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Georgia } Court of ordinary September Term 1855.
 Elbert County } Personally appeared 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. Nelms, ordinary

Georgia } Court of ordinary September Term 1855.
 Elbert County } The within will & Testament of Reuben Thom
 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. Nelms, ordinary
 Recorded the 4th day of September 1855.
 Wm B. Nelms, 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 Wm 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 -

Fifthly I will to Elija Andrew wife of Robert S. Andrews one feather Bed -

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Sixthly I will to Henry W. Bond ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} wife my interest in the land whereon I now live and also my negro woman with her increase name Mariah during of their natural life and after the death of said Bond and wife to be equally divided among said Henry W. Bond, children and I will also that all the balance of my estate be received & enjoyed by the said Henry W. Bond consisting of horses, cows, sheep and Hogs Household & Kitchen furniture by the said Henry W. Bond paying all the debts of the Estate at my deceased -

Seventh I do hereby appoint my friend Joseph Sewell my Executor to this my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18 day of July 1855.

assigned and sealed

in Presence of us, the words

Sarah ^{her} Higginbotham 

and wife in two places interlined before Signed

Burley Andrew

Cornelia H. Sewell

Joseph Sewell

Georgia

Elbert County

Court of ordinary September Term 1855.

Personally came Burley Andrew one of the witnesses to the above and foregoing will and being sworn says that he saw Sarah Higginbotham sign the above and seal the foregoing instrument of writing as her last will and Testament and that he together with Cornelia H. Sewell and Joseph Sewell sign the same as witnesses to the same in the presence and at the request of the testatrix and in the presence of each other and that he believes the testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time she executed the same. Sworn to in open Court

this 3rd of September 1855

Attest Wm B. Helms, ordinary

Burley Andrew

Georgia

Elbert County

Court of ordinary September Term 1855.

The within will of Sarah Higginbotham deceased having been proven at this regular Term of the Court on the oath of Burley Andrew one of the subscribing witnesses to said will. It is ordered that said will be Recorded

Attest Wm B. Helms, ordinary

Recorded the 14th day of September 1855. Wm B. Helms, ordinary

153/ Examined by the Grand jury at the September
Term of the Superior Court 1855.

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B. G. G. S.
Jas. M. Barnett,
C. H. Andrew

Calvin F. Wilhite's Will 1855.

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen,
Elbert County } I Calvin F. Wilhite of said State & County
deceasing it right & proper both as
respects myself & family to make a disposition of my
property do make this my Last Will & Testament.

Item 1st. I desire & direct that all my just debts be
paid as soon as practicable.

Item 2nd. I Give bequeath & devise to my beloved wife
Mary A. for & during her natural life or widowhood
only all my property both real & personal wherever &
whatever it may be and at the death of my said
wife in case she should never marry then the whole of
my said property to be equally divided among all my
children each one taking share & share alike in
accordance with the principles laid down in the
Statutes of distributions of this State and if during
the widowhood of my said wife any of my children
should arrive at the age of twenty one years or get
married it is my will & desire that she (my wife)
shall have full power to make such advancements
to them as she in her judgement may think proper &
right so that she give no one of my children more
than an equal share of my property.

Item 3rd. In case my wife should marry again after my
death it is my will & desire that she shall thereupon
have a child's part & a child's part only of all my
Estate both real & personal & such part is to be
vested absolutely & unconditionally in her and all
my children are to have each one an equal share
with her; my wife & my children taking share & share
alike according to the principles contained in the Statute
of distributions of this State.

Item 4th. I hereby constitute & appoint my wife Mary A.
Executrix of this my last will & Testament.