

Will of William Adams

Dooly County Will Bk 1847-1901

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Georgia I William Adams of said said Dooly County State and County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world deem it right and proper both as regards myself and my family that I should make a distribution of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me,

Item first - I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition My soul I trust shall return to God who gave it as I hope for Eternal Salvation through the Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Item Second - I desire and direct that all of my just debts be paid without delay by my executor hereinafter named,

Item Third - I give and bequeath to my daughter Hetty Hall mid and her child Sarah J. E. Hall and to any other child or children that she may have by her former husband equally to be enjoyed by them for their mutual support and benefit my plantation in which I now reside it being lot No 54 (6) in the Second district of Dooly County and the following negroes viz, Loris a negro woman about forty five years old and her three children, Molly a girl about four years old Caroline a girl two years old & Julia a girl about five months old and one year support of provisions out of the growing crop and I further desire & direct that in case my daughter Hetty Hall marry again then all of the property devised in this Item and also all that they shall get in a general division of my estate shall be equally divided between my daughter Hetty & her child or children

Item Fourth - I devise and direct that after paying my just debts all of my property ^{which I own} that named in Item Third of whatever it may consist shall be equally divided between my three daughters, Mary Horne wife of Joel B. Horne, Kitty Westberry wife and Hetty Hall and her child or children as specified in Item Third,

Item Fifth - I constitute and appoint my son in law Joel B. Horne executor to this my last Will and Testament this 20th day of June 1862

Wm Adams (L)

Signed sealed declared and published by William Adams as his last Will & testament in the presence of ^{the subscribers} who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator and of each other this June 20, 1862

M. D. Felder

J. W. Edwards

J. B. Bateman

E. J. McGhee

Georgia } Court of Ordinary of said County
Dooly County } August Term 1862

Before me Shemuel N. Lassiter Ordinary of said County in open Court came in person Joel B. Horne executor of the last Will & testament of William Adams deceased late of said County and produced in Court the will of said deceased & John W. Edwards one of the Witnesses to said Will who being duly sworn according to law deposeth & says that he saw the said William Adams sign, seal, publish & declare the said instrument as his last Will & Testament voluntarily & freely without compulsion or restraint of any kind and that he signed said Will as a witness in the presence of said William Adams and in the presence of the other Witnesses to said Will - Seen to & subscribed before me in open Court this 4th day of August 1862

Shemuel N. Lassiter
Ordinary

John W. Edwards

Recorded August 7th 1862

Shemuel N. Lassiter