

Arthur Foster's Will

- Given hereby, I, Arthur Foster, of the county & State of Maine, being of sound mind and disposing memory, & knowing it is appointed for all men to die, and that from the uncertainty, course of nature & things my disposition cannot be far distant, and being, desirous whilst I live to make a disposition of my worldly effects, do therefore make and constitute the following my last Will & Testament, that when I die, it is my will and desire, that all my just debts be first paid out of such part of my property, not disposed of & sacrificed by the after parts of this will, as my executors hereinafter named may think most advisable.
- First — I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sarah E. Foster One negro girl Phebe, & her increase, to her & her heirs forever, to be delivered to her immediately at my death.
- Second — I give & bequeath unto my daughter Lucy S. Foster One negro girl Harriette, & her increase to her & her heirs forever, to be delivered to her when she arrives at full age or marries.
- Third — I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth H. Foster One negro girl Caroline, & her increase to her, to be delivered to her when she arrives at full age or marries.
- Fourth — I give & bequeath unto my son Moses F. Foster One negro boy Valanceer (or Ellick), to him & his heirs forever, to be delivered to him when he arrives at full age.
- Fifth — It is my will & desire, that if either of the Negroes herein before mentioned should die before they are delivered to the persons to whom they are respectively given, that they should have another of equal value of some my Estate, not specifically disposed of, before any other division takes place.
- Sixth — I give unto my son Arthur Foster, Ten Dollars in addition to what I have heretofore given him, to be paid by my executors as soon as convenient after my death for his full portion of my Estate.
- Seventh — I give to my granddaughter Emily C. Foster, Ten Dollars to be paid in cash by my Executors to her Guardian as soon as convenient after my death, which in addition to what I have previously given to her father, my son Daniel, in his lifetime, is in full of his portion of my Estate.
- Eighth — I give to my grand son Thomas A. Foster, Ten Dollars, to be paid by my Executors to his Guardian as soon as convenient, or to him when he arrives at full age, which in addition to what I have previously given to his mother, my daughter Mary while in life is in full of his portion of my Estate.

Death In my Will I desire that all the monies & balances of my said
Estate shall and you shall of whatsoever I may consist be kept
together in the most profitable way, and that my former Son
Cultivate be kept in school & cultivated by my former, under the
direction & control of my Executors, & the proceeds thereof as well
as of any stock of any kind, & all things pertaining thereto
be applied as far as necessary to the support & education of
the family, & the children under age, until my youngest son
Sterling P. Foster arrives at full age, & then to be equally divided
between my wife Hannah & three of my children hereinafter
mentioned to wit, Sarah E. Nathaniel G. James M., Allen F.
Adam, Lucy J. Albert G. Elizabeth M. & Sterling J. by lot or by
selling a part or the whole & dividing the money as may be
thought most convenient & advisable by my Executors.

Child I appoint my two sons Nathaniel G. Foster & James M. Foster
my Executors to carry into effect this my last Will & Testament.
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the
third day of November in the Year of our Lord 1830.

Nathan J. Johnson
George Martin
Moses Jackson

Nathan Foster

Georgia Greene County
Court of Ordinary, March Term 1841.

Summons appears in open Court George Martin one
of the subscribing witnesses to the within Will, who
being duly sworn says, that he saw the above named
Nathan Foster sign, seal, & heard him acknowledge
the foregoing instrument to be his last Will &
Testament, and that he believed him to be of
perfect sound mind and memory at the time
of his so doing, and that he together with
Nathan J. Johnson & Moses Jackson subscribe
their names thereto as witnesses in the presence
of the Testator & in the presence of each other
Shown to in open Court
10 March 1841.
W. L. Martin Clerk

George Martin

Record 22nd March 1841.

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