

Smith, Sarah Quinn, Early Georgia Wills and settlements of Estates, Wilkes County, FHL 975.817 S2s. [ These are abstracts.]

“JOHN COLBERTSON. Aug. 8, 1789; Feb. 2, 1790. Wife, Polly all estate for life. for life. To my youngest dau. Nancy at death of my wife, a negro Philis and furniture, etc., the said dowry to be clear of expense of her education. To my children that are unmarried, cash, at their marriage. Residue to children Thomas and John Colbertson, Mary Goss, Nichodemus C. Philpot, Martha Colbertson and Fanny Colbertson Philpot, each to have three years schooling. Exrs: Martha and son, John Colbertson. Wit: John Colbertson, Christ. Hargreaves, Reuben Allen.”

[When transcribed a photocopy of the original I disagreed with Ms. Smith's abstract. See below.]

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3/25/2000

My transcription of the original will of John Colbertson, father of Fanny Colbertson. It should be noted that the film is a poor copy with script from the other side bleeding through in some places. See FHL #0184824, Court of Ordinary, Wilkes Co., GA wills, 1790-1852. Photocopied when on loan at Bozeman FHC, 10-2-90.

In the Name of God Amen.

I John Colbertson of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes being very weak of Body but of perfect mind and Memory [Praise]d be God I do hereby ordain and devise this to be My Last Will and Testament In the first Place then I recommend My Soul to God who gave it & My Body to the Earth to be Buried in decent Christian Burial nothing doubting but at the day of the General resurection I shall receive the same again and as Touching such Worldly Estates as it hath pleased almighty God to endow me with I do dispose of in Manner and form following Viz:

Imprimur My Will is that My wife Patty Colbert hath the Use of all my Lands House \_\_\_\_\_ and all My Household furniture during her Natural Life with all my Slaves and all the rest of My Temporal Estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to My Younges Daughter Nancy at the disease of her Mother a Negro Wench named little Philis and one Fether Bed and furniture w-ch s - a Dowry to be clear of the Expenche of her Education.

Item I devise provided any of My Children that are unmaried should Marry before the Disease of My Wife that those of them at their Marriage shall receive out of the increase of the Estate such requisits to the Value of Twenty Pounds as my wife shall see fit and further all those that remain unmarried shall at her disease first receive the Value of Twenty Pounds each except the above mentioned Legatee and further as to the remainng Part of My Estate with its Increase after My Wife's disease I devise & will that it be Equally Divided among my Children that are hereafter mentioned. Tho.- Colbertson, Jn-o Colbertson, Mary Goss, Nicodemus Colbertson, Philpot Colbertson, Martha Colbertson, Fanny Colbertson. The Expences of 3 Years scholling to Philpot and 2 to Nancy Colbertson being deducted first out of the Estate Lastly I Constitute and appoint My Loving Wife Martha Colbert-[flourish] My Well beloved Son Jn-o Colbertson Executers to this

My Last will and Testament revoaking all [the following appears to be stricken out--  
"other wills by Me heretofore Made ratifying and confirming"] this to be my Last Will  
and Testament whereunto I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this Twenty Eight  
day of August 1789

Sign'd Seal'd Pronounc'd  
(encircled)

Publish'd and declared to  
be the Last will and Tes  
tament of Jn-o Colbertson  
in the Presence off  
Christ-[loops] Hargreaves  
Reuben Allen

Duly proved before me the 2 d day of February 1790 by the above Reuben Allen one of  
the subscribing Witnesses

Edw-d Jones Reg-r Pro-t

Jn-o Colbertson Last Will  
&  
Testement

[Note: I have indicated superscripts thus w-ch s - a, (ie. which is a ), Jn-o (ie. John),  
Colbert-[flourish] (ie. Colbertson), Edw-d (ie. Edward), Tho.- (ie. Thomas), Christ-[loops]  
(Christian), Reg-r Pro-t (Register Probate).

[Praise]d this is my best guess.

\_\_\_\_\_ indicates letters/words I could not transcribe.

My abstract of the above.

JOHN COLBERTSON will dtd 28 August 1789, proved 2 February 1790, Wilkes  
County, GA.

1. Bequeathed everything to his wife--Patty Colbertson.
2. Upon wife's death the youngest daughter--Nancy, would be given dowry of the slave--  
little Philis, feather bed, and furniture without infringing upon the expense of her  
education.
3. Provisions for unmarried children should they marry before the death of his widow the  
value of up to £20 from profits of his estate as determined by his widow. Those  
children unmarried after his widow's death shall receive £20 each except for Nancy. The  
remainder of his estate to be equally divided among his children mentioned below.
4. Children listed:  
Thomas Colbertson

John Colbertson  
Mary Goss  
Nicodemus Colbertson  
Philpot Colbertson  
Martha Colbertson  
Fanny Colbertson

5. Expense of education provided for first out of his estate:  
Philpot--3 years  
Nancy Colbertson--2 years
6. Executors:  
Wife, Martha Colbertson  
Son, John Colbertson
7. Signed by his mark (X)
8. Witnesses:  
Christian Hargreaves  
Reuben Allen
9. Registrar of Probate:  
Edward Jones