

At Page 8
July the 21st 1791 Benjamin Higginbotham Well Proven Esq^r
Middleton Woods Esquire Clerk of the County of Elbert
And Record in my office the 25th Day of July 1791

In the Name of God Amen the ninth Day of February one
thousand seven hundred and Ninety Benjamin Higginbotham
Of Wilkes County and State of Georgia Being in a weak and
Weak State of Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks
Be to God and Calling to mind the Mortality of My Body
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die
Do make ordain this my last will and testament and first
of all I recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that Gave
it and my body to Earth to be buried at the Discretion
of my Executors Nothing Doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shall receive the Same by the mighty Power
of God and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath
Pleased God to Bless me In this Life I Give and Dispose of the
Same in the following Manner and form -

I Promise I do and to my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Higginbotham
four Negroes Namely Joe. Will. Anke. Jude and Increase of
Anke and Jude and the Household furniture that I do
Dispose of otherwise in my Will And my Stock of Cattle and
Hogs and the Cash is then on Hand During Her Natural
Life Making No waste or spoil of the same and her Death to
Be Equally Divided amongst my Children to them and their
Heirs for ever -

I Give to my Daughter Anne Higginbotham one Negro
woman named Lucy and her Increase to her and her heirs
for ever also one slave named Blumhorne to her and

Her Heirs for Ever { Page 9

Item I give to my son Caleb Higginbotham one Negro Slave
named Jack to him and his heirs for Ever

Item I give to my son William Higginbotham one Negro
named Lewis to him and his heirs for Ever

Item I give to my son Benjamin Higginbotham one Negro
Wench named Charity her and her Increase to him and his heirs
for Ever

Item I give to my Joseph Higginbotham one Negro Wench named
Phillis her and her Increase to him and his heirs for Ever

Also the Land that I hold now to be Equally divided betwee
= cen My Sons Joseph and Francis. If my son Joseph Should
Decease Without an Heir Lawfully Begotten then What I Have
Left to Him be Equally Divided amongst His Brothers and Sisters

Item I give to My son Francis Higginbotham one Negro Wench
named Rachel her and her Increase to him and his heirs for
Ever. Also the Land that I now to be Equally Divided betwee
My Sons Francis and Joseph

My Sons William Benjamin Joseph and Francis I make
And ordain with my Beloved Wif Elisabeth Higginbotham my
sole Executors and Executrices of this my Last Will and
testament and I hereby revoke and Disannul all and every
other former testament Wills Requests and Executors by
me in any Way Before this time named Publickly and confirm
= ing this and No other to be my Last will and testament
In Witness Whereunto I have Unto set my hand and seal

William McEntee

Thomas Willy

Jamies Morrison

Ben. Higginbotham

Turn over