

Georgia
Newton County

In the name of God Amen
I Andrew J Hoage being weak of body but of sound
mind & brain this my last will and testament hereby declaring all
things with which you are by me

Item 1st I resign my debt to God who gave it and my
to my circumstances in life

Item 2nd It is my Will and desire that all my just
debts be paid by my Executors herein after appointed as
soon after my death as practicable.

Item 3rd I leave to my beloved wife Nancy Hoage during
her natural life or widowhood the tract of land whereon I
now reside containing four hundred acres more or less
situated in the following named negroes to wit Malinda
Mestley, Mary, Rebecca, Solomon, George, Charles & James
& their increase: also all my horses, Mules, Cattle, Sheep
& farming tools of all kinds, and I hereby make it
my wife's duty to take good care of my faithful
old negro woman Drume during her life

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Nancy Hoage in her own right to dispose of as
she may deem proper, all my household & kitchen
furniture of whatever kind it may be

Item 5th It is my will & desire that my beloved Wife
& I leave R Hoage out of the proceeds of the property loan
ed to her in the 3rd item of this will, and it is my will
that when my said sons are not at school that they are
to be put to work as I do not wish them to be idle
in idleness; and I hereby constitute and appoint their
Mother Nancy Hoage guardian of the persons & property
of my two sons

Item 6th It is my will and desire that the balance
of property both real and personal not herein disposed of
be sold by my Executors, and the proceeds to be equally di-
vided among all of my children.

Item 7th Whereas I have an interest in the estate of my
deceased father James Hoage senior at the death of my
Mother. It is my will and desire that at the death

of my mother the same to collect for
 children equally among my children
 Item 5th It is my will that all the property
 death a marriage of my wife that all the property
 the increase thereof to be in the 2^d item of this Will
 sold by my Executors and the proceeds thereof be equal
 divided among all my children, the share one accounting to
 any and all advancements made during my life, and if
 any one of them refuses to account for said advancements
 the one so refusing is to receive nothing out of the property
 in the proceeds thereof to be sold in this item.

Item 6th I hereby appoint my friend Mr. Henderson
 Justice Clerk for my two daughters to receive of and
 and receive of this and their children to receive of and
 from my Executors the money or property that may be
 going to them under this Will and the same is hereby
 given to him the said Mr. Henderson Justice in trust for the
 said I separate use & advantage of my said two daughters
 & their children.

Item 7th I hereby appoint my beloved wife Nancy
 Hoage executrix of Mr. Henderson Justice Executor of
 this my last Will & Testament this 5th day of May 1855
 Andrew J. Hoage Esq.

Signed Sealed declared and published by the said
 Andrew J. Hoage to be and contain his last Will &
 Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who
 subscribed our names here in the presence of the
 of the said Testator and of each other this 5th day
 of May 1855

We I Shew
 Thomas Benge
 Mattie B Perry
 A M Evans

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In vacation personally came Thomas Benge
 Mattie B Perry and A M Evans who being duly sworn
 depose & say that they subscribed the within Will
 as witnesses and that they saw Andrew J. Hoage the
 testator sign the same and publish the same as
 his last Will and Testament - and that at the time

of the said signing and publication of the same the said
 Andrew J. Hoage in the opinion of subscribers was of sound and
 disposing mind and memory and that he executed the same
 freely & without compulsion so far as they know or believe and
 that they subscribed the same in the presence of the testator and
 the presence of each other.
 Given to and subscribed
 before me Aug 7th 1855
 M D Luckie Attorney
 Thomas Benge
 Mattie B Perry
 A M Evans

Admitted to record September Term 1855
 M D Luckie Attorney