

Will of Samuel Slade of Pike County, Georgia

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State of Georgia}
Pike County}

In the name of God Amen

I, Samuel Slade of said State and County, being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1 Item I desire and direct that my body be buried in a Christian decent manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life. My soul I trust shall return to God who gave it and I hope for eternal life through the merits of the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whose religion I have professed and as I humbly trust, enjoyed for more than six years.

2 Item I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors herein after appointed as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed in their rights as there is no necessity for delay.

3 Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Francis Ann Bankston and all her children free from the control or disposition of her present or any future husband my Negro boy Frank, some eleven years of age, a dark complexion and appoint my son Joseph Slade trustee of the property given and bequeathed to my daughter Frances Ann Bankston and all her children.

4 Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Abi Hale and all her children free from the control or disposition of her present or any future husband, my Negro boy John, some thirteen years of age, of dark complexion and appoint my son Joseph Slade trustee of the property given and bequeathed to my daughter Abi Hale and all her children.

5 Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Slade my Negro boy Henry, of yellow complexion, about eighteen years of age, and if said boy Henry should die before __?__ into the possession of my son Samuel, then and in that case, I desire that said son Samuel should not sustain the loss of said Negro but receive (before distribution) from my estate enough to make his share equal to each of my other children.

6 Item In case any of my children should die leaving no children of their own, then one half of the property herein given and bequeathed to such of my child or children so deceased, to be inherited by their husbands or wives as the case may be, and their heirs and the other half to go to my legal heirs, and in case any of my children die before marrying then all the property bequeathed to such child or children so deceased to be equally divided among my surviving heirs.

7 Item I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Chloe with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet for thirty five years, for and during her natural life only, all my property both real and personal wherever and whatever it may be after the foregoing bequests are paid out and fulfilled, and at her death all the property so given and bequeathed to my wife Chloe to be disposed of by my surviving executors to the best advantage and the same or the proceeds thereof or the property itself to be equally divided among all my surviving heirs. And the property, money or effects that may be thus inherited by any and all my daughters by or in virtue of this item of this my last will and testament to be free from the debts, liabilities, or control of their present or any future husband any of them may have and all of said property to be settled on trustees legally appointed, where none have been appointed, to manage the portions of my property, money or effects so inherited by my daughter individually for their sole and separate use during their natural lives, and at their death said property, money or effects to be inherited by such child or children as may be left by them individually.

8 Item I direct my executors herein appointed before making a final distribution as authorized by the preceding item (7 Item) to ascertain that each of my children have received from me or from my estate estimating the property at its value at the time given and distribute the property money or effects of my estate so that all my children may share equally in my estate from first to last.

9 Item I bequeath and devise to my daughter Abi Hale, my Negro woman Lawrence and to my daughter Aletha S. Keneday, my Negro woman Susan under the same restrictions as those contained in Item four (4) to each of them together with one hundred dollars each to be left in the hands of my son Joseph Slade to be put out at interest to be held as a fund for the maintenance of said Negroes if needed for that purpose. And if not so needed then said money, principal and interest to be distributed according to the directions contained in item seven and in the execution of this my last will and testament I direct that the Negroes and money named in this item be included in the estimate of my estate at the time of distribution as provided for in item seven.

10 Item I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Chloe Executor and my beloved son Joseph Slade Executor of this my last will and testament with full power to sell my lands and Negroes and make titles to the same and to make titles to any real estate for which my bonds may be out.
In witness thereof I the said Samuel Slade do hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 25th day of June 1858.

Samuel (his mark) Slade

Signed, sealed, declared and published by Samuel Slade as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribing witnesses who subscribe our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and of each other this twenty fifth day of June A.D. Eighteen hundred and fifty eight.

James B. Hanson
James Cawthen

Basil M. Taylor
John F. Hansen

Georgia
Pike County

We James B. Hansen, James Cawthen and Basil M. Taylor do solemnly swear that we saw Samuel Slade sign (by making his mark), seal and heard him declare and publish this writing to be and contain his last will and testament, and at the time thereof he was of sound disposing mind and memory and that he did it freely without compulsion to the best of our knowledge and belief and that we signed the same in the presence of each other and the testator and that we did it at the request of the Testator and we also swear that we saw John F. Hansen sign the same as a witness in our presence at the request also of the testator.

James B. Hansen
James Cawthen
Basil M. Taylor

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 6th day of August 1860
James Mangham Ordinary

Georgia}
Pike County}

I Chloe Slade do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true Last Will and Testament of Samuel Slade deceased so far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in said will as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charges me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels so help me God.

Chloe (her mark) Slade

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 6th day August 1860
John Mangham Ordinary

Recorded August 11th 1860
John Mangham Ordinary