

In the name of God Amen

J. D. Hardens of the County of Glascock and State of Georgia, being of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory, and feeling it to be my duty, both as regards myself and family, to make a disposition of my property, both real and personal which a kind Providence has blessed me with, I do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

First- I commit my Soul to God who gave it through the atonement of my blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Secondly I desire that my body shall be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances in life.

Thirdly I desire and so direct that all my just debts be paid by Executor hereinafter mentioned as soon as circumstances shall admit,

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Hardens, my home tract of land containing 106 acres to have and to hold during her lifetime after which it is to go to my son J. F. Hardens, and held by him during his life after which to his children if he has any, if he has none then said tract shall then revert back to my estate.

I desire that said J. F. Hardens shall now take possession of 30 acres of my home tract of land and use ^{it} Daniel till the death of myself and wife, paying for said use 300 lbs of middling lint-cotton for each year during my life and then to my wife as long as she lives, doing all necessary fencing thereon. Said 30 acres shall be on the south-end of said tract.

Fifthly I give to my Daughter Sarah J. Thompson a tract of land known as tract No 1 containing 91 acres, to be held by her during her natural life time, and then to her children if she has any living at that time, if none then said tract of land shall revert back to my estate, in as much as I now turn over said land to her, she is to pay 350 lbs of middling lint-cotton each year during my life and then to her mother Elizabeth Hardens during her life, after which payment shall cease, she keeping up necessary fencing and is not to use any timber except for plantation uses.

Sixthly I give and bequeath to Matty Newsome a tract of land known as tract No 2 containing 104 acres, to be held by her during her natural life time and then

her children if she has any living at that time. if none said tract is to revert back to my estate. In as much as I now turn over said tract of land to her she is to pay for each year 400 lbs of Middling lint cotton to continue during my life, and then to her Mother during her life, after which payment shall cease, she is also to keep up necessary fencing and use no timber except for plantation uses.

Seventh

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Minnie, S. Wells a tract of land known as lot No 3 containing 95 acres to have and to hold during her natural life time and then to her children provided she should have any living at that time. if none then said tract of land shall revert back to my estate. In as much as I now turn over to her the said lot of land. she shall pay for the use of it 250 lbs of Middling lint cotton for each year so long as I shall live and then to her Mother till she dies and then payment shall cease. she is required to do necessary fencing and use no timber except for plantation purposes

Eighth

I give and bequeath to my son J. S. Hardin a tract of land known as Lot No 4 containing 100 acres to have and to hold during his natural life time and then to his children provided he has any children living at his death. if none then said tract of land shall revert back to my estate. In as much as I now turn over said tract of land to him. he shall pay to me during my life time 300 lbs of Middling lint cotton for each year and then to his Mother as long as she lives and then payment shall cease. he is to do all necessary fencing, and use no timber except for plantation purposes.

Ninth

I do hereby give to my son Thos. J. Hardin a tract of land known as No 5 containing 110 acres to have and to hold during his life time, and then to his children provided he has any living at that time, if none then said tract of land is to revert back to my estate, said Thomas Hardin is to do all fencing and use no timber except for plantation purposes.

Tenth

I desire and so direct that after settling up ^{with} my estate. if any personal property or effects shall be left it shall go to my beloved wife Elizabeth Hardin

Eleventh

I do hereby appoint my beloved son Thos. J. Hardin Executor to this my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal in the presence of these witnesses this 24th day March 1898

Witnesses
W. W. Harden
W. H. Johnson
W. R. Harney
M. F. Usry

D. I. Harden (L.S.)

Georgia }
Glascok County } Before me personally appeared to W. Harden
as witnesses to the within writing purporting to
be the last will of David I. Harden, all who being duly sworn,
deposes and says that they did on the 24th day of March 1898
attest as witnesses the within above and foregoing writing in
the presence of D. I. Harden who in their presence voluntarily
signed and published the same as his last will, and that the
said D. I. Harden was at the time of said attestation of sound
and disposing mind and memory
sworn to and subscribed before me }
This 1st day of October, 1900 }
J. L. English ordinary } W. W. Harden
W. R. Harney
M. F. Usry
W. H. Johnson

Georgia Glascok County-
I J. L. English ordinary in and for said county do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will of
David I. Harden as pronounced in open court on the 1st
day of October 1900 by the Executor in solemn form
J. L. English ordinary

Recorded Dec 10th 1900 J. L. English ordinary