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Last Will and Testament of William M. Perry Sr. Record

State of Georgia I, William M. Perry being of sound mind & memory Harris County but of advanced age, do make this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills

- 1<sup>st</sup> I will that my Executors pay promptly all of my just debts, and that my body be buried in a decent and Christian manner suitable to my condition & circumstances in life, with such suitable monument to be erected over my remains as my Executors may prescribe - and having provided for the repose of this earthly body, - my immortal spirit - I Com mend to the keeping of him who gave it.
- 2- I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Milly fifty acres of Land in the South East-Corner of Lot of Land No. 165 in the 19<sup>th</sup> district of Harris County, and a Negro woman named Martha and her child Caroline, with their increase - also one Bed and all the furniture belonging to the same, made by my said wife the above Request to my wife to be for use during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between my children.
- 3 I will and bequeath to my Son Alexander the North half of Lot of Land No. 165 in the 19<sup>th</sup> Dist of Harris County, containing one hundred acres more or less - also fifty acres from the North part of said Lot of Land No. 164 in the same district - & County - also one Negro woman named Jane, aged about Twenty one years with the increase of said Negro, to him & his heirs forever
- 4- I will and bequeath to my Son Simon Perry Ten dollars having here to fore given him his share of my property.
5. I will & bequeath to my son James Lot of Land No. 159. in the 19<sup>th</sup> Dist of Harris County containing two hundred two & one half acres more or less - also one Negro man named Joe about 22 years old to him & his heirs forever.
6. I will and bequeath to my Daughter Malinda White, wife of George White, for and during her natural life, one Negro woman named Mary, & her increase, aged about 15 yrs - and immediately after the death of the said Malinda I will & bequeath the same to her children who may survive her, equally to be divided between them.
- 7 I will and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah & her heirs forever one Negro girl named Katy, & her increase - and four hundred Dollars in Money - to have the same immediately after my death
- 8- I will and bequeath to my Son Alexander as Trustee seven hundred Dollars in Money, in strict trust, immediately after my death to purchase a Negro, and settle the same on my daughter Clara Harris, wife of Hartwell Harris, for and during her natural life, and at her death to be divided equally among her surviving Brothers and Sisters
9. I will & bequeath to my Daughter Maria Harris wife of Benjamin Harris for and during her natural life one Negro Girl named Adeline & her increase aged about 4 years upon the Trust & conditions following, that my Son Alexander shall receive and hold the same as Trustee, and strictly in trust to apply the hire & profits of the same to the support and maintenance of my said Daughter Maria during her life, and to be applied to her in such manner as the said Trustee shall deem best and more

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-ately after her death. I will and Bequeath the same with all the in-  
 -crease from this date to the children of the said Maria who may be  
 in life at the death of their mother.

10- In case of the death of my son Alexander, then I constitute and ap-  
 -point my son James as trustee in his stead to manage and sustain  
 the trust herein - and I hereby constitute and appoint my said  
 son Alexander & my said son James as Executors of this will. -  
 Signed, sealed & published as my last will & Testament this 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 day of October 1859 and in  
 the presence of  
 William W McNeil  
 Wm J. Smith J.P.  
 Clement Pace

William M. Perry



State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary November Term  
 Harris County } 1862

Personally appeared in open Court Alexander Perry, constituted  
 & appointed in a paper writing purporting to be the last will and  
 Testament of William M Perry late of said County deceased. Ex-  
 ecutor of said deceased and produced said paper writing; and  
 also personally came Wm J. Smith and Clement Pace  
 two of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing, who being  
 duly sworn depose and say that they saw the said William M.  
 Perry, 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 whatever, that at the time of the execution of said  
 will said Testator was of sound disposing mind & memory - that  
 deponents signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the Tes-  
 tator and at his request in the presence of each other and  
 that they saw William W. McNeil the other witness sign said  
 will in the presence of the Testator and at his request  
 sworn to & subscribed before me  
 in open Court this November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862

Wm J. Smith  
 Clement Pace

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