

Draft

Estate of John Platts, Senior<sup>1</sup>  
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CHRONOLOGY

- 6 November 1799      John Platts, Sr. made his will: Executors were his wife Sophia, John Hire, and Jacob Harter. Witnesses were George Kope, Frederick Brant, and Jacob Koupe.
  
- 21 January 1802      A true copy of the will was taken from the original.
  
- 20 February 1816      John Platts, Jr. sued for Letters of Administration of his father's estate, claiming that the executors named in the will were now deceased.
  
- 3 March 1816          Notice of suit published at Three Mile Meeting House, certified by Jonathan Loper.
  
- 15 March 1816          \$10,000 Bond posted by John Platts, Jacob Mole, and John Varn. Witnessed by W.W. Dunn.
  
- Letters of Administration with Will annexed granted to John Platts, Jr.
  
- Warrant of Appraisal issued to Charles Gray, George Mole, Milly Hoover, George Cope, and John Young.

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Chronology continued

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22 March 1816

Charles Gray, John M. <sup>Hoover</sup> Hoover, George Kope, and John Young qualified as appraisers.

28 March 1816

Inventory made "of all the goods, chattels, and personal Estate of John Platts, Sr." and signed by Gray, Hoover, Kope, and Young. Summary of Inventory: Livestock, \$1200; 14 slaves, \$4365; Plantation tools and implements, \$340; Plantation produce and commodities, \$390; Household goods and furniture, \$210; Due to the Estate, \$173; "Reddy money," \$553; for a total of \$10,231.

29 March 1816

Inventory recorded in <sup>Will</sup> Book B, page 67

23 April 1816

\$10,000 Bond by George Howard, Cristanah Howard, Michael Kinard and Mary Kinard, Abraham Hiers and Nancy Hiers, John Platts guardian for the heirs of Hannah Cone<sup>2</sup>, deceased, George Harter and Margaret Harter, John A. All and Elizabeth All, John Platts, David Platts, George Platts<sup>3</sup>, and John Platts Guardian for Caternah Platts. This bond was evidently made to protect John Platts, Jr. should further claims arise against the estate after John Platts distributed the shares of the estate among the heirs. Witnesses to this bond were David Platts, George Platts, John Platts, Duncan Stuart and John Coone.

Receipts by each of the above<sup>4</sup> from John Platts for \$600. Witnesses Duncan Stuart and John Coon.

Deed from Christenah Howard, of Liberty County, Georgia, to David Platts for \$100 for one hundred acres "on Pretty Creek Waters of the Great Salt-Ketcher, granted to William Mills the fifteenth day of September 1775 and conveyed from Mills to Christopher Platts and from the heirs of Christopher Platts to John Platts and from John Platts to the said Christenah Howard."

Deed from George Howard of Liberty County, Georgia, to David Platts for \$300 for 62 acres "being part of a grant to Jacob Harter of 250 acres and conveyed to said George Howard by deed and hath such shape and form and marks as is represented by a plat annexed."

26 April 1816

The above bond, receipts, and two deeds were all recorded in Barnwell Deed Book I, pages 371-376.

Petition by John Platts, Jr. for public sale of undivided remains of Estate. Petition granted and sale ordered "at the home of Mrs. Sophie

- Platts on Monday the 20th of May next."
- 20 May 1816 Sale held, John M. Hoover, auctioneer. \$309.03½ cash received from sale.
- 26 December 1816 *deed from* John Platts, David Platts, John A. All and Elizabeth his wife, Henry Brant and Caterenah his wife, John Coone and George Harter and Margaret his wife, all of Barnwell District, Michael Kinard and Miley his wife of Lexington District, Abraham Hiers and Nancy his wife of Colleton District, George Howard and Christenah his wife of Liberty County, Georgia for \$720 to George Platts 300 acres: one tract of 200 acres on Hog Branch including the old plantation and 100 acres on Pretty Creek, "hath such form and marks as is represented by a Plate made by John Allen D.S." John Jenny and George Moles witnessed the signing of the deed.
- 1 April 1817 Above described deed recorded in Deed Book J, pages 327-329, Barnwell Deed Books.
- 10 November 1820 Estate settled

<sup>1.</sup> While no date of death has definitely been established for John Platts, Sr., he was probably dead by 1800 as Sophia, his wife, is listed as the head of household rather than he in that census.

The above <sup>described</sup> documents establish the following:

2. Hannah Platts was the wife of John Coone/Cone.
3. <sup>This</sup> George Platts was a son of John Platts, Sr. and his wife Sophia. Further, Barnwell Probate Records, Bundle 80, pkg 6 include a letter from John Platts, Administrator of the "Estate of my deceased brother, George Platts," dated November 2, 1841.
4. Christopher Platts, <sup>son of Jacob and Christina Platts and brother of John Platts, Sr.,</sup> lived to his majority, owned property, and left heirs.
5. Caterenah Platts was married to Henry Brant between 23 April 1816, when her brother John signed as her guardian, and 26 December 1816, when Henry Brant was listed as her husband in the deed to George Platts.

*That* David Platts was married to Margaret Kope, daughter of George Kope, will be shown when papers relating to George Kope's estate are examined and reported on. David Platts also died intestate and his brother John, Jr. was also made his Administrator, also in November 1841. Since the Index to the 1840 Census shows both a David and a George Platts in Barnwell District, they probably had both recently died. Was something going around?

*Except for abbreviations written in superscript all spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are transcribed as written.*