

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen I Silas W. G. Carroll County of said State & County being of advanced age & knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as regards my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me to therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby Revoking all others heretofore made by me

Item 1st I desire and direct that my Body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my Circumstances and Condition in life my Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for Eternal Salvation through the merits and Attonement of the blessed Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, whose Religion I have Professed & as I thereby trust enjoyed for some years

Item 2^d I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors herein after named & appointed And am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed in their rights Especially as there is no reason for delay

Item 3^d I Give bequeath and devise unto my beloved wife Nancy with whom I have lived in the Strated quiet for twenty nine years Lot of land No One hundred and Eighty six in the Sixth district of Carroll County Containing Two hundred and Two and one half Acres with all the rights incidents and appurtenances to said Lot of land in anywise belonging free from all Charge and limitation whatever during his life time or widowhood I also Give and bequeath to my beloved wife in the same reserved manner the house hold and Kitchen furniture and all the Stock and farming utensils used on and belonging to said Plantation of every description whatever and five mules such as she may chose from all my mules & such other Stock as she may deem Prudent and necessary for the use of herself & family and my Carriage & horse I also one yellow Bay negro Daniel And one negro woman Rose & negro hire manse of Jane and their Increase and one negro by name of Samp to hold the same during her natural life or widowhood and in Case of her marriage the above property bequeathed to her to be sold and an equal division of the same to be made with her and the surviving children

Item 4th Having given my eldest daughter Martha now Mrs. Fildes one thousand dollars worth of Property It is therefore my will that my Executors give to each one of my children upon their arriving at age the sum of one thousand dollars worth of Property

That they thereby may share alike The minor children to be Educated
and supported out of the balance of the Property

Item 5th It is my will that each of the minor children appoint their
Guardians

Item 6th After the death of my beloved wife in case she does not marry
the whole of my Real and Personal Property to be equally divided unto
my children share and share alike

Item 7th I hereby Constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary
and my Son in Law Francis M. Elder and my Son George & Peter
Executors of this my last will and Testament,

Silas Potts E. & P.

Signed Sealed declared and Published by Silas Potts as his last
will and Testament in the Presence of us the Subscribers who subscribed
our names hereto in the presence of Said Testator at his Special Instance
& request and of each other this February 29th 1856.

Witnessed

Samuel Hart
Fields P. Evans
John V. Hart

State of Virginia In open Court, Personally came Samuel Hart
Carroll County & Fields P. Evans and John V. Hart the witnesses
to the foregoing will which is produced into open Court by the Executors
named in said will as the last will and Testament of Silas Potts late
of said County deceased and the said witnesses being duly sworn
depone and say that they saw Silas Potts the Testator sign declare
and publish the Instrument now presented as his last will and
Testament freely voluntarily and of his own accord and without
any compulsion or influence whatever That the time of the Execution
of the said will the said Testator was of sound and disposing
mind and memory That deponents signed said will depositions
in the presence of the Testator and at his Special Instance and
Request and in the presence of each other Sworn to and Subscribed
in open Court this 10th August 1856

Samuel Hart
Fields P. Evans
John V. Hart

Recorded August 7th 1856

J. M. Blacklock Ordinary C. C.