

The last Will and Testament of Stephen Harvard

Dooly County Will Bk 1847-1901

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I Stephen Harvard being of sound mind but afflicted in body and desiring to make some provision for the maintenance and Education of my Children and also wishing to leave my beloved wife Frances Harvard in a condition that she live with comfort do make this my last Will hereby giving instructions as to the manner in which I wish my estate managed.

- 1st — I wish my body to be decently buried in a Christian manner by my Executors herein after named
- 2nd — I do hereby appoint my brother Jordan T. Harvard and my beloved wife Frances Harvard Executors to this my last will.
- 3rd — I do hereby invest my Executors Jordan T. Harvard and Frances Harvard with full discretionary powers to keep my property all together on my farm and continue the farm from year to year as I would myself were I in Life and to dispose of the proceeds of the Crop or Crops over and above what may be necessary for the support and Education of my Children and comfort of my beloved wife Frances Harvard
- 4th — But if any circumstance may occur such as the marriage of my wife or child or children the residue of the property may be so small that it would not comport with the interest of the Estate for it to be kept together then my Executors or Executors shall have full power to sell off the perishable property giving the customary notice of the same and hire out the negroes and run out the Lands from year to year
- 5th — It is my Will that as my children shall arrive to mature age or marry the one arriving to mature age or marrying shall receive its distributive share from the common stock

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6th — I do hereby invest my Executors with full power to purchase any kind of property which may be necessary to carry on the farming operations or which they both may believe to be to the interest of my Estate but not to involve my Estate in debt to its injury and for this purpose they may use the money arising from the crop or crops made on my farm or if in their judgment they think best they may lend out the money so made or invest it in State bonds of the State of Georgia

7th — I do hereby appoint and constitute my brother Jordan S Harvard and my beloved wife Frances Harvard joint guardians for my children namely William S Harvard Mary S Harvard Virgil A Harvard Joseph S Harvard and David M Harvard and in the event of my wife having another child within the proper time from the executing and signing this Will it shall be provided for in the same manner as though it had been named in the above List

In testimony whereof I have signed my name and affixed my seal this the 26th February 1851

In presence of
David Scarborough
James P Books
Eli Peary

Stephen Harvard (Seal)

Dooly Court of Ordinary
July Term 1851

It appearing to the Court that the last Will and Testament of Stephen Harvard deceased having been presented in open Court at a regular term of the Court of Ordinary by Jordan S Harvard and Frances Harvard the

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The Executors therein mentioned for probate and admission
in common form which was regularly and duly proved
in said court by the oaths of James P. Hooks and Eli P.
two of the subscribing witnesses to said Will.

Therefore Ordered that said last Will and Testament
of said Stephen Tharrard be admitted to Record.

Recorded 9th July 1851