

Copy Last Will & Testament of Thomas Murrah Dec^d

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Murrah of the County of Harris and State of Georgia being low and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God for his mercies, and deeming it both right and just both as regards myself and my family, that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me, do make and publish this my last will and Testaments revoking all others made by me.

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rebecca Murrah and our twelve children to wit: James A. Murrah, George G. Murrah, Martha Murrah Sarah Murrah, Jane Murrah Morgan Murrah, Darobas Murrah, Amanda Murrah, Virginia Murrah, Mary Murrah, Nicholas Murrah & Cammer Murrah all my Estate both real and personal of all descriptions consisting of four hundred and twenty, one acres of land adjoining William Copeland Sr. and others, four negroes to wit: Hannah, Ben, Eliza and Fanny, five head of Mules and one mare, and stock of cattle, hogs, sheep, haggons, hainp and plantation tools and Buggy and hainp, except such as is hereafter named to be by them held and enjoyed.

Item 2^d I desire and direct that all my just debts be payed with as little delay as possible.

Item 3^d I desire and direct that my late estate of all descriptions be kept together except such as is hereinafter named, and the farm carried on for the benefit of my wife and children untill the youngest child arrives to the age of twenty one years, except in the event that my wife should die or marry if either of these events should happen before the youngest child arrives of age, then it is my wish that my estate of all descriptions should be sold and equally divided amongst all my children and in the event of my wife marrying so to have an equal portion with the children or each of the children.

Item 4th I desire and direct that my Son George G. Murrah have the management of the farm and receive such compensation for it as him and his Mother may agree on from year to year, and if in case that he does not wish to attend to it personally that he employ some person to attend to it in his place.

Item 5th I leave it discretionary with my executor herein after named to sell all that portion of my Land lying north west of the road running from William Copeland's Senr. to Valley Plains supposed to contain fifty or Sixty acres more or less, and the money arising from the sale of said land together with any money raised on the farm over a support for the family to be applied to the payment of my just debts, and if any remains after the payment of the debts it to be laid out for such property as may be considered a beneficial to my estate or kept at interest as a part of my estate, or to sell any other piece of personal property belonging to the estate that it may become necessary to sell for the benefit of my estate, and to buy such as may be necessary, or needed to carry on the business of the farm.

Item 6th I desire and direct that in consideration of the kind attention and obedient services rendered me while in life that my Son George G. Murrah should have five hundred dollars out of the first money arising from my estate after the payment of my just debts.

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Son George G. Murrah Executor of this my last will and Testament.

This 4th March 1856

(Signed)

Thomas Murrah

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Signed Sealed declared and published by Thomas Murrah as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request and each other this March 4th 1856.



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 G. Cooke
 J. H. Mullins
 J. A. Middlebrooks & P.

State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary April Term 1856
 Harris County } In open Court personally came George G. Murrah
 the Executor of the last will & Testament of Thomas Murrah late of said
 County deceased & produced the last will & Testament of said
 Thomas Murrah dec'd and three of the witnesses to wit: G. Cooke
 J. H. Mullins & J. A. Middlebrooks which witnesses being duly sworn
 depose that said the said G. Cooke J. H. Mullins & J. A. Middlebrooks
 saw Thomas Murrah the Testator sign seal and declare and publish
 the instrument now presented as the last will & Testament freely &
 voluntarily and of his own accord without any compulsion or
 influence whatever. At the time of the execution of said will
 said Testator was of sound mind & disposing memory. That as per
 signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and
 at his special instance and request in the presence of each
 other

Subscribed
 in open Court April 1st
 1856. Geo H Mullins
 Ordinary



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 J. H. Mullins
 J. A. Middlebrooks