

Last Will and Testament of Isaac Middlebrooks and Rebecca

- State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen,  
Harris County } I, Isaac Middlebrooks of said State and County, being  
of advanced age, and knowing that I must shortly depart this life, do  
it right and proper, that I should make a disposition of the property  
with which a kind providence has blessed me, - do therefore make this  
my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other heretofore made.
- Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire and direct, that my body be buried in a decent and Christian  
like manner. My soul I trust shall return to God who gave it, and I  
hope for eternal salvation through the merits and atonement of the  
blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose religion I have pro-  
fessed, and as I humbly trust enjoyed for forty six years.
- Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I desire and direct that all my just debts be first paid by my  
executors hereafter named.
- Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth the following named Slaves, viz:  
Mrs. Jesse, Susan and her youngest child and a Girl by  
the name of Amanda. I also give to my said wife Elizabeth my  
home lot of land, where I now live. It lies between land and ninety  
one (291) lying in the 30<sup>th</sup> district of Harris County. I also give to  
my said wife two mules, two Cows and Calves, one Yoke of Oxen and  
Chattels, tools and pigs, and my buggy, and all my household and  
kitchen furniture, and a sufficiency of provisions for one year, all  
of the above named property is given to my said wife Elizabeth for  
and during her natural life, which I intend as a life Estate only  
and desire that it be so understood.
- Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give to my said wife Elizabeth a negro boy by the name of  
Bib, forever in fee simple, to do as she pleases with.
- Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my Sons John A. Edwards, Eli, Isaac and  
Daher Middlebrooks, the following described lots & parts of lots  
of Land, to wit: Lot No. two hundred and ninety two known  
as the Old Mill Lot, No. two hundred and ninety seven, known  
as the Doc. Dora Lot, and the North half of Lot No. two hundred and  
ninety eight, known as the Jones Lot. I also give and bequeath  
to my Sons above named, my house lot where I now live at the  
death of my said wife Elizabeth to wit: No 291, all of said Land  
lying in the 30<sup>th</sup> district of Harris County - the same to be equal-  
ly divided between my said Sons named in this Item; and  
thereby given to them forever in fee simple, I also give and  
bequeath to my said Sons John A. Edwards, Eli, Isaac and  
Daher Middlebrooks after paying my just debts all the money  
I may have on hand at the time of my death to be equally  
divided between them.
- Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Wright my negro  
Bib, and if my said Daughter Mary Wright should die with-  
out child or children, or the issue of child or children then  
above Bib, Bib to be sold & the money to be equally divided  
amongst all my Grand Children then living.
- Item 7<sup>th</sup> I desire and will that the following named Slaves, to wit:   
Mistake, Pelon, Dora & Rachana and any and all others  
not herein disposed of in the foregoing Items, is to be sold  
the money equally divided between all of my children  
Daher, Isaac, Eli and Amanda.

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 or their legal representatives, and at her death to her then living  
 children or their legal representatives; - Elizabeth Couplough  
 during her life and at her death to her then living children or their  
 legal representatives, Mary Wright during her natural and at  
 her death to her then living children or their legal representatives  
 and if my said daughter Mary Wright should die without any  
 child or children of the issue of child or children then the por-  
 tion herein given to her to be at her death, equally divided between  
 my grown children the living, John A. Middlebrooks Edward  
 Middlebrooks Eli Middlebrooks Isaac B. Middlebrooks and  
 Soley Middlebrooks, these portions of the above named property  
 given in fee simple,

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I will and desire that all the property given to my said wife Elizabeth  
 except the boy Bob & my house lot No 291 during her natural  
 life, be sold and the money equally divided between all my chil-  
 dren to wit: John A. Edward, Eli, Isaac & Soley Middle-  
 brooks their portions in fee simple, Mary Wright, her por-  
 tion given during her life, and at her death to her children or  
 their legal representatives, Elizabeth Couplough during her  
 life & at her death to her then living children or their repre-  
 sentatives, Mary Wright during her life & at her death to  
 her children or their legal representatives, and in case  
 my said daughter Mary Wright should die without  
 child or children of the issue of child or children then  
 in that event the property named in this as well as the  
 other items, as given to her as a life estate is to be equally  
 divided between all my then living grown children.

Item 9<sup>th</sup> I do hereby constitute & appoint my sons John A. Middlebrooks  
 and Edward Middlebrooks Executors to this my last Will  
 and Testament This 17 day of March 1857-

Isaac Middlebrooks B

Signed, read & declared and published by Isaac Middle-  
 brooks as his last Will and Testament in the presence of  
 of us the Subscribers who Subscribed our names here to in  
 the presence of said Testator (at his Special instance  
 and request) - I and of each other this 17<sup>th</sup> March 1857.

R. H. Bayard.  
 Geo. W. Mullins  
 J. G. Davis -

We do solemnly swear that the writing contains the true  
 last Will of the within named Isaac Middlebrooks de<sup>d</sup>.  
 so far as we know or believe, and that we will well  
 and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws  
 of this State So help us Lord

Given to before me.

February 1857.

Geo. W. Mullins

Ordnary

John A. Middlebrooks  
 Edward Middlebrooks.

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State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary February Term  
Harris County

1864

Personally appeared in open Court John S. Middlebrooks and Calvin Middlebrooks, constituted and appointed in a paper writing, with purporting to be the last-Will and Testament of Isaac Middlebrooks deceased, late of said County, as Executors of said deceased and produced said paper writing: And also personally came Nathaniel H. Barden and James G. Davis two of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing who being duly sworn before and say that they saw the said Isaac Middlebrooks, sign, seal, publish and declare the said paper writing now presented in open Court as his last-Will and Testament, freely, voluntarily of his own accord without any compulsion or undue influence what ever - that at the time of the execution of said Will said Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory - that he signed the said Will as Testator in the presence of the said witnesses and at his request in the presence of the other witnesses and that they saw the said Will, the other witnesses signed the same in the presence of the Testator and at his request - Sworn to & Subscribed before me in open Court.

This February 1-1864

Geo. W. Mullins Ordinary

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N. H. Barden  
J. G. Davis