

Early County
State of Georgia

August 2nd 1861

In the name of God Amen.

I Hiram Powell of said State and County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world, deem it right and proper both as respects myself and family that I should make a distribution of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me with, I therefore make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others, and annulling all others heretofore made by me,

I am first, I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner without incurring any great expense, my soul I trust shall pitch to rest with God, who gave it, as I hope for eternal salvation through the blessed blood and favour of Jesus Christ, whom I have professed, and humbly trust, I enjoyed for more than forty years,

I am 2d,

I desire and direct that all my just bills be paid without delay by my executors or here in, after named, and all demands my creditors should be cleared of, but right

I am 3rd,

I desire and direct that all my personal and all its appurtenances, herewith declining being as per list of personal property in the 10th district of Early County State of Georgia together with all my household and kitchen furniture, all the stock of every kind and also all the negroes, on the plantation, namely, Levere, George, Amy, Lizer, Sallier, Jane, Deanna, John, Bill, Gade, and Ale, that all said property be left together during my wife's lifetime or widowhood

Item 4th Should my Wife Mary again, she is to have Summ, Lion, Gades and Ade and their increase during her natural life, at her death to be divided equally between her child - men by me,

Item 5th I desire that all my children be raised from the income of the Plantations and also that they receive a liberal education from the same.

Item 6th I desire that all my children shall receive two hundred dollars when they marry or become of age except those I have since that amount in money or property, namely, John Franklin, James William, Alexander, Washington, Mary Ellen, Robert, Burton, Jackson, Jesse Rogers, and Benjamin Seland,

Item 7th I desire that all my property, not enumerated in item third be sold at the direction of my executors, and the proceeds together with the notes and bonds be applied to the payment of my debts, and the residue of two hundred dollars to be divided among my children hereafter named, share of age as soon as possible, the minors as they become of age, viz, my beloved Daughter Martha have not been paid thirty five dollars, I desire I have one hundred and fifty five dollars the remainder of my children to have five hundred each my beloved Daughter Sarah, Elizabeth, my beloved Son (Richard) Hamilton, my beloved Daughter sister Ann Permetta, my beloved Son Adol- phus, Gustavus, my beloved Son Joseph Henry, my beloved son Peter W & C, (my beloved) Daughter Henrietta Shuck the above named two hundred dollars shall be a portion of the the Legacy of each child at the final distribution as well as the amount that I have given already to the following children to-wit, John Franklin two hundred dollars, James William two hundred dollars, Alexander W, two hundred dollars, Mary Ellen two hundred dollars, Jesse Rogers four hundred dollars, Robert H. two hundred Benjamin L. two hundred,

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Item 7th I desire and direct that at the marriage
or death of my Wife that all my property
be sold at the discretion of my executor
equally divided between all my heirs I now
have or may have excepting the fine negroes
innumerable as I am forthwith there given to
my beloved Wife Rebecca Hayward during her
lifetime at her death to be divided equally
between her children by me (my executor
reserving a sufficient amount of money
for raising and educating the minor
children) as set forth in Item 8th

Item 8th I desire and appoint my beloved Sons
Jesse R Powell, Benjamin Powell and
Richard Holmes Powell, my Executors of
this my last Will and Testament

Signed, sealed and Witnessed this 1st
2nd day of August 1861

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William Powell

Witnesses
C. R. Holmes

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Joseph Holmes
Mark
Peter Howard

Georgia Court of Ordinary for said County
Early County September Term 1861

The within last Will and Testament of William
Powell late of said County deceased having been
duly proven in Open Court upon the oaths of
Jesse R Powell and Peter Howard, subscribers
Witnesses to said Will It is therefore Order
ed that the same be admitted to Record
this September 2nd 1861

Recorded September 5th 1861 James R. Brown Ord.
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