

I am now residing in the same place as I was when I was
married, and have been very happy since. I have
received the following: viz. I have my own land
of about 100 acres, and my body to the
service to be buried in a decent Christian like manner
in the funeral service I now reside. I give
my wife Susanah all that plantation of land of about
an I now live, except that portion of land now
by my son Jay M. Bruce, living on Green Bay Creek
that occupied by my son Benjamin D. Bruce, living
Tugalo River, which land will be given to
my wife Susanah, to be enjoyed by her in any way she
thinks proper for & during her natural life, I also
give my wife Susanah the house in which I
live together with all the household & kitchen furniture
stock of horses, cows & hogs & sheep with all
the farming utensils & gear of every description
to be used & enjoyed by her during her natural
life. I also give unto my wife Susanah our negro
(Cass) pleasant & comfortable, thinking you
appartaining to them. I also give unto my wife
Susanah, my six negroes Jerry, Jude, Jeff, Betsy,
Lester & Sam, to be hers during her natural life.
I also give unto my daughter Mary Major an equal
part with my several other children, hereafter made
of the proceeds arising from the sale of my wife
after the decease of my wife Susanah. I give
the children of my deceased daughter Mary Dancy
equal portion of my estate with my several
other children, as she my daughter, Mary
be entitled to provided she was now living.
I place in this provision after the decease of
Susanah, I give unto my son Jay M. Bruce
certain tract of land containing one hundred
three acres, situated in the County of
waters of Green Bay Creek having such
as a plat laid out by Wm Bruce with the
both permanent also and additional
joining the same tract, lying on the
Green Bay Creek, situated

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to cause to give up on the bridge in the field
in the same manner to Mrs. Andrew Oliver, Cautley,
and more or less. The said tract of land I give
to my son Jas M Oliver as a home stop during his
natural life to be enjoyed by him, the same to
remain the property of his children after his decease. The said
tract of land not to be liable for the payment of any debt that
may now be against him. Any debt I may hereafter contract by him I further give to my
son Jas M an equal share of the proceeds arising from
the sale of my effects after my decease & the decease of
my wife Susanah with my other children. I give
unto the children of my deceased daughter Susan Humph-
reys an equal portion of the proceeds arising from the sale
of my effects as she my daughter Susan would be in-
titled to an equal distribution with my several other
children, provided she was now living. The two remain in
the possession of my executors herein after named & sub-
ject to their control or the control of the Court until their re-
spective children arrive at lawful age. I give unto the chil-
dren of my deceased son David B Oliver an equal portion
of the proceeds arising from the sale of my effects after
my decease & the decease of my wife Susanah to be my
son David B entitled to an equal distribution with
my several other children, provided he was now living. I
give unto my daughter Rebecca R. Odaway an equal portion
with my several other children, of the proceeds arising from
the sale of my effects after my decease & the decease
of my wife Susanah. The same to remain in the pos-
session of my daughter Rebecca Nothing. During her nat-
ural life & after her decease to become the property of her
several children. I give unto my grandson Geo W. Hyman
the one fourth part of an equal share with my several other
children, arising from the sale of my effects after my
decease & the decease of my wife Susanah. I give unto
my grandson Anderson J Hyman the one fourth of an
equal portion with my several other children, arising
from the sale of my effects after my decease & the de-
cease of my wife Susanah. I give unto my grand-
daughter Susan Hyman the one fourth part of an
equal portion with my several other children arising
from the sale of my effects after my decease & the
decease of my wife Susanah. I give unto my

I desire that if any of my said children
should suffer misfortune or other circumstances
lead to any unexpected circumstances then my
said daughter should be such an interest as in her
ownest she may think proper not affecting
interest to any one to the enjoyment of the rest of
them. I give to my daughter Betsey Strubling an
equal portion with my said other children of the
arising from the sale of my effect after my death
and the decedent of my wife Susanah. I give
my son B. P. Bruce a certain tract of land
on Tugalo River containing one hundred & some
more or less starting at the mouth of the little
just above the island & running up said river
to its junction with the Big River, thence down
an old bed line to the river on Tugalo River
I give the said tract of land to my son B. P. Bruce
& I understand during his pleasure or natural life
& the same to be to his children after his death
the said tract of land not to be liable for the
payment of any debts that may now be against
B. P. Bruce or that may hereafter be contracted by him
The fishing adjoining the above named tract of land
for my own use during life or the life of my
Susanah. I give to my daughter Betsey
an equal portion with my said other children
of the proceeds arising from the sale of my effect
after my death & the decedent of my wife Susanah.
I desire that one acre of land of the tract
I now live be reserved from sale & be set up
a burying ground. the same to be land out of
include in the estate the goods of the decedent
of my son B. P. Bruce & I hereby appoint
James M. Bruce, trustee of the same. I do
I do appoint my wife Susanah executrix
Jas M. Bruce & B. P. Blanton Executors
my last will & testament in witness whereof

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Hand & affix my seal. 9th of January 1860
Robert Bruce

Before me J. B. Bridges of said
County of Hart & State of Georgia
I, J. B. Bridges, do hereby certify that Robert Bruce late of said
County of Hart & State of Georgia, deceased, & two of the witnesses of said will to
wit: W. R. Hartman & Joseph H. Porter which witnesses being duly
sworn, deposed & agreed that they saw Robert Bruce the
testator sign & deliver & publish the instrument now pre-
sented as his last will & testament, fully, voluntarily & of his
own accord & without any compulsion or 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
testator at his special instance & request & in the
presence of each other. J. B. Bridges.

Subscribed & attested J. H. Parker
before me this 15th day of March 1860.

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State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen - I Will
Hart County } I, Robert Bruce of said State & County being of
sound mind but feeble in body & knowing that I must shortly
depart this life, deem it right & proper both as respects
my family & myself that I should make a disposition
of my property which which a kind Providence has blessed
to therefore make this my last will & testament hereby
to wit: 1st I desire & direct that my body be buried in a decent &
Christian like manner. My soul I trust shall re-
turn to God who gave it, as I hope for eternal salva-
tion through the merits & atonement of the blood
of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. 2nd I desire & direct that all my just debts be paid without delay
by my executors herein after appointed. 3rd I desire
& direct & devise to my beloved wife Almira
with whom I have lived for a long time in quiet
peace, love & harmony & am very dear to me
as I grow old & all the faithful
services during her widowhood to wit: the youngest