

EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS & GUARDIANS RETURNS

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Will of Absalom Harris.

EXEMPLIFICATION FROM THE COURT OF ORDINARY HANCOCK CO. GA.

"In the name of God Amen. I, Absalom Harris of the state of Georgia and County of Hancock being weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make and (construct) constitute this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others made by me heretofore made confirming this my only will. I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried decently. Touching my estate I dispose of it in form following.

- 1st I give to my beloved wife Clara Harris during life the following property and after her death it is then to return to my estate and to be equally divided among all my children, the following negroes, Pock and Lucy his wife, Meshack, - -? - and child to bedsteads and furniture her choice of a chest and table a cupboard half dozen chairs four cows and calves or cows with calf. Yoke of oxen, Ox Cart, Choice of two horses, ten head of sheep two thousand weight, pork, ten shoats, two sows and pigs and two hundred and fifty dollars in cash, half the kitchen furniture, seventy barrels corn twenty bushels wheat and fodder in proportion at the time of division, all the fowls I also lend to my wife the tract of land I now live on during life after her death to be sold and the money to be equally divided amongst all my daughters that part of the money coming to my Daughter Polly Young one half to her children she had by Mr. Chappell.
- 2nd It is my desire that my son Henry have my Negro Cesar thus he may be with his wife at his valuation and that my Daughter Polly Young should have Amy at her valuation should she own her husband at my death the above two Negroes to be valued by three disinterested persons and delivered.
- 3rd I give to my Daughter Clara Jackson one hundred and twenty dollars to make her property equal to that I have given her before to Jean Sledge and to be taken out of Jean's part of my estate.
- 4th I give to my Grand Daughter Louisa Jane Jackson one negro girl by the name of Martha to her and her heirs forever,
- 5th It is my desire that all the property that I have given my children heretofore they should have and not to be considered any part of my estate.
- 6th I give to my Grand Daughter, Elizabeth R. Harris one negro girl by the name of Mariah and six hundred and twenty three dollars as her full portion of my estate but should she die before she marries or have a lawful heir of her body the property and money I give her is to return to my estate and be equally divided among my children. There is some three hundred and fifty four dollars in the hands of my son Henry which he is to pay.
- 7th It is my will and desire that all of my estate after paying my just debts not already lent or given away be equally divided among all my children.
- 8th I do fully authorize me Executors to make good and lawful titles to my land when it is sold.
- 9th I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Henry Harris Edmund S. Harris and my son-in-law Edmund Jackson my Executors to ~~carry~~ carry into effect this my will. I do hereby publish the foregoing instrument as my last will and testament. In witness whereof I do set my hand and affix my seal this fourteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and Eighteen.

In presence of,
Samuel Harris
John Roper
Peterson Harris

 Absalom Harris Seal

Georgia
Hancock County

Inferior Court setting for Ordinary purposes
6th December 1824 the last will and testament of Absalom Harris late of this county deceased being being produced in court by Henry Harris and Edmund S. Harris two of the Executors therein named and being duly and fully proven in its execution by John Roper and Peterson Harris two of the attesting witnesses. It is ordered that the said will be recorded and that the Executors etc etc.