

Administrator to the best of our knowledge & Judgment.

Sept 26th 1851.

J. R. McCord
A. Carpenter }
J. M. Mann } Appraisers
A. S. Greer }

Georgia } John S. Barnett, one of the Justices of the peace in
Butts County } and for said County do hereby Certify that the
above appraisers of the estate of William Cook late of said
County dec^d. were duly sworn to perform their duties as such
agreeably to law. Sept. 26th 1851. John S. Barnett J.P.
Recorded this 26th Sept. 1851.

John McCord del.

Georgia Butts County

In the name of God Amen, I Cornelius Atkinson of said State
and County being of advanced age, & knowing that I must shortly
depart from this world, deem it right & proper both as respects myself
& family, that I should in disposition of the property with which a
kind providence has blessed me, I therefore make this my last will
& Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made
by me.

Item first, I desire & direct that my body be buried in a decent Christian
like manner suitable to my circumstances & condition, my soul
I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it.

Item second, I desire & direct that all my just debts be paid without delay
by my executors herein after named, as I am unwilling my
Creditors should be delayed of their rights, especially as there is no
necessity for delay.

Item third, I give in trust to my worthy and trusty friends, Parkman
Lindsay, Benjamin F. Ward, & Charles Bailey for the use and
benefit of my beloved wife Olive Atkinson, my three following
named negroes (to wit) Christopher Annan, Benjamin a man & Mary
a woman, & also one thousand dollars, in money to be paid out of
any money on hand, at my death, or from the sale of property herein
after directed, the use or hire of said negroes, and the interest of the said
one thousand dollars, to be paid over by my said trustees, to my said wife
annually for and during her natural life time. and at the death of my wife
Olive Atkinson, my will and desire is that the above named three
negroes Christopher & Benjamin men & Mary a woman & their
Increase if any, together with the said one thousand dollars remain
in the hands & possession of the said trustees, the negroes to be hired &
the money kept at interest until my Grand son Cornelius

John Saunders shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years old, at which time I direct and desire said trustee, to turn over to my said Grand son Cornelius John Saunders the said three aforesaid negroes and their increase, hire &c, together with the said one thousand dollars, & the interest thereon, from and after the death of my wife Olive Atkinson, unless my said Grand Son Cornelius John Saunders, shall die before he arrives at the lawfull age of twenty one years old, & without child or children, in that event my will & desire is that my said trustee or either one of them who may have the possession of said negroes & money, shall divide the same equally among my other children, & grand children who are then in life, in the manner & form herein after directed in each particular following Item.

Item fourth. I give & bequeath to my son Abner Atkinson in addition to what I have already given him the following described land situate lying & being in the ninth district of originally Henry, now Butts County, (to wit) Commencing at the Oakknudge River at the mouth of the brick yard Branch up said branch with its meanders, to the line of lot of land number ten in said district & county, thence south along said line, to the road from Roaches ferry to the Indian Springs, thence with the meanders of said road to the line dividing my land from the land belonging to the estate of Francis Douglas, deceased, thence along said line to the Oakknudge River thence up said river with its meanders to the beginning point, also the following named negroes, (to wit) Isabel a woman, George a boy, Pity a girl, & Hannah a girl, together with their increase, to him & his heirs forever.

Item Fifth. I give in trust to my worthy friend William A. McBune for the use & benefit of my daughter Nancy Mays, in addition to what I have already given her, the following named negroes & their increases, (to wit) Daniel a man, Lindy a woman, & her two boy children Joe & Ned, and at the death of my daughter Nancy Mays it is my will & desire that said negroes & their increase be equally divided by my said trustee among all the children of my said daughter Nancy except her first child Cornelius M. McBune, which said child has been heretofore amply provided for.

Item Sixth. I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza Lawshe, wife of Lewis Lawshe, & to her children by her present husband or any future husband, free from the disposition of her present or any future husband, the following named negroes in addition to what I have already given

her (J will). Merely a woman, Charles a boy, & Barrett a girl, & their increase, also a lot of land in the Thirteenth district of Early County & State of Georgia known as lot of ~~lot~~ number one hundred & seventy seven, And in the event that my said daughter Eliza Lawshe should die without leaving any Child or Children, Then my will & desire is that said negroes, & their increase, and also said lot of land revert back & become a part of my estate to be equally divided among the survivors of my Children & their lawful representatives. And I appoint my trusty & worthy friend Henry Hendrick Trustee for the property herein bequeathed to my daughter Eliza Lawshe and her Children.

Item Seventh. I give in trust to my worthy friend William A. McBurne for the use and benefit of my son Lewis Atkinson & his lawful heirs the following negroes, (J will) Sucky a woman Jack a boy, Sam a boy, Henry Clay a boy, & Ellen a girl, Child of the woman Sucky, together with their increase.

Item Eighth. I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Hansford, three negroes (J will) Randolph a man, Emmeline a woman, Amy & baby her Child - and Sarah a girl, & their increase to her & her heirs forever.

Item ninth. I give in trust to my worthy friends Benjamin St. Ward, Parham Lindsay, & Charles Bailey, for the use & benefit of my Grand son Cornelius John Saunders my negro boy Jeffrey & the sum of six hundred dollars, to be paid out of any money on hand at my death or from the sale of property herein after directed. If my Grand son Cornelius John Saunders should die before he arrives at the age of twenty one years old & without Child or Children, my will & desire is, that said negro Jeffrey & said sum of six hundred dollars together with the hire & interest, as I wish the negro hired & the money kept at interest by said trustees or either of them revert back to my estate & be equally divided by said trustees among the survivors of my Children & their lawful representatives according to the various Items before & herein after made.

Item tenth. I give & bequeath to my Grand son Cornelius M. McBurne four hundred dollars in money to be paid out of any money on hand at my death or which may be raised from the sale of property herein after directed to be sold by my Executors.

Item Eleventh. The rest of my property, both real & personal wherever & whatever it may be not hereto disposed of, my will & desire is shall be sold by my executors, herein after named, & the money raised from said sale to be paid out as follows, the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid over to my worthy & trusty friend Henry Hendrick & the same to be kept at interest for the use & benefit of my daughter Eliza Lawshe, wife of Lewis Lawshe, & her.

Children by her present husband, or any future husband, free from the disposition of her present or any future husband, And if my daughter Eliza Lawke, should die without leaving any Child or Children, my will and desire is that my said trusty friend Henry Hendrick shall divide said sum of three hundred dollars equally among the survivors of my Children and their lawful representatives according to the ~~will~~ previous provisions & Items named, my will & desire is that the whole amount of the balance of money not herein disposed of, shall be equally divided between my daughter Sarah Mansford & my trusty friend William A. McBine, in trust for my son Lewis Atkinson, & his lawfull heirs to be used by said trustee according to the provisions of the seventh Item of this my last will, And my trusty friends B. F. Ward, Parham Lindsay & Charles Bailey Trustees for my wife Olive Atkinson the Interest only of said sum to be appropriated to her use & benefit, and at the death of my wife Olive Atkinson, I desire said trustees or any of them to divide equally between my son Lewis Atkinson and Sarah Mansford my daughter, all that portion of money which fall to my said wife, in this last Item of this my will.

Item Twelfth I do hereby constitute & appoint Benjamin F. Ward, Parham Lindsay, & Charles Bailey, Executors to this my last will & Testament This day of July Eighteen hundred
and forty nine. This 28th day of November Eighteen hundred
and forty nine.

Cornelius Atkinson 

The above & foregoing three pages signed sealed & declared by Cornelius Atkinson, as his last will & Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator and of each other.

This July 1849.

This 28th day of November 1849.

Recorded this 10th Nov^r 1851.

John McCord C. C. T.

Charles Bailey
Francis M. Wise
Charles Cargile