

Last Will & Testament of John Alexander

Georgia In the Name of God Amen
Dougherty County I John Alexander of said state
& County being of sound mind
& disposing memory and wishing to make a
suitable provision for my son Henry Blay Alexander
nephew of Washata County Texas before I die do make
this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking
all others heretofore by me made & establish
this as my only & true last Will & Testament
Item 1st

My wish and desire is that my
body be decently interred
Item 2nd

My wish is that my Executor hereinafter
mentioned proceed to the payment of all
my just debts. It is my wish that my
Negro property be hired out the first
after my death & the proceeds of such hiring
be applied to the payment of my said debts
Should there be any notes accounts or other
claims in action due at the time of my
death it is my Will that charges in
action be applied as far as they go to
the satisfaction of my said debts.
Item 3rd

It is my will & desire that within a
convenient time after my death that my
Executor sell all of my Estate except my Negroes
& the proceeds be applied to the payment of
my said debts if not otherwise paid
Item 4th

I give & bequeath the following named
Negroes to wit: Isaac a man. Sophy a woman.
Abner a woman Elias a boy. Eliza a girl
& Susan a girl & their increase unto William
E. Smith & his heirs in trust for & for the sole
use & benefit of my beloved son Henry Blay
Alexander said Henry to have & use annual
profits arising from the hiring of said Negroes
after all expenses have been deducted & it is
further my wish & desire that on the death of

said Henry with careful issue. Then said
this increase to cost in each year & his or their
in fee simple forever. But should said Henry
with leaving said issue them for said Negroes & said
& to Michael Lott my brother-in-law & his heirs
in fee simple. Should Michael Lott at that time
dead, then said Negroes to descend to his heirs
determined by the statute of distribution of this state.
I am 5th