

Will of Joseph Pulliam 1865

Transcribed from the will filed in the Elbert County, Georgia Courthouse by
(Mr.) Gwen and Shelia Pulliam

Georgia
Elbert County

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Pulliam of the state and county aforesaid being of sound mind and disposing memory do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manners and form following to wit:

1st I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent Christian burial by my executor herein named and appointed.

2nd It is my will and desire that my just debts be paid as early as practicable.

3rd It is my will and desire that in case I should die before the expiration of the year 1861 that my two sons John and Willis Pulliam together with Willis Pulliam's children remain on my plantation and keep all my property together and use and enjoy the same so for as a decent living and afor remuneration for the crop made by them in the year 1861 as I have made that contract with them under the promise that I would secure it to them in this will in case I should die before the above stated time and my executor herein after named will see that there is nothing wasted unnecessary.

4th It is my will that should I die by the expiration of the year 1861 then I wish my estate both real and personal rights and to be reduced to cash by sales complying with the statute in such case made and provided and divide it among my children and grandchildren according to the following directions.

5th I give to William H. Edwards as trustee for my daughter Sarah Burden wife of Micajah Burden and her children one equal share of my estate to be paid out to her according to her and her childrens wants and in the event that said William H. Edwards should be debased from acting by reason of holding the office of ordinary, I wish him to have a trustee appointed for the aforesaid Sarah and her children or a guardian for the children in case she the said Sarah should die before I do.

6th I will and bequeath to my son John Pulliam one equal share of my estate

7th I give and bequeath to my son Nathan Pulliam one equal share of my estate

8th I give and bequeath to my three grand daughters namely Elizabeth, Caroline, and Susan children of my son Willis Pulliam one equal share of my estate to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

9th I give and bequeath to Permelia Pulliam widow of my son Seaborn Pulliam now deceased late of the county of Decature in said state to be equally divided share and share alike between her the said Permelia and all the children she had by my said son Seaborn Pulliam one equal share of my estate.

10th I give and bequeath to my son in law Martin G. Fowler as trustee for his wife Permelia A. and her children one equal share of my estate.

11th I give and bequeath to my son Robert J. Pulliam one equal share of my estate.

12th I give and bequeath to my son William Pulliam one equal share of my estate.

13th I will and desire that my old negro woman Minney at my death be allowed to choose who she wishes to live with and if those she makes choice of are willing to pay whatever she maybe appraised as let her go to whom she chooses.

14th I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend William H. Edwards my executor to carry into effect this my last will and testament revoking any and all former will or wills heretofore made by me this 17th day of September 1860.

Joseph Pulliam

Signed and published by Joseph Pulliam as his last will and testament in our presence as witness in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other the day and year above written in the will.

Joseph T. Smith

Moses E. Mills

B.C. Smith

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Elbert County

Court of ordinary January tenn 1865

Personally came before me in open court Joseph T. Smith one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of Joseph Pulliam deceased and being my sworn saith that he was present and saw said Joseph T. Smith one of the subscribing witness to the will of Joseph Pulliam sign and declare the within instrument of writing as his last will and testament and that he together with Moses E. Mills and B.C. Smith signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator and at testators request and this deponent believes said to have been of sound mind and disposing memory at the time he executed the same swornito and subscribed in open court.

10th day of January 1865

Joseph T. Smith

List W.H. Edwards ordinary

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The last will and testament of Joseph Pulliam deceased having been proved at this regular time of the court by the oath of Joseph T. Smith one of the subscribing witnesses thereto It is therefore ordered by the court that said will be recorded this 10th day of January 1865,

W.H. Edwards ordinary

Recorded the 8th day of January 1865

W. H. Edwards ordinary