

Copy of the Last will and Testament of George Granbury deceased

Georgia Manis } I George Granbury of the County and State aforesaid being
County ^{but poor in health} 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 debts due to me may be collected by
my Executors as soon as may be convenient and all my just debts paid.

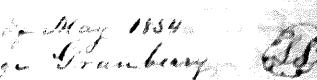
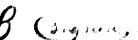
Item 2 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary B. Granbury my Gold Watch and my
four wheel pleasure carriage. And I also bequeath to her an annuity of twenty
five Dollars per annum during the time my Estate shall remain undivided and
until there shall be a final distribution of it to be paid to her 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 Poor 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 come by her in any way she may please.

Item 3 I will that the plantation where I live, with the stock therein be kept up without any
division of my Estate till some of the contingencies hereafter mentioned shall occur.
I will that my Executors shall give direction for the cultivation of the plantation
paying overseers as may be necessary and directing the management of the plantation
as I do in life so that my wife and Children may derive a support from it until my
Estate shall be divided. And I hereby authorize my Executors to sell at private Sales
any of the stock on my said plantation that may at any time be either surplus or unne-
cessary 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 business education extending it or not to the higher
branches as in the judgment 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
Sales 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 or all of my real Estate in the State of Mississippi and
Florida, and also two lots of land known as the Amosa Moore lot and the Clinton
lot of the body of land where I now reside lie in the State of Georgia, and also my Negro
man Simon, but I wish him sold in the section of Country where his wife lies; and
also my Negro man Master and also his wife Charlotte and their Children if she should
desire to be sold with him - and if not then to sell the said Master and his eldest
child Henry. And I do authorize my Executors when in their judgment 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 cases inclusive whether such share or shares be common or distributed
over 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
the first wife own personal between them equally division between all my Children

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her distributive share to be held in trust by my son John M. Granbury 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 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 eldest son John M. Granbury shall arrive at the age of
twenty one years I will that at the time of that year my Estate with the exception
of my real Estate and household and Kitchen Furniture happens and one
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 least effect
the value of the plantation and the interest of the remaining members of the
family. And so on in like manner as my remaining Children shall arrive at the
age of twenty one years I will that on 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 settled
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. Granbury my Executors to this my last Will and Testament.
- Giving under my hand & seal this 26th day of May 1854.
- Given under my hand & seal this 26th day of May 1854. 
Signed & Sealed in presence of  George Granbury 
William Butter  Sarah Butter  Mrs. H. Jackson  James Cox 

{ Georgia Annex } Morris Court of Common Pleas
County February Term 1854
Personally appeared in open Court William Butter and James Cox
being sworn say that they sign the above last will and Testament of
George Granbury deceased in his presence and saw him sign or hear
him acknowledge the same 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
Sworn to and Subscribed by  William Butter
Geo P Mullins Ordinary  James Cox