

The last Will and Testament of Francis Pickens of Atlanta Georgia in the name of God Amen

I Commit my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the Mother Earth

Item 1st I will that all my just debts be paid amply, out of money arising from dividends on my R. R. Stock, or real or sale of my houses and lots in the City of Atlanta including the expense of my demise and burial

"2^d I will and bequeath to the President and Vice President for the time being of the American Colonization Society for the purpose of said Society sending them to Liberia Africa all my Slaves (to wit) Samuel 55 years of age, Edw 48, and her three Children (viz) Charles 22, Sarah Ann 2 and Lucretia 8 years old, Julia Seven Children Jane 34, Elie 29, Harriet 27, Hannah 25, Yancy Jane 19, Washington 14, Mary Ann 10 years old, and her Children (viz) America 15, Leon 10 years old, George Ann 9, Eliza 8, Thomas Hardin 4, Harriets four Children (viz) John Anderson 9, Amanda 7, Caroline 5, William 2 years old, Yancy James Child named Susan, Sam, Elizabeth, Edw 4 months old, Susan 12 years old and her four Children Little Jane 21, Martha 14, Elizabeth 12, and Henry 11 years old, Little Jane's daughter Sarah 11 1/2 years old, and Little Jane's daughter Susan, Elizabeth, Sarah Francis, 2 years old

"3rd I will and bequeath to each of my Slaves to be paid to my Executors when they start to Liberia in the event that before they start to Liberia one hundred dollars each

"4th I will and bequeath my said real estate, my houses and lots in the City of Atlanta, the lot of land in Lumpkin County, One 1/2 the Farmer County, and two 1/2 in Gordon County to be divided as follows (viz) One third thereof to my Daughter Louisa C. Garfield to receive the interest on her one third annually or semi annually paid into her hands by my Executors and not into the hands of her husband nor her children during her natural life time, and after her decease the said third to derive the interest from during her natural life time, I will and bequeath to the Colonization Society to take charge of said third at my Daughter's death, and divide it equally among the Colon people and their descendants that I send to Liberia

"5th One third of said Stock, City of Atlanta, and

Barron County Wills to be equally divided among

"6th" The remaining third of my Stock, City Lots &c I will and bequeath to the President and Directors of the American Colonization Society to distribute equally among my colored people and their descendants I send to Liberia in Africa

"7th" I will that my remains be decently interred with a decent Tomb Stone with my name inscribed that my friends where my remains are deposited

"8th" I will that my Executors be amply compensated for carrying this my last Will and Testament into execution

"9th" I appoint Mr. Nathan Holbrook and Elton Chase both of Athens Georgia my Executors to carry this my last Will and Testament into execution, and in the event of death or any other Contingency so falling there so as to prevent their executing this Will, My Will and desire is that the Superior Court of this County do call by set a warrant and appoint such person or persons as in the Courts Judgment will execute this Will according to the Tenor and Spirit of this Will

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name 25th day of June Eighteen hundred & fifty three

Signed and Sealed the _____ Minutes Linton (S)
day above written in presence of us who subscribed our Names hereunto as witnesses in presence of the Testator, of each other

The Records (one hundred dollars each) at the close of aforementioned interlined before assigned

J. A. Hayden
Rezin Lyon
W. A. Overton

Recorded from Exemplification transmitted from Col. Nathan
Court of Ordinary 15th August 1854
J. J. Meade Clerk