

Georgia

Burke County

In the name of God Amen. I William Humphreys of
said State and County being of advanced age and knowing that
I must shortly depart from this world deem it right and
proper both as it regards myself and family that I should make
a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has
blessed me therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby
revoking and annulling all ^{Burke Co. GA Will Bk A} ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} before made by me.

Item first I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian
like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition, my soul
I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it as I hope for eter-
nal salvation through the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
whose religion I have professed and as I humbly trust enjoyed
Item second I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid with as little
delay as is consistent to the best interest of my estate.

- Item Third I desire and direct that all the Lands which I own and situate in Bartholomew County be sold by my Executors and the money arising from the sale thereof be appropriated to the payment of my debts.
- Item Fourth I Loan to my daughter Elizabeth S Harris a Negro girl by name Laura which she now has in her possession. I also loan to my said Daughter a Negro Girl Harriet (now in my possession) together with their increase, for and during the natural life of my said Daughter and after her death said Negroes & their increase to be equally divided among her children share & share alike.
- Item Fifth I Loan to my Daughter Amy Sumner for and during her natural life one Negro Woman named Phillis and her two children viz Lige and West Cheevers their increase and after her death said Negroes and their increase to be equally divided among her children share and share alike.
- Item Sixth I give to my son James in trust for my son William S. Humphreys, for his use during his natural life my Negro man Spence and my Negro Girl Patsy to have the use of them and their increase together with any other property which I may herein loan to him for and during his lifetime after the death of my son William S. I desire and direct that all the property held in trust by son James for the use of my son William S. be equally divided among my sons and daughters or their children to be given to them under the same restrictions that each share has been herein given.
- Item Seventh I give and devise unto my son Francis W. Humphreys my Negro man Solomon and the remaining portion of my landed estate in Bartholomew County after deducting the balance of my debts which is herein after given to my son James.
- Item Eighth I give and devise to my son James S. Humphreys Eleven hundred Acres of my Landed Estate in Bartholomew County to be cut off of the Eastern part of my Lands to include all such improvements as will or have been made by my said son James on said lands the division line to be run a parallel line to the Eastern line of my Land or a due North and South line or such line as my two sons may agree to after Francis is of age, but the tract given to James to contain Eleven hundred Acres and be the Eastern moiety & the tract for Francis to be the same place or Western moiety.
- Item Ninth I Loan to my grand son William Rowland Roberts my Negro boy Alfred for and during the lifetime of said William and at his death if he should die without a child or children to be equally divided among my sons & daughters, but if he should have a child or children to be divided among them and I appoint my son James Trustee for the property given to the said William.
- Item Tenth My will and desire is that all the property which I may die possessed of and which is not herein otherwise disposed of be retained and kept upon the place given to my son Francis and worked under the direction and control of my Executors until my son Francis arrives to the age of twenty one years, and the proceeds arising from the sales made from said plantation or so much of them as is necessary be appropriated to the Education of my son Francis the balance to the payment of my debts or increase of my estate as the case may be.
- Item Eleventh To each of my three sons viz James, William & Francis I give one Part of my household furniture to be selected by them after my death.

William Murphree. It is my will and desire that when my Son Francis arrives at the age of twenty one years or at his death if he should die before coming of age that all the perishable property on the Plantation belonging to my estate together with my Rail Road Stock be sold and appropiated to the payment of my debts and if this should not be sufficient sell my real property untill they are all paid and after the payment of all my debts I wish all my property not hereinbefore given or loaned to be divided together and equally divided among my sons and daughters or their children share and share alike but the moiety which will go or be given or loaned to my son William my Grand Son William and to my two daughters Elizabeth and Mary to be divided or given in the same manner as the other bequests are herein made to them.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly beloved son James A. Murphree and my son in Law Allen Luman Executors to this my last will and Testament This December 6th 1851.

Signed Sealed and declared and published by William Murphree as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator and of each other this December 6th 1851.

William Murphree *W.M.*

Benjamin Brack
Francis A. Jones
John L. Brown

State of Georgia
County of Burke } I do hereby certify that in open Court Benjamin Brack
Francis A. Jones who being duly sworn deposed & said that they were two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will & Testament of William Murphree deceased that they saw the Testator sign the same in the presence of the deponents & John L. Brown & that deponents saw said John L. Brown sign the same as witness. And that said Testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory at the time of the execution thereof.

Subscribed in open Court
this 3rd day of October 1853.
Edward Gastick C. J.

B. Brack
F. A. Jones

The will of William Murphree having been proved in open Court. It is Ordered that the same be admitted to Record. That Letters Testamentary do issue to the Executors named therein. That warrant of appraisement do issue to Jeremiah Luman John Rosier Francis A. Jones Wright Murphree and Artemus E. Archer in terms of the Law.

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County of Burke } Ordinary Office, October 20th 1853.
Edward Gastick Ordinary of the County of Burke do hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy of the last will and Testament of William Murphree deceased of said County as appears of file and of Record in this Office.
In Testimony Whereof I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of office at Waynesboro in said County.
Edward Gastick C. J.

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I Edward Gailick ordinary for said County do certify
that the original will of William Murphree, late of said County dec'd
together with the Record thereof were destroyed by fire, in the burning
of the Court House of said County on the night of the 24th January 1856
and that the Copy of said will, probate and order for record annexed are
true transcripts of the aforesaid originals
Given under my hand & seal this fourth day of May 1857.
Edward Gailick ordinary

It appearing to the Court that the original last will & testament of Will-
iam Murphree, late of said County dec'd, together with the Probation
Order for Record, were destroyed by fire, in the burning of the Court House
on the night of the 24th January 1856, and it further appearing that
the annexed Copies, are true Copies and transcripts of said lost origi-
nals. It is on motion ordered that they be here by established in
the lieu stead and place of said lost originals, and it is further ordered
that said Copy will, probate & order for record, be recorded in the book
for Recording wills and they with the other papers in this case be filed
in the Office of the Ordinary for said County.

Recorded 27th June 1857