

Record of the last Will and Testament of Ezra Davis

Georgia Know all men by these presents that I Ezra Davis
 Clay County of said County being of sound mind and disposing memory
 do here by declare the following to be my last Will & Testament to wit
 Item 1st I will and bequeath to my son Orran H Davis One negro girl named
 Betty & of which he is now in possession about twelve years old which I value
 at two hundred and fifty dollars also the West half of the lot of land whereon
 he now lives containing One hundred one and a fourth acres which I
 value at One hundred & seventy five dollars

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Steel
 Horn One negro girl named Adeline about thirteen years of age
 which she is now in the possession of under a deed of trust from me
 and which I value at three hundred & fifty dollars also one hundred
 one and a fourth acres of land it being it being the north half of
 lot No (175) one hundred & seventy five which I value at three hundred
 dollars

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Nancy Wood Davis
 One negro girl named Eliza about sixteen years old and which she
 is now in the possession of and is settled on her by deed of trust
 and which I value at four hundred & fifty dollars also the north
 half of lot No (176) one hundred and seventy six which I value
 at three hundred dollars

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son James L Davis one negro girl
 named Peggy about eight years old and which he is now in possession
 of and which I value at one hundred & fifty dollars also one negro girl
 named Jane about six years old which I value at three hundred dollars
 also it is my will that out of the residue of my property my said (son)
 James L receive one hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing
 a horse also at my death a certain bed and furniture also when
 he is twenty one a fifty dollar suit of clothes twenty five dollar
 saddle & bridle

Item 5th It being my will that my wife Matilda Mann have to
 live on until her death One hundred and twenty five acres (125)
 acres of land it being the west half of lot No (210) two hundred &
 ten in the fifth district of Originally Early now Clay County also
 my household and kitchen furniture

Item 6th It being my design that my Children should at my death
 be equal heirs to the residue of my estate I have made the above
 distribution with the valuation attached that they might
 thereby be the better able to carry out my wishes and it is
 my will that after my decease after paying all my just
 debts that the residue of my estate be equally divided among
 them all so that after counting the amount given by these
 presents to each that they receive severally the same amount

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Record of the last Will & Testament of Esau Davis

Item 7th It is my will that after my decease I do hereby appoint Orran H Davis of Early County my true and lawful executor with full power in the best and most convenient way or manner to carry out this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of October 1854 Signed sealed published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of Esau Davis the subscriber

In presence of us
 Parson M Burdson
 Daniel M Bruner
 David Mashburn

his
 Esau ^H Davis
 mark



May Court of Ordinary August Term 1855-

In open Court came Parson M Burdson Daniel M Bruner and David Mashburn who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Esau Davis sign seal publish and declare the writing herein presented to contain his last will & testament that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other that he was at the time of sound disposing mind & memory and that he executed the same freely without Compulsion so far as they know or believe this 6th day of August ^{known to} in open Court 6th day of August 1855
 Jno H Jones ordinary.

Ordered to be recorded August 6 1855

Jno H Jones ody