

James Whitehead Will Continued

11th

Item I hereby constitute and appoint, my beloved wife Jane executor of this my last will and Testament this September 6th 1853

James Whitehead,

1853

Signed sealed declared and published by James Whitehead as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribing witnesses our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request and of each other, this September 6th 1853.

D. P. Hill
W. C. Johnson
S. W. Anderson
Isaac Johnson

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

Att. 3rd.

Personally appeared in open Court D. P. Hill and Isaac Johnson and being duly sworn depose 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
W. C. Johnson Ordinary

D. P. Hill
Isaac Johnson

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

I Reuben J. Crews 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, to wit:

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 hereinafter to be named full power of necessity to use any of my property not otherwise disposed of for that purpose.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son Charles C. Crews my negro Boy Warren to him and his heirs forever in full sample the Boy to be valued at the time delivered to him by disinterested and competent persons and a record made of it which same is to be the criterion under the supervision of and direction of my Executors and Executors for the further advancements to be made to my other minor children.

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my son Leonard Crews my negro Boy Green to him and his heirs forever in full sample to be valued at the time delivered by competent and disinterested persons under the little supervision of my Executors and if it should be found that he should be valued at a less sum than the Boy given to my son Charles C. Crews

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he is to have the deficiency made up to him out of any fund not otherwise disposed of by bequest.

Item 5th. I direct that all the rest of my property both real and personal consisting of the lands whereon I now reside and one lot of lands in Lee County also eight sections of lands in the State of Alabama, the balance of my negro slaves being fourteen in number, and their furniture inowen together with my household and kitchen furniture stock Hogs and Cattle, Horses, wagons and Carriages and farming utensils and all such provisions as may be on hand, to be kept together and worked on the farms whereon they now are under the direction of Executors and Executors until the next one of my Children shall become of age or marry then such Child to have a negro of like Value, assigned it the Value whereof to be ascertained as above and in the same manner, and when each minor Child shall marry or become of age such Child to have a negro of like Value, delivered to it and to be ascertained as above, and when my minor Children shall either marry or be of full age my object being to make them all equal with their portions such equality of valuation to be ascertained as above at the time received by the Child and no charge to be made against any of my Children in the form of interest for older advancements. Likewise no charge to be made against any of my Children for Board and clothes, or other necessary materials furnished such Child before marriage or coming of full age, until after they shall come into possession of their bequest and should any of my Children, after becoming of full age, desire to take a profession no charge is to be made against him during the time he is seeking it.

Item 6th. If my Executors and Executors think proper, at any time to sell any part of my aforesaid real estate, they hereby have full power to do so upon conditions that such funds are reinvested in other real estate elsewhere.

Item 7th. If either of the negroes assigned to either of my sons should die before coming into the actual possession of my son then it is not to be considered to be the legacy anticipated but another of like Value is to be assigned to him in other words none of the aforesaid legacies are to be considered paid until actually received.

8th. To my wife Elizabeth G. Crews in the event of her again marrying I give and bequeath the negroes Eliza Jane and Edmond such Carriage and Horses, as may be on hand at the time and farming utensils and stock Household and kitchen furniture as she may select for her own use in full support except the boy Edmond and him during her life time.

Item 9th. I direct that my wife Elizabeth G. Crews be supported out of the property during her widowhood and at her death or marriage all the property of any description whatever not heretofore disposed of either by sale or by my Executors may directly be divided amongst all my Children older as well as younger ones equally share and share alike and if any of my minor Children have not received full legacies to receive such sum first out of the proceeds of said sale or distribution as will make up

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the amount equal of each child before proceeding to a Division and then the remainder of my property of every description to be equally divided share and share alike amongst all my children or their heirs amongst my sons in fee simple forever and to be held by my Daughter, Sarah Crews during her life time to be used in any manner she may choose and at her death to be divided amongst the surviving brother provided she leaves no heirs at her death but should she leave either children or representatives of children that is to say children or grand children, or other descendants in a lineal direction then the same to be divided amongst such descendants equally, as also all the other property gone to her.

Item 10 The Hollow Crop raised on the farm during the year of my wife's marriage to constitute a fund. Subject to a division amongst my children

Item 11th I wish a sufficient reserve fund held by my Executors to educate my younger children as have not received their education at the time of such division of property and after they have received it the balance to be divided as aforesaid

Item 12th I give my Executors and Executors full power, to hire out any surplus hands that may be on the farm at any time before the division the proceeds therefrom to be used for defraying the expenses of my family the balance if any subject to a division amongst my aforesaid children,

13th I hereby appoint my wife Elizabeth Y Crews Executor and my Brother Martin M Crews of Montgomery County Alabama, and Philip J Phillips of Harris County Georgia Executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me, writing my hand and seal the day and year above written.

R J Crews Seal

Signed Sealed and executed before us, as the last will and testament of R J Crews Contained on the first and last preceding pages.

Wm H. Philkild

Thos P Park

Wm H. Edwards

State of Georgia Harris County } Court of Ordinary Octo Term 1863

Personally appeared in open Court Thomas P Park one of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will & Testament of Reuben J Crews, and being duly sworn says that he saw said testator sign the within will and that he signed the same also in the presence of the other witnesses & at his special instance and request and in the presence of each Testator and that he considers him of sound disposing mind and memory when he signed the same.

Wm H. Dubson Ordinary

Thomas P Park