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mind and memory at the time she executed the same
sworn to in open Court at the County of Elbert Georgia Wills 1836 to 1880
Attest W. B. Nelson, ordinary
Thomas W. Thomas
Henry his Adams
mark

Georgia } Court of ordinary August Term 1855.
Elbert County } The within will and codicil of Elizabeth
Burish deceased having been proven at this regular
Term of the Court on the oaths of Thomas W. Thomas, Daniel Mc
Carlton and Henry Adams. It is ordered by the Court that said
will and Codicil be Recorded this 6th of August 1855
W. B. Nelson, ordinary

Recorded the 9th of August, 1855.
W. B. Nelson, ordinary

Reuben Thornton's Will 1855.

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen.
Elbert County } I Reuben Thornton of the state and County
aforesaid being afflicted in body but of
sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my
last will and Testament in manner and form following
To wit. Item 1st I will that all my just debts, funeral and
burial expenses be paid out of my Estate.
Item 2nd I. Give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Thornton
during her natural life the following property, to wit
nine negroes slaves by the names of Little Ligy,
Jimmy, Martha, Mary, Celia, Joe, Little Jerry, Loniza
and Henry, and their increase the one half of all
my Household and Kitchen furniture two Horses of
her choice five cows and calves the one half of
the Hogs on the plantation whereon I now live my
Carriage, and Harness, and provisions sufficient to
support the family and stock for one year agreed
to law, and at the death of my wife all the
above property and the increase of the negroes that
may be remaining, I give to my son William
Thomas Thornton if he be living, but if my William
Thomas Thornton should die before the death of my
wife leaving no child or children then the above
property I give to my brother and sister, and the children
of my deceased brother and sister, the children of the
of my brother and sister to have the same share that
their father or mother would have been entitled to have

they been living to be equally divided between them
Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my brother Benjamin Thornton
one negro boy by the name of ~~Ben~~
Item 4th I Give and bequeath unto my brother Dozier Thornton
one negro boy by the name of George
Item 5th I Give and bequeath unto my niece Priscilla E. Hunt
one negro girl by the name of Lucy. but if the said
Priscilla E. Hunt should die leaving no child or
children then the said negro girl Lucy to go to my
son William Thomas Thornton
Item 6th I will that all my lands, be sold by my Executor
and that he purchase a smaller tract of land with
a part of the money arising from the sale of my lands
the purchase of the to be made in this County and
my wife to be consulted in what part of the County
the lands shall be located, and be a tract sufficient
out for her and the lands I have loaned her and
my wife to have and enjoy said land during her
natural life, and at her death the said land to be
sold and the proceeds to be distributed and go in
the same way and to the same persons as the negroes
and other property as mentioned in the second item
of this will, and I do further will and direct
that none of the property which I have left to my wife
during her natural life shall be removed out of
the limits of Elbert County
Item 7th I give and bequeath all the remainder of my estate
real and personal after my just debts are paid to my son
William Thomas Thornton but if my son should die leaving
no child or children then the estate both real and personal
which I bequeathed to him shall go and vest in my brothers
and sisters and the children of those brothers & sisters who
may be dead in the same manner as directed in the
second item of this will
Item 8th I do hereby appoint my brother Dozier Thornton Executor
to execute this my last will and Testament
In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this
the thirty first day of January one thousand eight
hundred and fifty five
Signed, Sealed and acknowledge
in the Presence of
William H. Harper
George W. Allen
Benjamin Smith
Remember his Thornton
mark

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Georgia } Court of ordinary September Term 1855.
 Elbert County } Personally came with them, Benjamin Smith and
 George W. Allen two of the witnesses and being sworn
 to that they saw Reuben Thornton sign the above and
 foregoing instrument of writing as his last will and Testament
 and that they together with William H. Harper signed the
 same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of
 the testator and in the presence of each other, and that
 they believe the testator to have been of sound mind
 and disposing memory at the time he executed the same
 sworn to in open court this 3rd of September 1855.
 Wm. B. Nelson, ordinary

Georgia } Court of ordinary September Term 1855.
 Elbert County } The within will & Testament of Reuben Thornton
 deceased having been proven at this Regular
 Term of the Court on the oaths of Benjamin Smith &
 George W. Allen two of the subscribing witnesses to said
 will & Testament. It is ordered by the Court that the
 same be Recorded Attest Wm. B. Nelson, ordinary
 Recorded the 11th day of September 1855.
 Wm. B. Nelson, ordinary

Sarah Higginbotham Will 1855.

Georgia } In the name of God Amen -
 Elbert County } I Sarah Higginbotham of the County and
 State aforesaid being of sound mind and
 disposing memory and wishing to make some disposal of
 the worldly estate with which it has pleased a kind
 providence to bless me with in common health do make
 and ordain this my last will and Testament, hereby
 revoking all and every other will and Testament heretofore
 made by me.
 First I resign my body to the dust from whence it came
 and my soul into the hands of God who gave it
 Secondly, It is my will that all my just debts be paid
 thirdly I will my Negro man Matt to my step son David
 B. Higginbotham, with a request that he be not separated
 from his wife -
 Fourthly I will to my step daughter Jarsia Campbell
 one feather bed two cows and calves four head of
 sheape & one Large desk -