waters of Lamars Creek, wherein I
now live during her natural lifetime and at her death to be equally
divided among my surviving Children or their heirs share and
share alike. And it is my will and desire, if my wife Elizabeth
Pate, should marry after my death, that the above named tract of
land shall not be sold to pay any, Contract, or debts made by her
Husband, before nor after the marriage. It is also my desire that
when the Division takes place, that my wife Elizabeth shall
have an equal division with my surviving heirs or their heirs of
all the negro, Stock and money as well as Household and Kitchen
furniture during her lifetime and after her death to be divided
among my Children or their heirs and not liable to pay any debt
of her Husband in Case of an intermarriage, And in Case of an intermarriage
of her Husband should go about, to make way with or destroye the
portion or property allowed to my wife. It is my will that my
Executor should Contest the property so as to have it secured for the
benefit of my surviving heirs or their heirs.

Item, My will and desire is that if my Executor doth account
to hire out the negroes instead of keeping them together, will sell
and dispose of all my stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and such other
Stock as they may deem necessary for the support of my wife and
schooling my Children, that at the age of John W Pate arriving to the
age of twenty, My will is that a division take place and he shall
receive his proportionable part of all the negroes and slaves of
my estate. And provided my wife Elizabeth should marry
it is my desire that a division should take place and she should
draw her proportionable part, and the balance to remain to cut off
until the time specified for a division.

Item, I do hereby nominate and appoint Peter Floyd now
acting Executor to this my last will and testament, and further
do nominate and appoint Green Burns of McKinney County
and my wife Elizabeth as acting Executors to my last will and
testament, and further do nominate and appoint my Sons brother
whenas they arrive at the years of Maturity, or twenty one years of
age, and hourly reviewing all former Wills and testaments whatever,

In Testimony whereof I the said Redding Pate have hereunto set my
name and affixed my seal by making my mark this ^{the} day of April
1838. Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Redding ^{the} Pate.

Witnessed, S. Howell
James Jones Jr.