

Nicholas Burton

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Georgia For the Name of God Amen

Elbert County Nicholas Burton considering the uncertainty of life and being of sound disposing Mind and Memory. Make this My last will and Testament. And

1st I will to my beloved wife Eliza the following Negroes viz Caty a woman, Martha a girl, Peter a Man, George a Man and John a boy, during her natural life, then to My son Thomas. If in life and if not in life to become a part of My estate to be divided with remainder at him after directed

2. I will that all My lawful debts be paid as herein after directed

3. I will that all My property of every description be kept together on the plantation whereon I now live and that it be kept up and worked as heretofore for the purpose of raising a crop or crops for the purpose of supporting My family and to raise funds to pay My debts and for the education of My children all of whom I wish to have a good and education given at other Means they possess shall authorize or warrant. I leave it discretionary with My Executor in the exercise of his best judgment with the consent of My wife whether it would be best to sell the plantation and buy one of less value for them after making some few crops on it, or whether it would be best to keep up the plantation under the Management of a good overseer and buy a place convenient to some good school for the purpose of schooling of My children

4. I will that all of my entire estate except that portion expressly willed to My wife be equally divided amongst My beloved children herein named viz Eliza, Solly into 3rd Elizabeth S. and Parmelia C. Burton

5. Should it become necessary to raise more money than can be made on the plantation for the payment of debts My will is that My Negro Man Burt be sold for that purpose

6. Whenever the plantation is disposed of My will is that My wife shall be furnished with a years supply of provisions and one horse such as she may choose and two milk cows & two beds best ends of furniture such as she may choose

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I nominate and appoint William B. Nelson of the
County and State of Georgia Executor to this my last will
& testament with all the discretionary power therein
named express or implied for the purpose therein contained
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 19th day of November Eighteen hundred and fifty one
in presence of
W. Speed
W. J. Ellington
Ann Burton
Nicholas Burton

Georgia
Elbert County
Court of Ordinary March Term 1852
Personally came into open Court Wiley J. Ellington
and being duly sworn saith that he saw Nicholas
Burton sign the foregoing instrument of writing at his last
will and testament and that this deponent together
with Wade Speed and Ann Burton signed the same as
witnesses in the presence of the testator and brother testator
and at his request and in the presence of each other and
that deponent believes the testator to have been of sound mind
at the time executed the same
shown to in open Court
this 1st day of March 1852
Attest Wm B. Nelson
W. J. Ellington

Georgia
Elbert County
Court of Ordinary March Term 1852
The foregoing will of Nicholas Burton deceased
having been proven at this regular term of the
Court of the Court on oath of Wiley J. Ellington one the
subscribing witnesses. It is ordered that said will be recorded
Attest Wm B. Nelson

Recorded 3rd March 1852
Ordinary Wm B. Nelson ordinary

James J. Johnson Will 1852
For the Glory of God Amen
I James J. Johnson of the County of Elbert State of Georgia being sick
and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory
(for which I thank God) and calling to mind the uncertainty
of human life and desiring to dispose of all such worldly estate
as it hath pleased God to bestow with do hereby Make this my
last Will and Testament