

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen
Deatur County, Georgia Wills
1838-1839
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advanced age and knowing that I must
shortly depart this life deem it right &
proper both as respects myself and family
that I should make a disposition of the
property with which a kind providence
has blessed me with do Thunp make
this my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking all others heretofore made by me
Item 1st I desire and direct That my body
after death be buried in a decent and
christianlike manner

Item 2^d I desire and direct that all my
just debts be paid without delay in terms
of the law by my Executors hereinafter appointed

Item 3^d I give bequeath & devise to my beloved
wife Mary with whom I have lived in the
strictest quiet ever since our marriage my
negro woman Jane free from all charges
or limitations whatever to her own behoof
use benefit and behoof forever Also I leave
to my beloved wife Mary for & during her
lifetime or widowhood only all and singular
of my estate real personal and personal
that I am in possession of at my death then
to be divided between my children as I shall
hereinafter direct and devise -

Item 4^d I give bequeath and devise to my son
William C. One horse and saddle one bed and
bed clothing all of which property I have given
in his possession - Also at my death my negro
boy Ted which he hath not in possession to have
free

Item 5^d I give bequeath & devise to my son Joseph

My my negro girl Belle and her increase, also
one bay mare and saddle one bed and bed
clothing all of which property I have given in
his possession to him forever

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Item 6th I give bequeath and devise to my daughter
Mary Giffin wife of James Giffin one negro
girl named Charlotte and her increase. Also
one Black Man one bed and bed clothing all
of which property I gave in her possession in
and during her first husband's lifetime to her
know X

Item 7th I give bequeath and devise to my grand
children Augustus M, Mary J, Susan E and
Elijah F. Shaw children of my daughter Mary
wife of Elijah Shaw both deceased my negro
girl Emily and her increase. Also one small
house, one bed and bed clothing all of which
property I gave in her possession before her
death to her forever X

Item 8th I give bequeath & devise to my son Lewis
S. my negro girl Mira about sixteen years
of age and her increase also one horse and
saddle one bed and bed clothing all of which
property I have given in his possession to him forever

Item 9th I give bequeath and devise to my son James
S my negro girl named Hannah and her
increase at the death of myself and my wife
Mary also one horse and saddle bed & bed
clothing all of which property except the girl
Hannah I have given in his possession to him forever

Item 10th I give bequeath and devise to my daughter
Elizabeth Mock wife of John Mock my negro
boy named Ellick - also the money to buy a new
bed & bed clothing all of which property I have
given in his possession to him forever

Item 11th I give bequeath and devise to my daughter

Leach Douglass wife of John C. Douglass one
 knee, bed and bed covering Decatur County, Georgia Wills 1828-1838
 www.georgiapioneers.com property I have given in her favor also my
 negro girl named Nancy and her increase at
 mine and my wife's death to her forever.

Item 12th I give bequeath and devise to my daughter
 Martha my negro boy named George at mine
 and my wife Mary's death also one bed and
 bed clothing and two hundred dollars in
 money out of my estate when called for to
 her forever.

Item 13th I give bequeath and devise to my son
 Hephiah & One Small knee and saddle which
 I have given in his possession also my negro boy
 named Ben. bed and bed clothing at the
 death of myself and wife Mary to him forever.

Item 14th I give bequeath and devise to my son Alvan
 B. one big knee and saddle which I have given
 in his possession - Also my negro boy named
 Robt bed and bed clothing at the death of
 myself and wife Mary to him forever.

Item 15th I will devise and direct That the rem-
 ainder and residue of my estate not herein
 disposed of shall be sold at the death of my-
 self and my wife Mary in terms of the law
 and equally divided between all my children
 with the exception of my daughter Nancy
 Griffin and I devise and direct That her por-
 tionable part arising from said remainder
 of my estate as mentioned above shall go to
 my grand son William A. Smith son of Nancy
 Griffin as he is providentially afflicted and
 is not able to make a support - with the except-
 ion of fifty dollars of said portionable part de-
 vised for William A. Smith which fifty dollars
 I devise and direct to be divided equally

between my daughter Nancy Griffin wife of
James Griffin and seven of his children viz
Mary A. Bryant, Theodore Smith, O. Smith
Sophronia Hamilton, Andrew Griffin, Henry C. Griffin
and Thomas Griffin my grandchildren to them
forever

Now 16th I hereby constitute and appoint my two
Sons W.C. and James S. Thomas Executors to this
my last Will and Testament this second day
of January Eighteen hundred and sixty one

Hezekiah Thomas (S)

signed sealed and published by Hezekiah Thomas
as his last Will and Testament in the presence
of us the subscribers and witnesses who sub-
scribed our names herunto in the presence of
said Testator (at his special instance and request)
and of each other this second day of January
Eighteen hundred and sixty one

Joseph Chandler

A.B. Belcher

Joe McBoyer

W.H. Reid

Georgia
DeKalb County
Court of Gray Mch 12th 1864
Present W.H. Beck Crow
Personally came W.C. Thomas
J.S. Thomas the Executors of the last Will and
Testament of Hezekiah Thomas late of said county
and appeared before said court the last Will
& Testament of said decd and Daniel W. Reid
one of the Witnesses to said Will who being duly
sworn deposes says that he saw Hezekiah Thomas
the Testator sign seal declare & publish the in-
strument now presented as his last Will & Testament
freely voluntarily of his own accord and without
any compulsion or influence whatever - that at
the time of the execution of the said Will said

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testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory
that defendant (said witness) signed said
Will as a witness in the presence of the
testator at his special instance & request
and in the presence of Joseph Chandler
M. Decker & Jas. M. Boyer three other
subscribing witnesses to said instrument
that they the said witnesses signed the
said Will at the like instance & request
of testator & in his presence
now to be subscribed before me)

Dec 1st 1864 } J. H. Reid
H. M. Beach Ordy }
Georgia, Court of Ordy Dec 1st 1864
Decatur County, Present H. M. Beach Ordy
The within last Will and
testament of Hyekiah Thomas decd having been
propounded for probate at this the regular
term of said Court by W. C. & S. Thomas Executors
in said Will named & appointed & sworn in
common form on the oath of J. H. Reid one of
the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is Ordered
there being no objection that said Will be recorded
H. M. Beach Ordy

Georgia, Court of Ordy
Decatur County, We do solemnly swear that
this writing contains the
true last Will of the within
named Hyekiah Thomas decd so far as we know
or believe & that we will well & truly execute the
same by paying first the debts & then the legacies
contained in said Will as far as his goods &
chattels will thereto extend at the law charge of
that we will make a true & perfect inventory of
all such goods & chattels so help us God
Done & before me this } W. C. Thomas
Dec 1st 1864 } Jas. S. Thomas
H. M. Beach Ordy