

Last will and Testament of Benjamin Williams dec'd. Record-

Harris County Will Book 2 (1850-1875)

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State of Georgia) In the name of God, Amen
Harris County, I Benjamin Williams of said State and
County, feeling that my life is uncertain and wishing to dis-
pose of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed
being of sound mind and discretion do make this my last
will and Testament, hereby revoking all others.

Item 1 After my death I desire my body to be buried in a
decent christian like manner, and sent to God who gave it.

Item 2 I direct that all my just debts be paid as soon as pos-
sible, by my Executor hereafter named, the proceeds of
the cotton crop being used for that purpose and the
money on hand, and all my, and above to be given to
my wife Sarah B.

Item 3 I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah B. Williams and
daughter Sarah B. the land of which she possessed in
Georgia, except as hereafter provided, and agree to my
sons, Henry and Benjamin, and Alfred B. Johnson, and my
daughter and daughter-in-law the said wife to be used as a
place of or my wife's place, also to my wife and daughter
Sarah, two of my mules to be chosen by my wife and
all of the household goods, kitchen furniture, except what
and bedding to my son Henry, the stock of all I own, sheep
cows, hogs &c. to remain in the place for my wife and
daughter Sarah, and to my wife should be proper to
dispose of them or to part.

Item 4 I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin one of the two mules
and mules after my wife's death to be selected by him
the other mule as in Item 3 with the cows, hogs &c.

Item 5 I give the North half of the lot of land whereon my son
Henry now farms to the said Henry and the South half
of said lot to my son Benjamin.

Item 6 I give to Alfred B. Johnson the remainder of the South half
of the lot I sold him, five acres of, that I sold him
being the South east corner or quarter the remainder being
the South west corner or quarter.

Item 7 I give to my son Edward Williams my interest in the land
in Alabama under Society Hill.

Item 8 The property herein given to wife, excepting that specially left
to her free disposal after her death I direct to be divided equally
between all my children, my eldest daughter Sarah being
preferred as herebefore in the will and that she will
remain with her mother.

Item 9 The land given in Item 6 to Alfred B. Johnson
is given in consideration of his services without
Commission as Executor of this my last will.

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Signed, sealed, declared and published by the Testator as his last will and Testament in presence of us the subscribing witnesses who saw him sign the same and we the witnesses subscribed our names hereto in presence of each other and of the Testator

This October 4th 1869

W. W. Bruce
G. A. B. Boyer
J. T. Pearce

State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary
Harris County } November Term 1869

Where B. Johnson appeared in open Court and offered in a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Benjamin Williams late of said County deceased, said deceased and proposed said paper writing and gave affidavit that W. W. Bruce and J. T. Pearce two of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing who being well sworn said that they saw the said Benjamin Williams sign, seal, publish and declare the said paper writing now produced in open Court as his last will and Testament forth voluntarily of his own accord without any compulsion or undue influence whatever that at the time of the signing of said will, said Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory, that defendant signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his request in the presence of each other and that they saw G. A. B. Boyer the other witness sign said will in the presence of the Testator and at his request.

Sworn to & subscribed
before me in open Court
this November 1st 1869
J. T. C. Williams
Ordinary

W. W. Bruce
J. T. Pearce

Georgia } I do solemnly swear that this writing is
Harris County } the true last will of Benjamin Williams
deceased so far as I know or believe and that I will
and truly execute the same in accordance with the Law
of this State, so help me God.

Sworn to & subscribed
before me in open Court
this November 1st 1869
J. T. C. Williams
Ordinary

G. A. B. Boyer