Last Will and Testament of Jordan Johnson, Executed Aug 14th 1894

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In the name of God, amen!

State of Georgia } I Jordan Johnson of the
Clayton Co } County and State aforesaid being of advanced age, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, knowing that I cannot shortly depart this life, desire it right and proper, both as respects my family and myself that I should make a distribution of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made.

First I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life; my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Second I desire and direct that my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter to be named, as soon after my death as possible, without any injury to my estate - And I desire that said indebtedness be paid from the income of my estate or the personal property if possible.

Third I desire that my Executors hereinafter named should investigate the loss of twelve Bales of Cotton stored in the warehouse in Jonesboro, Clayton Co. Ga, known as the Hynds Warehouse, which was afterwards burned with said warehouse; four of which having been turned over to J. M. Hawkins, he claiming Insurance on four said bales under an open policy held by him, and collecting the Insurance upon the same, and if it should appear after investigation by my Executors that said Company was imposed upon, then I direct my Executors hereinafter named to make restitution to the said Company, to the amount of one hundred and ninety ten Dollars

Fourth - I desire and direct that my two youngest children Carrie and Bart Johnson, and my beloved wife Jane M. Johnson be paid by my Executors hereinafter named, two hundred Dollars each, to be raised out of the proceeds of my estate before any other division or distribution is made.

Fifth Having heretofore provided to some extent for my five oldest children viz; Araminta Pa. L, Amanda Allen, Lucius E. Johnson, Joseph J. Johnson and Turner J. Johnson, - I give and bequeath my entire estate, consisting of land, money, notes, stock of all kinds and all personal property that I have or may have at my death to my beloved wife Jane M. Johnson, and her seven children, to wit: Addie Johnson, Ella Carrie, Thomas Johnson, Richard Johnson, Henry Johnson, Carrie Johnson and Bart Johnson; said interest to be absolute and in fee simple, share and share alike. And the interest of my wife Jane to be during her widowhood or her natural life; then to go to her seven children, to wit; Addie, Ella, Thomas, Richard, Henry, Carrie and Bart Johnson, share and share alike.

Sixth I do hereby authorize my Executors hereinafter named & will any part or all of my estate to meet and carry out the requests set forth in this will, and when in their judgment it is to the interest of the heirs above mentioned in this will to sell any part or all of the effects of my estate both real and personal at public or private sale, and make equal distribution thereof as heretofore directed in this will.

Item 7th I hereby constitute and appoint Edward and Adams Johnson, and Nephew Jordan M. Johnson executors to this my Last will and Testament to carry out the effect of this will; and I request of each of them that they carry out my wishes faithfully.

Jordan Johnson (L.S.)

Signed, sealed and declared and published by Jordan Johnson as his last will and testament in presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his special instance instance and request; and in the presence of each other; this the Eighteenth day of August, Eighteen hundred and ninety. (18th Aug 1890)

Wiley S. Berry
John Johnson
William S. Foster N. P. + ex officio J. P.

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