

Last Will & Testament of Sarah Ely

Georgia I Sarah Ely being feeble in body but
of sound mind and disposing memory do
make, ^{declare} ^{perdict} this my last Will and
Testament and intending this to be a final dis-
position of my property. I do hereby revoke all
wills heretofore made by me

Item 1st

I desire my Executors hereinafter made to pay
all my just debts as soon after my death as
practicable

Item 2^d

I desire and direct that all of my property
both real and personal (except one able bodied
negro fellow human after disposed of) shall be as
soon as practicable sold and the proceeds thereof
distributed as hereinafter bequeathed and directed
and I direct my Executors in the sale of my
negro property not to divide the families but
to sell the property as a whole

Item 3^d

To my nephew Burrell Green I give and
bequeath one negro man named Lige of yellow
complexion and five thousand Dollars in money

Item 4th

To my Mother Fanchiah Staten I give and
bequeath five thousand Dollars in money

Item 5th

I give and bequeath to Robert A. Ely five
thousand Dollars in money

Item 6th

I give and bequeath to the children of
Dr Jeremiah Wilkerson now living and living
in number the sum of two thousand Dollars
each in money

Item 7th

I give and bequeath to the Susan M. Ely
an amount of money sufficient to buy her
a comfortable home suitable to her condition
life. the amount of money so to be
leave to the discretion of my Executors

Item 8th

The balance of my property after paying the specific legacies above enumerated, I desire and direct to be Equally divided per Capita and not per stirpes among my following named relations, share and share alike, Lucy Ann Colman and her living children names not recollected but believed to be five in number Sarah Pounds and the living children of John Pounds names not recollected but believed to be four in number, and my Crippled Niece living in Mississippi formerly Lucy Ann Ransy, but since married and her present name not known, and Ellen Gamble now living in Louisiana and who married my Niece Martha Green and Emma Haynes daughter of Jeremiah Haynes, and I direct my Executors to make Enquiries and find out these persons and notify them of their legacies.

Item 9th

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I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends Jeremiah Hillman and John A Davis the Executors of this my last Will and Testament and hereby clothe them with full power to sell property either at public or private sale as may be best to carry out this my will In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 8 day of November 1864 & do declare the above and foregoing three pages as my Will.

Signed by Sarah Ely 
Signed by John A. Davis at her Special request

Signed Sealed declared and published by Sarah Ely as her last Will and Testament in our presence as witnesses thereto by her request and in the presence of each other this 8 day of November 1864 at the Court House in Dougherty County Georgia

Joel Forester
J. M. Cooper
Elizabeth M. Cooper
John A. Davis

*The above is a
testament of the
this 20th day 1866*

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