

Will of Thomas N. Slaughter Deceased
State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen
Randolph County } I Thomas N. Slaughter of said
State and County, being of advanced age, but of sound
and disposing mind and memory, 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 pro-
vidence has blessed me, I do therefore make this my last
Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all
others by me heretofore made.

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a
decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstan-
ces and situation in life. My Soul I trust will return to
rest with God who gave it, as I hope for Salvation through
the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid
without delay by my Executors hereinafter named and
appointed.

I give and bequeath and devise to my beloved wife
Mirza Slaughter, the place wherein I now live containing
three hundred acres of land in said County, and State
and lot of land in said County, and State and known
as tract One Hundred and fifty six (156)
and lot of land in said County, and State and known
as tract One Hundred and fifty six (156) containing
two hundred and two and a half acres, with all the
rights, tenements and appurtenances to me same in anywise
belonging.

It is my Will desire and intention that my beloved
wife Mirza Slaughter shall have the full right and
title to said place and the exclusive control of the
same with all the rents and profits in any manner
arising from the same during her natural life and
she shall have the right in her discretion to sell and dispose of
said place, the proceeds arising from the sale thereof
to be reinvested in other real estate subject to the
same provisions, limitations, terms and restrictions
as the original said place herein referred to.

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wife Mirza Slaughter shall have the full right and
title to said place and the exclusive control of the
same with all the rents and profits in any manner
arising from the same during her natural life and
she shall have the right in her discretion to sell and dispose of
said place, the proceeds arising from the sale thereof
to be reinvested in other real estate subject to the
same provisions, limitations, terms and restrictions
as the original said place herein referred to.

provisions of every kind plantation tools including Wagon, Carts Carriages House hold and Kitchen furniture, and every thing of value which I hold in my own right and that may be found in my possession at the time of my death, not otherwise disposed of for and during the term of her natural life with power at her discretion to sell and dispose of the same and in case the proceeds of the sale of the personal property shall be exhausted by her in living she shall not be responsible to my children or any one else for the same it being my distinct and solemnly declared Will and intention that my said wife shall have full power and Control of said personal property, and the proceeds of the sale thereof, but at the time of her death should any of said personal property or the proceeds thereof be so found the same shall be disposed of as herein after mentioned

It is my will and desire and intention that my beloved wife Thirza Slaughter shall have all of my Notes and accounts and evidences of debt of every description to be used and disposed of in the same manner and under the same provisions and restrictions as mentioned in the foregoing Article relative to my other personal property

It is my Will intention and desire that should my beloved wife Thirza Slaughter see fit and think it proper at any time during her widowhood or in the event of her marriage to divide said property both real and personal with our children, as far as her life estate herein is concerned and conveyed shall be concerned she shall have the power to do so, but this shall be left entirely at her discretion

It is my Will intention and desire that at the expiration of the life estate herein created that the property herein named both real and personal subject to the restriction hereinbefore mentioned shall be equally divided between our children Thomas H Slaughter Augustus E Slaughter and Susan Emma Slaughter vesting in each of them a life Estate in the same and on Estate in remainder without limitation at the death of either of them to their children and at the death of either one of them his or her interest shall vest in the survivor or survivors provided he or she shall die without a child or children, but if either one should die leaving a child or children his or her interest in said Estate shall go to said child or children

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife

Thirza Slaughter Executrix of this my last Will
and Testament - This August 9th 1879

Thos. R. Slaughter Seal

Signed Sealed and declared and published by
Thomas R. Slaughter as his last Will and Testament in
the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names
thereto in the presence of said Testator at his Special
instance and request and in the presence of each other

Samuel A. McNeil

James R. Hooten

William L. Baldwin

Frances M. Allison

State of Georgia & Thomas R. Slaughter
Hawthorne County said on the 9th day of August
1867. Sign Seal declare and publish my last Will and
Testament in presence of Samuel A. McNeil James
R. Hooten William L. Baldwin and Frances M. Allison
who signed the said Will and Testament as witnesses
And whereas I am desirous of altering and changing
a bequest and desire and more explicitly explaining
my intention in bring my Will and intention that
the property therein devised shall be for the sole and
separate use benefit and behoof of the beneficiaries
therein named, and that the same shall be free from
the debts, contracts and liabilities of either of said
beneficiaries, and shall not be liable to sale for their
debts August 29th 1867

Thos. R. Slaughter Seal

Signed Sealed declared and published by
Thomas R. Slaughter as a Codicil to his will and
Testament of the 9th day of August 1867 in the
presence of the undersigned who subscribed our
names thereto in the presence of said Testator, and at
his special instance and request and in the presence
of each other this August 29th 1867

Michael Gordon

Michael Anderson

Edward H. Darden

State of Georgia Whereas Thomas R. Slaughter and
Brooks Co. do on the ninth day of August 1879
Sign Seal declare and publish my last Will and Testament
in the presence of Samuel A. McNeil James R. Hooten
William L. Baldwin and Frances M. Allison

said Will and Testament as witnesses. And whereas I am desirous of attaining and changing the bequest and devise in the third (3rd) article of said Will (having disposed of the property therein named and involving in other property) I therefore make and publish this Codicil to said Will and Testament.

First-

I revoke and annul the said third article of said Will

Second

I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Thirza Slaughter the place recently purchased from H. D. Bounties embracing the west half of Lot of Land No Three Hundred and seven (307) Containing two Hundred and forty acres more or less, also part of Lot of Land number Three Hundred and thirty eight (338) commencing at the South West corner of said Lot and running West to the first Spring branch then down the run of said branch to Well Creek and along the run of said Creek to the northern boundary line containing sixty acres more or less both tracts or parcels situate lying and being in the 12th District of Brooks County, To Have and to hold the property so devised to her own proper use benefit and behoof To be disposed of as my said wife may see proper after my death provided the proceeds of the sale of said Land (should she dispose of the property) be reinvested in other real estate this November 20th 1869. The words "to my beloved wife Thirza Slaughter" interlined before signing

Thos H Slaughter Esq

Signed Sealed declared and published by Thomas H Slaughter as a Codicil to his Will and Testament of the ninth (9th) of August 1867 in the presence of the 2 undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator and at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other this November 20th 1869

S. T. Kingsbury

W. B. Bennett

William H. Cooper

State of Georgia } In the matters of Thirza Slaughter
Brooks County } Executrix of the last Will and Testament
of Thomas H Slaughter late of said County deceased, apply
Cation To admit the will To probate

Interrogatories To be exhibited to Samuel A. McNeil
James R. Wooten and William L. Butler in and Frances
M. Allison witnesses to the Will of Thomas H Slaughter
and Michael Brown and Alfred J. Monroe witnesses
to the first Codicil to said Will who reside out of the
County aforesaid and in the Court of Randolph in
said state

To Samuel A McNeil James B Wooten William S Baldwin
and Frances M Allison

You and each of you will please look upon the Original
Will of Thomas H Slaughter herunto attached and say
whether or not you signed the same as attesting witnesses
and whether you saw the other attesting witnesses and Thomas
H Slaughter the testator sign the same each one of you giving
your testimony in the order as your names are designated
above

To Michael Koomly and Alfred J Monroe you and
each of you will please look upon the Will of Thomas H
Slaughter herunto attached and state whether you and each
of you signed the same as attesting witnesses and whether
you saw each other sign the same and whether you saw
Thomas H Slaughter the testator sign the same particularly
giving your testimony Separately

Please state all you know that will benefit the application

Edward R Harder Atty for
Thos H Slaughter Executor

State of Georgia } It is Now or James S Seal, Ordinary
Brooks County } of said County

To Cattleton S Chastine and William D Kiddor
Esqrs. Greeting

Whereas there is a certain will of Thomas H Slaughter
late of said County deceased to be proved in said Ordinarys
Court for said County

And whereas Samuel A McNeil James B Wooten
William S Baldwin and Frances M Allison are witnesses
to said Will and Michael Koomly and Alfred J Monroe
are witnesses to the first Codicil all of which reside
without the limits of said County and cannot attend
said Court without manifest inconvenience.

Now know ye that in reposing special trust and
confidence in your prudence and fidelity have appointed
you and you or any two (or more) of you are hereby author-
ized and required to cause the said Samuel A McNeil
James B Wooten William S Baldwin and Frances M
Allison witnesses to the Will and Michael Koomly and
Alfred J Monroe witnesses to the first Codicil to appear
to come before you and after being sworn by you
to examine them concerning the contents of the same
and to be able to the satisfaction of the Court to

and the answers to the same being plainly and distinctly written you are to send the same closed up under your hands and seals to our said Court of Ordinary to be held on the first Monday in July next together with this writ.

Witness the Honorable James S. Beatty Ordinary of said County
This June 13th 1870

William H. Mason C. C. C.

Application of Thirza
Slaughter Executrix for
Probate of Will Thomas
H. Slaughter

In Court of Ordinary of Brooks County

Georgia
Randolph County } By Virtue of a Commission from the Honorable
Court of Ordinary of Brooks County we have caused Samuel A. McNeil, Francis M. Allison, James B. Wooten, Michael Goonley, and the witnesses named in said Commission to come before us and who being sworn true answers to make to certain interrogatories to said Commission answered answers as follows

Samuel A. McNeil answers. I saw Thos. H. Slaughter sign the Will attached to Intro. Seal declare and publish it as such. I signed it as witness and saw William S. Baldwin and Francis M. Allison do so likewise and think I saw James B. Wooten sign as witness also

James B. Wooten answers. I saw Thos. H. Slaughter sign Seal declare and publish the paper attached to Intro. as his Will that he signed it as witness and saw Samuel A. McNeil, William S. Baldwin and Francis M. Allison do so likewise

Francis M. Allison answers. I saw Thos. H. Slaughter sign Seal declare and publish the Will attached to Intro. as his. I signed the same as witness and saw Samuel A. McNeil, James B. Wooten and William S. Baldwin sign the same also as witness

Michael Goonley answers. I saw Thos. H. Slaughter sign Seal declare and publish the first Codicil attached to the Will annexed to Intro. and signed same as witness and saw Alfred J. Morrow and Edward B. Horder do so likewise

They answer that Thos. H. Slaughter was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time as sworn to above

Francis M. Allison
Samuel A. McNeil
James B. Wooten

to Sub-1st William L Baldwin, answers, I saw Tho^s H Slaughter
sign seal declare and publish the first attached to Sub-
as his. I signed the same as witness and saw Samuel
A McNeil James Wooten and Frances Allison sign the
same also as witnesses

Answers Subscribed and Sworn to Before me
This June 26th 1870

L. S. Chastine Compt
W D. Kiddos Compt.

Georgia } Before me came on the 16th day of
Brooks County } July 1870 for the purpose of proving the
first Codicil to the last will and Testament of Tho^s H
Slaughter late of said County Deceased one of the witnesses
to said Codicil to wit- Edward B. Hardin and the said
last will and Codicil having been brought before me
before that time for probate by the Executrix Thirza Slaughter
who has filed a Petition for Probate of the same he the said
witness deposes and says that he saw said Thomas H
Slaughter sign and publish the said Codicil as part
of his last Will and Testament on the day and year then
stated as executed by him. That he witnessed the same
at his request in his presence and in the presence of the
other subscribing witnesses that the same was voluntarily
executed by him while he was of sound and disposing
mind and memory.

Sworn to and Subscribed

Before me this July 16th 1870

Edward B Hardin

James L Beatty

Ordinary

B. C. Ga

Georgia } Before me came on the 16th day
Brooks County } of July 1870 for the purpose of
proving the second Codicil to the last Will and
Testament of Thomas H Slaughter late of said County
Deceased the witnesses to said Codicil to wit- S. T.
Kingston W B Barnes and William Henderson and
the said last Will and Codicil having been brought
that time brought before me for Probate by the Execu-
rix Thirza Slaughter who has filed a Petition for
probate of the same they the said witnesses depose
the same that they saw said Thomas H Slaughter
sign and publish the said Codicil as part of
his last Will on the day and year then stated
as executed by him.

same at his request in his presence and presence of each other
 that the same was voluntarily executed by him while he was of
 sound and disposing mind and memory
 Sworn To and Subscribed.

Before me this 16th July 1870

James C. Beatty

Ordinary

B.C. Ga

J. J. Smathers

W. B. Bennett

William Hudson

Recorded August 3rd 1870

Wm. Hudson S. C. C.