

The last Will & Testament of John Greer deceased

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I John Greer being of strong mind and memory knowing that man is born to die and after death to judgement and having been blessed with many years know that my time of departure is not far distant and having been blessed with a loving companion who has borne to me nine children and who has been called from me by the hand of providence and having been blessed with a small portion of this worlds goods I feel it a duty incumbent on me to make such distribution of the same as seems meet to me and according to my own will and pleasure and to appoint such Guardians and such Executors as seems meet to me to act each in their sphere and to carry this my last will and testament into effect in all its form — revoking all others heretofore made by me — I do therefore appoint Gilbert D. Greer and William D. Greer my true and lawfull Executors who is fully authorized to carry into effects this my will and to settle the same with all my heirs & Guardians according to the provissions of this my will —

First — I commit and commend my flesh to its mother dust from whence it came to be burried in a decent manner by the side of my beloved wife companion and my spirit home to God who gave it there to enjoy eternal bliss —

Secondly — That immediately after my death that my Executor proceed to execute this my will by first paying all my just debts and collecting all that may be due me either by note or open account thence to proceed to have all my Estate legally appraised advertised and sold at a credit of twelve months free for all persons to bid who will comply with the terms of sale which shall be small notes with good security, Dave and Fillis his wife and their youngest child shall be sold in one lot the ballance of my stock of negroes shall be by the appraisement divided into nine lots as near equal as possible and drawn for by my heirs as follows to Thomas Greer one lot, to Jane Mangham one lot, after deducting out any demand which I now hold or may hereafter hold against James A. Greer at the time of my death out of the one ninth part of my Estate I give and bequeath unto the offspring of Sarah Greer wife of said James A. Greer the ballance of the aforesaid one ninth part of my estate and I further appoint James A Greer Guardian to said children, and his receipt for the aforesaid share as described to my Executors shall be a sufficient shewing for the court — To Gilbert D Greer one lot after deducting out the demand I hold against Absalom Irvin I give unto Sarah Irvin wife of Absalom Irvin the ballance of the one ninth part of my Estate and Sarah Irvin's receipt for the same shall be a sufficient shewing to the court — To Thomas F Nolan & Hannah Nolan his wife one lot — after deducting the amount I may hold against William D. Greer I give to him said William D. Greer one lot — after deducting the amount I hold against Nathaniel H Greer out of the one ninth part of my Estate I give and bequeath unto the offspring of Nancy Greer wife of Nathaniel H Greer the ballance of the aforesaid one ninth part of my Estate and I further appoint Nathaniel H. Greer Guardian of said children & his receipt for the aforesaid share as described to my Executors shall be a sufficient shewing for the court — after deducting the amount I may hold against Willis Johnson out of the one ninth part of my Estate I give and bequeath unto Nancy Johnson wife of Willis Johnson the

remaining portion of said ninth part of my Estate and Nancy Johnson's Receipt for the same shall be a sufficient shewing to the court — and the remaining parts of all my Estate both real and personal shall be sold as above described

Acknowledged signed and sealed this the sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty in presence of

Herndon Haralson
Henry Boyd &
Wm M McCutchin

his
John x Greer SS
mark

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Inferior Court of Troup County sitting for ordinary purposes met in chambers this 20th day of January 1843

Present their Honors

James M Peale
& Peter W Lesley, Justices

The within last will and testament of John Greer late of this county deceased was this day produced before the above named Justices of the Inferior Court in chambers and duly and lawfully proven upon the oaths of Herndon Haralson, Henry Boyd & William M McCutchin the subscribing witnesses to the same — the same being, produced by Gilbert D. Greer the surviving Executor therein named

W. Wilson C Co
Georgia Inferior Court of Troup County sitting for ordinary purposes March Term 1843

Present their Honors

James M Peale
Daniel Ware
John Greer, Justices

The within last will and testament of John Greer late of this county deceased having been produced before James M Peale and Peter W Lesley two of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County on the 20th day of January in the present year in vacation and then and there duly & lawfully proven by the subscribing witnesses to the same. It is now ordered that the same be admitted to Record this being a regular term of said court —

Wiley Wilson C Co
Recorded 9th March 1843