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Chatham County

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In the name of God, Amen.

William Wright of the County and State aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare this my last will and Testament hereby written and making void all other last wills and Testaments by me heretofore made

Item Second

I give devise and bequeath to my wife Susan Wright the sum of fifteen thousand dollars in cash or in any stock or bonds that I may own at the time of my death at her option; also my mulatto woman slave named Betty, now about thirty years old; to have and to hold the said cash stock or bonds and the said slave unto her the said Susan her heirs and assigns, the aforesaid bequest given in her of all right to down the part that my wife may have in any real estate of which I may die seized and possessed, and all right to the years maintenance allowed to widows under the laws of the State of Georgia.

Item Third

I give devise and bequeath unto my said wife all the western half of Lot Number Seven (No 7) Percival Ward in the City of Savannah fronting on State Street with the buildings and improvements thereon being my present residence together with all the furniture in said house my Carriage and horses, and all other things appertaining to said establishment for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her death then to and for such child or children to me born, or by me begotten, or to be begotten on the body of my said wife as shall be living at the time of her death share and share alike if more than one as tenants in common the representative of a deceased child to stand in the place of its parent and to take per stirpes and not per Capita their heirs and assigns forever. But if my said wife should depart this life leaving no such child or children or representative of children living at the time of her death, if such child or children should depart this life within twenty years after the death of their Mother leaving no child or children living at the time of their death then to and for the use of my sisters Mary Patch, Sarah Daguer, Martha Burnside, Nancy Meller, Catherine Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Fanny Deloach and my Brother John W. Wright to be equally divided between them share and share alike their heirs and assigns forever, the representatives of any one of my sisters or my Brother who may have died to stand in the place of their deceased parents and to take per stirpes and not per Capita, the property hereby devised to my said Sisters to be for their sole separate exclusive use free from the debts contracts and control of their persons or any future husbands.

Item Fourth

I give devise and bequest unto my nephew James Wright

W. J. W.

W. J. W.

William Wright and John Wright all that tract of land situate lying and being on the western side of the Ogeechee River in the County of Bulloch known as the Denmark and Lanner tract of land containing about four hundred acres upon which tract of land I have lately erected a bridge, and I also devise to them the said bridge and the profits thereof to have and to hold the said tract of land and bridge with the appurtenances to their joint use for and during the term of their natural lives and to the use of their survivors or survivor for and during the term of their or his natural life and from and after the death of the survivor then to and for the use benefit and behoof of such child or children of the said James Williams and John as may be living at the time of the death of such survivor, the representative of a deceased child to stand in the place of their parent to take per stirpes and not per Capita, and to hold to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item Fifth.

I give devise and bequeath unto my brother John M. Wright and my friend and Executor John Wiggins the following Negro Slaves Isaac Gullett bought from Sam Young, Ving Scott, bought from S. Blackwood and her child and any future issue that may be born to her, Rose and her children and any future issue that may be born to her To have and to hold unto them their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common.

Item Sixth.

The rest and residue of my property of whatever Character, kind or description real personal or mixed of which I may die seized and possessed or to which I may be entitled at the time of my death I give devise and bequeath unto such child or children lawfully begotten as I may have living at the time of my death share and share alike if more than one as tenants in common. The representative of a deceased child to stand in the place of its parent and to take per stirpes and not per Capita their heirs and assigns forever, but should any such child die within twenty years and nine months after my death leaving no child or children living at the time of his or her death then the part or share herein devised to such child to go to the survivors or survivor of my said children their heirs and assigns forever, and should I depart this life leaving no child or children living at the time of my death, or should the survivor of such child or children as I may have living at the time of my death depart this life within twenty years and nine months after my death leaving no child or children living at the time of his or her death then I give devise and bequeath the aforesaid residue of my estate to my sisters and brothers named and mentioned in the third item or clause of this my Will to have and to hold to them upon the same terms as the property in said third item or clause devised is to them limited.

I direct my Executors herein named to sell all my Negroes I have except those before mentioned at public auction on the first Tuesday in the month of January after my decease giving two months notice if practicable in one gazette in each of the cities of Savannah, Macon and Augusta, said Negroes to be sold on twelve months Credit for approved paper secured by mortgage at the discretion of my Executors.

Item Eighth.

I direct my Executors here to make sale of my half interest in Lot Number Nine (No 9) Wilmington, Fifthing Party Road, unless they can obtain for said interest at least the sum of seven thousand dollars.

Item Ninth.

I desire that all my lands not herein otherwise disposed of shall be advertised by my Executors at such times as they may think advisable and be sold either at public auction or private sale. If at public auction upon twelve months time for approved paper to be secured by mortgage on the property after an advertisement of two months in some public gazette.

Item Tenth.

I give to my Executors full power and authority to sell any portion of my Estate they may think proper subject to the directions hereinbefore given as to the land and slaves, and invest them with all powers necessary to carry into effect this my will.

Item Eleventh.

I nominate constitute and appoint John Primes of the County of Galloch, Ely Patch of the County of Bryan and James H. Johnson of the County of Liberty Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I the said William Wright have to this my last will and Testament contained on six pages of paper, and to every sheet thereof subscribed my name, and to this the last sheet thereof I have here subscribed my name and affixed my Seal, this nineteenth day of April in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

W Wright

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said William Wright the Testator as and for his last will and Testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto.

Wm C. Dawson

Isaac W. Avery.

J. H. Smith, Sr.

Ms. B. 1. 1. 1.

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I, William Wright, the Executor of the within will do declare
this to be a codicil to my last will and Testament
First

I give devise & bequeath unto my Brother John Mc Wright my three
Negro Slaves on Louis aged about twenty one years little Elacot
aged about twenty and Nancy aged about forty years my
Bay horse Indian one Black Mule one Roan Mule and any
one of my waggons & harness he may sellor to him this
him forever
Second

I direct and will that neither my girl Love ^{maiden called} nor my Coachman Patrick nor
his son Paten shall in any event be sold at public sale but
I Request and will and direct that my Executors shall as soon
after my decease as is practicable allow and permit my girl
Love aforesaid to choose her own master at a price of one
thousand dollars ^{the money to be paid to my wife} and my Coachman Patrick to choose a master
for himself at a price of one thousand five hundred dollars for
the sum. In accordance with a promise made them and I specially
request my friend John Grimes to see this my wish carried
into effect.

Witness my hand and seal at Savannah in
Georgia this second day of October in the year one thousand
Eight hundred and Eighty.

Signed Sealed published & declared by the W Wright
testator as a codicil to his last will in our
presence who in his presence and the presence
of each other have subscribed as Witnesses.
the work mentioned called being the money to
be paid to my wife mentioned
of Harriet Smelter

Wm J. Bullback
M L Shyftall

Codicil

I William Wright do declare this to be a codicil to this
my last will

Item 1.

I hereby Revoke the Fourth Item and Clause of my will and Cancel
the same and direct the property therein devised to my Nephews to be included
in the rest & Residue of my Estate devised in the Sixth Item & Clause of my will

Witness my hand and seal this tenth day of November 1860.

Geo C. Footman

W Wright

J. W. Avery

John W. Owens

Georgia
Chatham County.

I William Wright make and execute this will
to this my will

I nominate and appoint James McWhorter of Chatham
County a Co executor of this my will and order done and direct
that in case of a difference of opinion between my executors in the
management of my estate the joint opinion of any two shall
control

Witness my hand and seal
this Twenty seventh day of November 1860
Signed and sealed in presence of
Philip Germany
Philip Russell

W Wright Esq
[Redacted]

Isaac Avery

State of Georgia
Chatham County.

Court of Ordinary.

Present Dominick A Byrne Esq; Ordinary for the County of Chatham.
Personally appeared Mordican G Thiftall

Subscribing Witness to the annexed instrument of writing, ^{the last and only} ~~purporting to be the last~~
and Testament of William Wright late of Chatham County
deceased, who, being duly sworn, deposed and said that he was present,
and that he saw the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said
William Wright at the time of executing the said instrument of
writing, was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound
and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he Mordican
G Thiftall (the deponent) and Charles C. Jones Jr. and William
J Bullock in the presence of each other, and of the said William
Wright and at his request, signed their names as witnesses to the
due execution of the same.

Sworn to
this Twentieth day of December 1860
Dominick A Byrne

M. G. Thiftall
" "

C. C. C.

We

do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will
of the within named William Wright of Chatham County deceased
so far as we know or believe; and that we will will and truly execute
the same, by paying first the debts and and then the legacies contained
in the said will, as far as the goods and chattels will thereto extend
and the law charge us; and that we will make a true and
perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels -
Sworn to before me this Twentieth day
of December 1860

Dominick A Byrne

John Grimes
Jas H Johnson
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State of Georgia }
Chatham County

Court of Ordinary

Present - Dominick A. Byrne Esq. Ordinary of the County of Chatham.
Personally appeared, Isaac W. Avery Subscribing Witness to
the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will
and Testament of William Wright late of Chatham County
deceased, who, being duly sworn, deposes and saith that he was
present, and did see the said instrument of writing, duly executed by the
said William Wright. And deponent further saith that the said
William Wright at the time of executing the said instrument
of writing, was, to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of
sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that
he the said Isaac W. Avery (the deponent) and William C. Dawson
and Charles C. Slosser in the presence of each other, and of the said
William Wright and at his request signed their names as witnesses
to the due execution of the said Will and this deponent and Joseph
C. Postman and John W. Davis to the presence of each other and of the
said William Wright and at } at his request signed their names as
Witnesses to the due execution of the second Codicil of the said
Will and this deponent and Samuel C. Gorman, and Philip H. Russell
to the presence of each other and of the said William Wright and
at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution
of the third Codicil to said Will

Sworn to before me this 7th day of December 1860

Sworn to before me this 7th day of
December 1860 Dominick A. Byrne
D.A.B.

Isaac W. Avery

You do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last
Will of the within named William Wright of Chatham County
deceased, so far as we know or believe; and that we will well and
truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the
legacies contained in the last Will, as far as the goods and chattels
will thereunto stand and the law charge us and that we
will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods
and chattels so help us God.

Sworn to before me this
seventh day of December 1860

Dominick A. Byrne
D.A.B.

John Grimes
Jas H. Johnson

On the Matter
of
the Will of William Wright

Court of Ordinary
December Term
1860

The last Will and Testament of William Wright having been
duly proved and C. J. Fitch one of the Executors not appearing
to qualify it is ordered that he have leave to qualify in person