

Copy of the Last will and Testament of George Granbury deceased

Georgia Harris
County

I George Granbury of the County and State aforesaid being in feeble health and knowing the uncertainty of human life do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament

Item 1 I desire that so much as may be necessary of the debt due to me may be collected by my Executors as soon as may be convenient and all my just debts paid.

Item 2 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary B Granbury my Gold watch and my four wheel pleasure Carriage, And I also bequeath to her an annuity of twenty five Dollars per annum during the time my Estate shall remain undivided and until there shall be a final distribution of it to be paid to her in money by my Executors out of the proceeds of the Crops made on the plantation independent of her support with the other members of the family, and independent also of such amounts as she may wish to pay towards the support of the Pastor of the Church where her membership may be, to enable her to make contributions to such benevolent or Charitable objects as she may desire or be moved by her in any way she may please.

Item 3 I will that the plantation where I live, with the stock thereon be kept up without any division of my Estate till some of the contingencies hereinafter mentioned shall occur I will that my Executors shall give direction for the cultivation of the plantation employing overseers as may be necessary and directing the management of the plantation as I do in life so that my wife and children may have a support from it until my Estate shall be divided. And I hereby authorize my Executors to sell at private sale any of the stock on my said plantation that may at any time be either surplus or unsuitable for said plantation, and to buy for the use of said plantation any stock that may be necessary to keep up a proper and profitable cultivation of said plantation, and to do all things that I might lawfully do in regard to the cultivation thereof and the disposition by sale or otherwise of the products thereof. And I will that so much of the products of my plantation as may be necessary for that purpose be applied to the giving of all my children a good liberal education extending it as far as the higher branches as in the judgement of my said Executors shall seem expedient. And I desire that from the proceeds of my said plantation, my wife and children may be supported in a style and manner suitable to their circumstances - having always due regard to the propriety of keeping the expenditures within the limits of the income when it is practicable to do so. And I hereby authorize my Executors to sell at private sale at such times and on such terms as they shall deem to be for the interest of my Estate and the good of my family, any and all of my real Estate in the State of Mississippi and Florida, and also two lots of Land known as the Amos Moore lot and the Blanton lot of the body of Land where I now reside here in the State of Georgia, and also my Negro man Simon, but I wish him sold in the section of Country where his wife lives; and also my Negro man Harlin and also his wife Rachel and their children if she should desire to be sold with him - and if not then to sell the said Harlin and his eldest child Henry. And I do authorize my Executors when in their judgement it shall be for the best interest of my family, and my wife Mary B Granbury shall desire it to sell the plantation and settlement of Land where I now live and purchase another plantation and parcel of Land for my Estate where my said wife may desire it.

And if any one or more of my children should die without being married and before arriving at the age of twenty one years, I will that the share or shares of my Estate falling to such child or children whether such share or shares be common or distributive revert back to my Estate and be subject to the same final distribution as the other parts of my Estate.

And I will that in the event of my wife Mary B Granbury being again married that the said real and personal be then equally divided between all my children.

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his distributive share to be held in trust by my son John M. Granberry whom I hereby
appoint Trustee for that purpose, and to be used by my said wife during her lifetime
and disposed of by her at her death as she may please.

Item 6. And if my said wife should die before my youngest child shall arrive at the age of
twenty one years I will that my said Estate be then equally divided between all my
children share and share alike. Such distribution to be effected by sale or
otherwise as my Executors shall deem to be for the best interest of my children.

Item 7. And if neither of the events mentioned in the fifth and sixth Items of this Will
should occur before my oldest son John M. Granberry shall arrive at the age of
twenty one years I will that at the end of that year my Estate with the exception
of my real Estate and household and kitchen furniture be appraised and an
equal share be set off to him and delivered to him in such kind of property as
shall be useful and available to him and shall at the same time best effect
the value of the plantation and the interest of the remaining members of the
family. And so on in the manner as my remaining children shall arrive at the
age of twenty one years I will that on or about the first day of January following
their respective distributive shares be set off and delivered to them till the
whole Estate be distributed. And it is my intention that in these distributions
the outstanding debts and any monies arising from the sale of Lands be with-
drawn except that if the plantation where I now live should be sold it is my in-
tention that the proceeds of it be invested in another plantation - but if when
that is done there should be a surplus, such surplus may be subject to distribution
as other parts of my personal Estate.

Item 8. I hereby appoint Matthew Robertson, John W. Thompson and my son John
M. Granberry my Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

Witness my hand & seal this 21th day of May 1854.

Signed & sealed in presence of (Signatures) George Granberry 
William Butler
Sarah Butler
Mr. H. Jackson
James Cox

Georgia Harris } Morris Court of Ordinary February Term 1854
County

Personally appeared in open Court William Butler and James Cox
being sworn say that they signed the above last Will and Testament of
George Granberry deceased in his presence and saw him sign or hear
him acknowledge the same and it was at his special instance and request
and in the presence of each other and that we believe him of sound
disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same
Tested and Subscribed by
Geo. W. Mullins' Ordinary
Signed William Butler
Signed James Cox