

Georgia In the name of God Amen I Richard
 Harris County & Heirs of the County and State of Georgia
 that I am "dust" and into dust must return bring of sound
 mind and memory (Sole & Good) do make, ordain and
 execute this and no other as my last will and testament in
 the words following First I recommend my Soul to God who
 gave it and my body to the dust of the ground to be
 buried in a decent and Christian like manner
 Second ^{that I give my estate to be of legal age and fully paid} I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret
 Holmes the entire use and enjoyment of all my house-
 hold furniture one Mahogany Dining Room natural live
 namely Two breakfast Parlor and furniture one
 Mahogany Secretary one par of Mahogany dining table
 and one Mahogany Chinese Stand and at the
 decease of my beloved wife then to be divided
 equally between my Son John I Holmes and my
 two Grand children Edward Holmes and Susan
 Holmes the heirs of my deceased Son John Holmes
 Fourth I give to my Son James B. Holmes the residue
 of my old Negro ^{Early County Wills}
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 Negro Man ^{that I give to my Son John I Holmes his heirs and assigns}
 to the Said John I Holmes his heirs and assigns to be
 Negroes long since given and now in possession of the Said
 John I Holmes
 Fifth I give to my daughter Eliza A. Russell and
 Susie G. Gault One Hundred Dollars Each as a
 remembrance
 Sixth I give to my Grand daughter Harriet C.
 Gault Five Hundred Dollars to be disposed
 of by my Executors in the best manner they may deem
 for special benefit until the Said Harriet shall
 have arrived to the age of Seventeen Years and
 then to be paid to the Said Harriet but should
 the Said Harriet die before she attains to the
 above specified or attainable without question in
 that event it is my wish and desire that the
 bequest above mentioned shall not be of
 profits and increase shall be given to her Sister
 Anna and Gault the daughter of Peter W. Gault
 as before mentioned and further more should the
 Said Anna and Gault die without issue then in

that Event I will and desire that the bequest above
mentioned shall with all the income accruing or pro-
ceeding descend to and be equally divided between my
two Grand Children Emmet Holmes and Susan
Holmes the heirs of my son John W. Holmes deceased.
Eight It is my will and earnest desire that from
and after the 20th day of March Eighteen Hundred
and thirty three my three negroes namely Bill
and Mahaly their daughter be hired out at public sale
to the highest bidder annually for five years on such
terms as then Garrison may prescribe and
the proceeds of the said hire shall be paid
over to myself during my life and at my decease
to my Executors which said sum arising from
said hire together with all other monies
the said negroes above mentioned may pay
shall when it amounts to the sum of fifteen hun-
dred dollars be paid in full satisfaction by
myself my heirs Executors and assigns for the said
three negroes before said and all monies in-
debted are 1839-1895 accounted by a promissory note
dated on or before the 1st day of June thereafter
to the benefit comfort and support of said
said son and the said Mahaly as servants and
the said negroes when the payment of the afore-
said sum of one thousand five hundred dollars shall
be exempt from sale or distress arising by their
death. To my son Henry Holmes no sum do I give and bequeath
or monies that may be received on consideration for the hire of the
said negroes namely Bill Lenny & Mahaly for five years
as contemplated by the eighth division of this my last will
and testament. Twelfth It is my will and desire
and I do hereby set apart the sum of fifteen hun-
dred and five dollars to be paid to my son John W. Holmes
monies now due me which said sum of fifteen
hundred and fifty dollars with to interest to be paid
upon it at the discharge and payment of the
same due from my deceased son John W. Holmes
unto my sons said Executors and Thos J. Holmes
as shown by a note or promissory bill on the following
words "I have James P. Holmes in being seven hun-
dred and fifty dollars borrowed money with to
from the 13th day of Decr. last. Jan 4th 1837

Signed John W Holmes and County where in
 which my son Jas P Holmes is now lived for in Baker
 County is referred to the Court records and satisfactorily
 appear. Eleventh The remainder of the satisfy
 ing the foregoing legacies and the appraisement
 set apart by the said Deceased of this instrument to
 be collected and Equally divided between my son
 Jas P Holmes herein to and my two Grand Children
 Emma Holmes and Susan Holmes the heirs of my
 son John W Holmes deceased

Twelfth I constitute and appoint my son as
 Jas P Holmes Guardian of my child names Ed-
 Lenny and Mahala. Lastly In view that the
 my last will and testament be carried out, full
 effect I constitute ordain and appoint my
 son Jas P Holmes and my son in Law an
 Anton B Powell my Executors

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto the said Richard
 Holmes set my hand and affixed my Seal this 2^d
 day of May Eighth Thousand and Thirty Nine
 Signed Sealed and acknowledged
 in presence of
 W J Ford

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Richard Holmes Seal

Jas P Holmes
 Jas P Holmes & P

State of Georgia: Court of ordinary for said
 County of Early. 3 County Seal Term 1852.
 The within last will and testament of Richard
 Holmes having been duly proved upon the Oaths of
 Jas P Holmes and of the Executors and
 Benjamin Cone one of the Subscribing witnesses
 it is ordered that it be admitted to record
 this 6th 1852

J S Stafford may

Recorded Feb 7th 1852

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