

Georgia
Jasper County

Will of John R. Greer, deceased.

I, John R. Greer, of said State and County, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament.

Item 1st.

I give bequeath and devise to my wife Mary Ann Greer for and during her natural life the following property to wit: Sixty acres of land more or less in said State and County, bounded as follows to wit: Beginning on the hill near a certain rock, at the corner of the Greer house lot, near the public road, then town the old road to where it strikes the public road, then west down the Forsyth road to the first Bridge to where the road turns to a Negro house, Ramsey Negro house, then East to the public road near the starting point and then to the starting corner, and known as the Black field. Remainder to my grand son, John Dozier Greer in fee. I also give and bequeath to my wife Mary Ann Greer free from any limitation, one mule and two hundred dollars in money.

Item 2nd.

I give, bequeath and devise to my daughter, Sallie Jones, the following real estate in said State and County, to wit: A Lot of land in the Glades, known as the Jenkins place, adjoining lands of C. H. Greer on the west side; on the east by the C. H. Greer, Jr. place and on the south by the lands of C. H. Greer, it containing two hundred acres, more or less, also one hundred acres of land known as the old Pye place, originally known as the Willingham place, bounded on the north by lands of Jesse Clay, on the west by lands of Ben Barrow and the south by lands of Mrs. Huff and on the east by lands of Mrs. Elizabeth Pye.

Item 3rd.

I give and bequeath and devise to my two daughters, Emily R. Greer and Amie Annie Walker, the following real estate, situated in said State and County to wit: Beginning where my land and the land of Thos. Smith joins on the public road just above the Calf Lot at the cross fence between me and the said Thos. Smith, running due south to the corner, known as the Digby place, there due east to the Jordan corner there north along the lands of Jordan to the Branch Corner, known as the Horse Branch corner or the Childs and Jordan Corner, there west to the apple orchard near the old gate then around the old Giw house Lot to a certain rock at the corner of the Giw house by the side of the public road, then crossing the public road near the Negro house to the old original public road before the road was turned around by the house, then a direct line to the starting point on the cross fence between my land and the land of Thos. Smith, containing four hundred acres, more or less. It being my intention and meaning that the property above described, conveyed to my daughter Amie Annie Walker, shall only be a life estate for her to enjoy and control during her natural life and at

her death her child or children in fee and if she has no child or children then the remainder in fee to my grand children, viz: John Henry Bradley, Joe Bradley, Otis Bradley, Dozier Greer, Frobel Greer, Minnie Greer and Ethel Jones.

Item 4th.

I give, bequeath and devise to my son John C. Greer in trust for his children, to be enjoyed and controlled during his natural life, the following real estate, to wit: The Willis Lot, containing one hundred and fifty six acres – the Reese Lot upon which his dwelling house is situated, containing one hundred and ninety acres more or less, and also forty acres of the original Reeses land, lying west of the dwelling house and running to the Rainey Branch, containing in all three hundred and eighty six acres more or less, bounded as follows to wit: starting at Child's Corner and running west to the Rainey Branch between my land and the Child's land cornering with the Child's lot and the Banks' lot at the Branch then cornering in the Child's lot with Banks' lot at the Branch, then up said line with strikes the Black field – the Branch being the line between the Rainey lot and the Reese lot, thence ease until it strikes the public road near a Negro house to a rock corner, where John Johnson colored, now lives, then south until it strikes the apple orchard at the old gate and then east with the apple orchard fence until it strikes the woods down to the horse Branch, known as the Jordan and Childs' corner, then north to the starting point above Childs' house. It being my intention and meaning that the said above described 386 acres of land shall be enjoyed and controlled by my son John C. Greer, during his natural life and at his death the remainder in fee to his two children Dozier Greer and Frobel Greer.

Item 5th.

I will and desire that the following real estate lying and being in said State and County, to wit: adjoining lands of D. M. Langston on the north, lands of C. H. Greer on the west; on the south by the lands of Thos. L. Greer, and on the east by lands of Eugene Roberts and Langston, containing three hundred and seventy five acres, more or less, and known as the Adams and Barr lots of land, shall be sold by my Executor, W. M. Bradley, as soon after my death, as may be convenient and advantageous to my estate and after paying all my just debts and Burial Expenses, my said Executor W. M. Bradley shall invest the surplus, if any, in Georgia State Bonds for the benefit of my Grand Children, Minnie A. Greer, Key Preston Greer, Alford Colquit Greer, Medora Greer, and Ruby Ethel Jones, and pay over to said Grand Children the said Bonds as they arrive at the age of twenty one years, respectively.

Item 6th.

I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter, Minnie A. Greer, the youngest child of my son Jno. C. Greer, the following real estate, to wit: one hundred and forty acres of land, bounded as follows: starting at the upper corner where my land, known as the Black field joins and running a north west course down the Branch to the old Harman Pye place, then west to the Speight's line leading from

the corner where it joins Speight's land and then south along the lane leading to the colored church Fredonia, then a south east course to the corner of the old Rainey House place and thence to the Branch at the original starting point; Forty acres, more or less, of said lands, known as a part of the Rainey place and the other hundred acres, more or less, known as the Banks' place. The said above described land to be vested in her the said Minnie A. Greer in fee simple and turned over to her at my death.

Item 7th.

I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Wm. M. Bradley, Executor of this my last Will and Testament this Nov. 9th 1893.

Signed, declared and published by John R. Greer as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers, who subscribe our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his instance and request, and of each other, he signing in our presence and we signing in his presence.

John H. Kelly
C T. Ezell
W. F. Jordan

John R. Greer

Codicil to last Will of John R. Greer

Item 1st.

Not having disposed of all my land in my above will, I will and bequeath to my three Grand sons, John Henry Bradley and Joe Bradley and Otis Bradley the tract of land known as the Rainey place, commencing at Forsyth Road and running the public road near Fredonia colored church in the direction of Speight's place, and corners near the church. Then takes south course until it strikes Speight's line this side of the Branch. Thence a west course till it strikes Speight's line and then south along Speight's land until it corners with Willis McMichael and the Rainey place; containing two hundred and thirty acres, more or less. The other line of said land running east with Berry Cleveland's land until it strikes the Public Road at the Pond, and then running along said Public Road back to the starting point on the road at the corner leading to the old Speight's place. The said above described land bequeathed to my said Grand children, nevertheless in trust to my Executor for their benefit. It being my intention in this Item of my will that my three said Grand children, John Henry, Joe and Otis Bradley shall have and enjoy the rents, profits and use of the said described land, during their natural lives and should they not leave any lawful heirs, after their deaths the said land shall revert to my estate.

Item 2nd.

In the 1st Item of my will, the land described as given to my wife who has since departed this life, I now will and bequeath to my two grand sons, John Dozier Greer and Frobels Greer the said described land.

John R. Greer

Signed and published by Jno. R. Greer as a codicil to his Last Will and Testament in our presence as witnesses thereto by his request. This May 22nd, 1895 we signed as witnesses in his presence.

C. T. Ezell
John H. Kelly
W. F. Jordan

Court of Ordinary for the County of Jasper, State of Georgia, July Term 1898. It being shown to the Court in the matter of John R. Greer's will propounded by John C. Greer, an heir at Law and a legatee under said Will, that due notice of the intention of said propounder to proceed with the proofs in Solemn form at this term of this court has been given to the several heirs at Law of John R. Greer, to wit: Gilbert D. Greer, and Sallie Jones (both acknowledging servies), Amie Annie Walker, Emily R. Greer and Otis Bradley being personally served by the Sheriff of Jones County, and Henry Bradley being personally served by the Sheriff of Laurens County, and Joe Bradley being personally served by the Deputy Sheriff of Bibb County and Thomas L. Greer being personally served by the Deputy Sheriff of Jasper County, and it further appearing by the testimony in open court of each of the subscribing witnesses to said will that the same is the Last Will and Testament of John R. Greer as alleged by the propounder in his petition. It is considered, ordered and adjudged by the court that said will be and the same hereby established as the Last Will and Testament of John R. Greer, and that the same be admitted to record. This July 4th. 1898.

A. B. Florence, Ordinary.

Recorded July 4th. 1898. A. B. Florence, Ordinary – Ex. Off. Clk. C.O.