

William Merrill will

Whereas As the name of God amen
 I William Merrill of the County of Hants
 Virginia being in a low State of health but of perfect sound
 mind I hereby do make to declare this my last will & testament
 that the tract of land on which I now live
 in Hants County be sold on a credit of one or two fifteen year
 payments to be made in three annual instalments & the tract
 of land I own in Millerson be sold on the a credit of one year
 then I will that my negro Simon the Lewis Minor (Heaven)
 Rachel Ann Miss Jane L. Eliza Judy & her child Henry
 & a young boy child of Henry not named & a young girl
 a young boy child of Rush not named together with all the residue
 of my property both real & personal except my old negro man Saffy
 be sold on a credit of twelve months

Item I will that the proceeds of the sales of my property
 be divided & appropriated in the following manner viz to the
 children of my daughter Elizabeth Brown (being nine in number
 named as follows) William M. Brown Ezekiel Brown Reuben Brown
 Melvin Brown Emeline Brown Franklin Brown James M.
 Brown & Blyford Brown & the children of my deceased daughter
 Nancy Greene (being six in number) named Emily Greene Caroline
 Greene Hamilton Greene Benjamin Greene Augustin Greene &
 Mary Greene one equal distributive each to be paid to my said
 grand children as the boy may arrive at the age of twenty one
 & as the girls arrive at the age of twenty one or marry. But should
 any of the said grand children die before they arrive at twenty one
 years or before they marry then the distributive share of such deceased
 legatee shall go to & be divided among my surviving grand children &
 should my daughter Elizabeth Brown have any further issue male or
 female such issue shall come in & be allowed an equal distributive
 with my grand children above named

Item 4th If at any decease a crop should be planted I wish the whole of
 my wife to remain together until the crop is finished & then the
 crop to be sold with the balance of my property except cotton which
 may be sold at the usual market when my executors may choose

Item 5th I give to my daughter Elizabeth Brown my negro man named
 Saffy & commend her to show him that indulgence & treat him
 with that human anxiety & care to which his faithful service entitles him
 as long as he lives

Item 6th I wish all the sales of my property to be made at my plantation
 the real as well as personal estate except my land in Millerson which
 may be sold at such place as my executors may think will most
 advance the interest of my estate & the proceeds of all my sales to
 remain in the hands of my executor until the devise under

This will is authorized to remain their shares respectively
Then y^e 2^d I do hereby appoint Douglas A. Rogers, Manager & Executor
of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills by
heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
at this 21st day of August 1825

Signed said Jackson & Chapman

William Merrill Secy

in presence of

Henry Rogers

Chas. A. Ricketts

Th. Sanford

Georgia

Prize County Court of Ordinary November term 1825

Personally appeared in open Court Henry Rogers &
Sanford two of the subscribing witnesses to within will a lib being
duly sworn say that they saw the within named William Merrill
sign seal & heard him acknowledge the within instrument to
his last will & testament & that they each believed him to be of
perfect sound mind & memory at the time of his so doing & that
each together with Charles A. Ricketts subscribed their names as
witness thereto in the presence of the testator

Sworn to in open Court

14th November 1825

Henry Rogers

Th. Sanford

Recorded 3rd February 1826

George Lawrence clk

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Perwell Stautenshire

In the name of God amen I Perwell of the City of Bremen
State of Georgia being in perfect strength of mind & memory do make
ordain this to be my last will & testament I give to my beloved wife
Elizabeth Stautenshire one negro woman named Lily & her child & her
all my household & kitchen furniture & also one fourth part of all
the remainder of my estate to her her heirs & assigns for her support & the
to the future heirs of her body but should she have no heirs living
of her body alive & then she dies it to return to the heirs of my body &
give to my son John baby Stautenshire one fourth part of my estate when
arrives to lawful age or marries but should he die without a lawful heir
of his body the part of my estate that he may have received shall return
to the heirs of my body I give to my daughter Julia Solting one
one fourth part of my estate when she arrives to lawful age or marries
but if she dies without an heir of her body the part of my estate
that she may have received shall return to the heirs of my body
I give to my son William Perwell Stautenshire one fourth part of
my estate when he arrives lawful age or marries but should he die