

Last will & Testament of William B. Rivers decd. Records

Georgia } In the name of God - Amen
 Harris County } I William B. Rivers of the said County
 and State being of sound and disposing mind and memory
 and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have
 strength to do so, do make and publish this my last will
 and Testament hereby, revoking all wills by me at any
 time heretofore made, and first I commit my soul to God
 who gave it, and my body I desire should be buried in a
 decent Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances
 and my worldly Estate I dispose of as follows.

Item 1st - I desire that all my just debts be paid, as soon after my
 death as possible.

Item 2nd - It is my will and desire that my five youngest children
 to wit Harriet, Laura, William Marcus, James Hugh, and
 John Lloyd, upon their becoming of age or marriage, should
 have one bed, bedstead, and bedding sufficient to
 make the bed comfortable to each, and to each one cow
 and calf and to each one of the boys a horse, bridle and
 saddle, this is to make them up equal with those of my
 children that have already married.

Item 3rd - It is my will and desire and I hereby give and bequeath
 to my beloved wife Martha Rivers the tract of land that my
 dwelling and gin house is situated upon, which tract of land
 consists of one hundred and ten acres and one horse or more
 such as she may select from my horses, and such farming
 utensils as she may need and select and one year provision
 two cows and calves, one cow and pigs or money to buy them
 with and such house hold and kitchen furniture as she may
 select and two beds and bedding such as she may select
 the foregoing property I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
 she to have use and control the same as she may see fit and
 to dispose of as she may desire by sale, deed, gift, will or
 otherwise.

Item 4th - It is my will and desire that my children should divide the
 remainder of my land not heretofore disposed of into such lots
 or parcels as may seem most prudent, and sell it and divide
 the proceeds of such sale equally among themselves share and
 share alike this sale and division to be, among my children
 that are now living.

Item 5th - It is my will and desire that my Executor give to my two
 grand children, to wit Sallie Hodo and Mala and Nathaniel
 Rivers Twenty five Dollars each out of such of my Estate
 as they may see fit and proper.

Item 6th - It is my will and desire that such of my Estate as
 may not be disposed of should be equally divided share and
 share alike between all my living children.

Item 7th - I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Martha
 Rivers and my beloved son Marcus Rivers my Executors
 and Executor of this my last will and Testament to
 carry out the same.

my last will and Testament have set my hand 204
and Seal this 27th day of September A.D. 1867

Wm G Rivers

L.S.

Signed, Sealed, published, and declared by the above
named William G. Rivers as his last will and Testament
in presence of us, who at his request in presence of each
other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

J. C. Ridgeway
Nicholas Hutchinson
Lorin M. Harris
B. L. Harris

Georgia } Court of Ordinary September Term 1867
Harris County } Personally appeared in open court J. C. Ridgeway
and Nicholas Hutchinson two of the subscribing witnesses to
the last will and Testament of William G. Rivers deceased
dated and executed on the 27th day of September 1867,
who being duly sworn depose and testify that they saw
William G. Rivers sign, seal, publish and declare the
said paper writing now presented and dated as aforesaid
as his last will and Testament, freely, voluntarily of his
own accord, without any compulsion or undue influence
whatsoever, that at the time of the execution of the same
said Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory,
that deponents signed said will as witnesses in the
presence of the Testator at his request in the presence
of each other, and that they saw Lorin M. Harris
and B. L. Harris the other subscribing witnesses sign the
same in the presence of the Testator and at his request
and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me in open court
this 27th day of September 1867
J. F. C. Williams
Ordinary

Nicholas Hutchinson
J. C. Ridgeway

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true
last will and Testament of Wm G. Rivers deceased as far as
I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute
the same in accordance with the Law of this State. In
help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed }
before me Sep 27 1867 }
J. F. C. Williams }
Ordinary }

Martha Rivers