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Last Will & Testament of James Whitehead deceased.

State of Georgia Harris County In the name of God Amen
I James Whitehead of said state
and County knowing that I at some time must depart this life deem it
right and proper both as regards my family and myself 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 others
hereof made by me.

- 1st. Item, I desire and direct that my body be buried in decent and Christian
manner, suitable to my circumstances in life.
- 2nd. Item I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by
my Executor herein after appointed,
- 3rd. Item I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Jane for and during her
natural life only with whom I have lived in peace and Harmony. Lot of Land
number two hundred and five in the twenty-first district of Originally Muscogee
now Harris County containing two hundred two and a half acres more or less
whereon I now live.
- 4th. Item, I will and direct my Executor herein after named to sell all of my
real estate whereever it may be excepting lots of Lands number one hundred and
nine and one hundred and eleven situate being and lying in the twenty-first
district of Originally Muscogee but now Harris County and each containing
two hundred two and a half acres more or less.
- 5th. Item I will and direct my Executor herein after appointed so soon as it is
convenient not delaying longer than twelve months to have all of my Property except
that described sold, appraised, and that my minor children and wife shall take
the same at its appraised value.
- 6th. Item I will and direct that my children John Thomas Sarah Newbold
and Elizabeth Cherry after having rendered in and accounted for all that I have
advanced to them shall receive their respective portions of my estate, which shall be
one twelfth of my whole estate to each one afore named, in this item and that
they shall receive money in lieu of the same referred to in Item 5th.
- 7th. Item I desire and direct my Executor herein after named shall keep the
property that is left (after the three oldest children have received theirs)
together without any division on the land which I have directed not to be sold
and there farm for the benefit of my wife Jane and my minor children to wit
Mary F. Eliza Jane James Ellards Susan Ann Isabella Martha Ottoway
Augusta Ann Blanch William Tator Joseph Thompson except in case of my
wife Jane's marriage, then and in that event to be equally divided between my
wife and said minor children.
- 8th. Item I will and direct that each one of my minor children shall receive
their Pro rata portion of my estate as they become of age.
- 9th. Item all of the property given to my wife and minor children by me is
will and direct shall be kept together and used in common by them but
dividing or setting apart each child's part as he or she shall become of age
the gifts shall carry and so on until the youngest shall become of age then
the Property left or remaining for or as the portion of my wife shall be hers during
her natural life only and at her death to be equally divided among my children
or their heirs.

Item I Give and bequeath to my wife Jane my horse ^{call} Betsy in
order that she may get to meeting and visit in the neighborhood.

Done this.

James Whitehead Will Continued

11th Item I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Jane Executrix
of this my last will and Testament this September 6th 1853
James Whitehead.

Signed Sealed declared and published by James Whitehead as
his last will and Testament in the presence of all the Subscribers who subscribe
our names here to in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and
request and of each other this September 6th 1853.

D. P. Hill
W. Copeland
L. T. Anderson
Isaac Johnson,

Georgia Harris County, Wm. Harris Court of Ordinary Oct. Term 1853

Oct 3rd

Personally appeared in open Court D. P. Hill and Isaac Johnson
and being duly sworn say that they signed the above last will and
Testament of James Whitehead deceased, in his presence and saw him sign
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 and memory at the time of signing the same.

Sworn to and subscribed by
Wm. Harris Ordinary

D. P. Hill
Isaac Johnson,

The Last Will & Testament of Reuben J. Cross, of the
State of Georgia Harris County July 7th 1853.

I Reuben J. Cross of the aforesaid place,
being of sound mind and memory but feeble in body do make ordain
and establish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form
as follows, so witnesseth

Item 1st I commit my body to the dust as it was and my spirit
to god who gave it

Item 2. I direct all my just debts to be paid giving my executors and
executors hereinafter to be named full power of necessary to sell any of
my property not otherwise disposed of for that purpose.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son Charles C. Cross my
Negro boy Warren to him and his heirs forever in full complete
boy to be valued at the time delivered to him by my executors and
Competent persons and a record made of it which sum is to be
the criterion under the superintendence and direction of my
executors and successors for the further advancement to him
to my other minor children.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son Leonard Cross my
Negro boy Cross to him and his heirs forever in full complete
boy to be valued at the time delivered by Competent and my executors
persons under the like superintendence of my executors and
and if it should be found that he should be valued at a sum
less than the boy given to my son Charles C. Cross