

Martha Wright Last Will & Testament

State of Georgia Harris County In the name of God Amen. I Martha Wright of said County and State being of advanced age and feeling that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me with do therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1st Item I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my Circumstances and Condition in life my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it as I hope for Eternal salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whose Religion I have professed and I humbly trust enjoyed.

2nd Item I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor hereinafter appointed as I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed in their right especially as there is no need of delay.

3rd Item I give bequeath and devise unto my son, Joel Culpepper all my Negroes to wit Cham a Woman, and Jack a man Sussey a girl Mammal a boy and Selvy a girl to him for ever.

4th Item I constitute and appoint my son Joel Culpepper Executor of this my last Will and Testament this June 14th 1853.

Martha Wright
made

Signed sealed declared and published by Martha Wright as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose names the Subscribers who subscribed our names her unto in the presence of said Testator at her Special instance and request and of each other this June 14th 1853

Henry C. Hop.
Aaron Goodman
James M. Culpepper.

Georgia Harris County Court of Ordinary
February Term 1854.

Personally appeared in open Court James M. Culpepper, and Aaron Goodman two of the subscribing witnesses to the within said Will and being duly sworn depose and swear that they signed said instrument as the last Will and Testament of Martha Wright at her Special instance and request in her presence and the presence of each other.

Sworn to and subscribed James M. Culpepper
this February 6th 1854
Aaron Goodman
Wm. Hudson Ordinary

Daniel Hightower's Will

State of Georgia: In the name of God Amen.

Daniel Hightower of the County and State aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and knowing that I must shortly depart this life do hereby make and proper be as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of my property with which a Trade merchant has to do me. I therefore make this my last Will and Testament, hereby appointing all other Wills made by me.

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner.

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter appointed.

Item 3rd I Will and bequeath to Seaton J. Hightower the son of my first Wife but not my Son the sum of One dollar and no more.

Item 4th I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Satornelli the Child she now has and those she may hereafter have by her present or a future Husband, one grain the Wills clothes or disposition of her present or future Husband, Nine Hundred and Sixty Five Dollars, over and above what she has already received from me to be paid to her by my Executor hereafter named, and at her death to her then living children, and I hereby appoint Thomas A. Hightower & Son & Hightower (my sons) Trustees for my said Daughter Nancy Satornelli.

Item 5 I Will and bequeath to my son Thomas A. Hightower One thousand and sixty Five Dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executor over and above what he has already received from me.

Item 6 I Will and bequeath to my son Robert T. Hightower Seven hundred and sixty Five Dollars and Sixty Five Cents in money to be paid to him by my Executor over and above what he has already received from me.

Item 7 I Will and bequeath to my son David G. Hightower One thousand and sixty Five Dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executor over and above what he has already received from me.

Item 8 I Will and bequeath to my son James F. Hightower Seven hundred and sixty Five Dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executor over and above what he has already received from me.

Item 9 I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah B. Bull's wife of J. B. Bull's a Negro Girl by the name of Matilda either Limpation I think or ten years of age now in the possession of the said J. B. Bull and the sum of One thousand Dollars and Sixty Five Dollars in money to be paid to her by my Executor from the Gifts or disposition of her present or a future Husband and at her death to her then living children.

Item 10 I Will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Jane Hightower a Negro Woman by the name of Sarah sixteen years old, perfect Compection - one Bed Bedstead & furniture of her own selection and the sum of One thousand and Sixty Five Dollars in cash to be paid to her by my Executor and if my said Daughter should ever die without any living child or children the property hereby given

Daniel Hightower's Will Continued

to her to be equal, divided between her Brother and sister to wit James P Hightower, Naomi B Bells, Emily B Hightower, Elleanor Hightower & Epsey Hightower her full Brother and sister

Item 11th I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Elleanor Hightower a negro man by the name of Jefe twenty three years old dark complexion and eleven hundred dollars in money to be paid to her by my executors and if my said Daughter Elleanor should die without any living child or children the property hereby given to her to go to her sister Epsey if in life if not in life then to her other full Brother & sister named in the last clause of my Will or their legal representatives also a good good portion of her own clothing

Item 12th I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Epsey Hightower a negro Girl yellow complexion nine or ten years old by the name of Ambie and fourteen hundred and sixty dollars in money to be paid to her by my executors and if my said Daughter Epsey should die without any living child or children the property hereby given to her to go to her sister Elleanor if in life if not in life then to her other full Brother & sister named in the last clause of this my Will or their legal representatives also a good good portion of her own clothing

Item 13th I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Emily B Hightower wife of Jefe B Hightower a negro Woman yellow complexion eighteen years old with a blanch in one of her eyes now in the possession of the said Jefe B Hightower her name not recollecting but the sum of eleven hundred and fifty dollars in money to be paid to her by my executors free from the debts or disposition of her present or a future husband and at her death to her then living children

Item 14th It is my will and desire that James P Hightower my son & Jefe B Butts my son in law act as trustees for my two Daughters Elleanor & Epsey Hightower - who are dead

Item 15th I Will and direct that all my property both real and personal not bequeathed or named in the foregoing clauses of this my Will of whatever nature it may be to be sold in a tract of twelve months by my executors and the proceeds thereof after paying my just debts to be applied to the payment of the Specific Legacies named in money in this my last Will and Testament and if the property sold should not be sufficient to pay the Specific Legacies therein named then each Legacy is to lose equal in amount if on the other hand there should be more than enough to satisfy the Specific Legacies then the surplus to be equally divided between all my then living children or their legal representatives

Item 16th I hereby constitute and appoint my son James P Hightower executor of this my last Will & Testament This 28th day of July 1832

Daniel Hightower

Signed Sealed & published by Daniel Hightower as his last will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribing who subscribed our names here to in the presence of the said Testator at his Special request & request of him this 28th day of July 1832,

W^m Hudson
A F Johnston
N H Sanders

Probate of Daniel Hightower Will
 Georgia Harris County Court of Ordinary
 May Term 1854.

Before me W. H. Hulster Ordinary for said County, personally
 Came James T. Hightower the executor of the last will and Testament
 of Daniel Hightower late of said County deceased, and produced
 in open Court the last will and Testament of the said Daniel
 Hightower deceased, and one of the witnesses to said Will to wit
 Nathaniel H. Barber whose name being duly sworn to before
 and says that he saw Daniel H. Hightower the Testator sign and
 deliver said will and Testament, and present to his last will and
 Testament, freely, voluntarily and of his own accord, and with-
 out any compulsion or influence, whole in that, at the time of the making
 of said Will said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and
 memory. That defendant signed said will as witness in the presence
 of the Testator and of his special instance and request, and in the
 presence of the other subscribing witnesses.

Sworn to before me at the
 the 1st day of May 1854

W. H. Hulster Ordinary