

...of settling my wholly effrayed children
strength so to be firm & full of
...of testimony. Surely, reflecting on my
any true high joy made & find I
only soul to God who gave it & by way of
I depart of as follows: 1st I give & bequeath
beloved wife Julia Ann Holland my
negro slave to wit. Isaac a boy about
yrs old of yellow complexion. I have a girl
about 8 yrs old of yellow complexion. I have
a boy of about 6 yrs old of yellow complexion.
Hester a girl of about 4 yrs old of yellow
complexion. For as long as the term of her natural
life or so long as she shall remain a widow
I have the money it is my will that 1/3 of said
negroes & their natural increase be divided among
all my children, them & their alike but it is my
at the death of my wife she above named negroes
& their natural increase be divided among
my children them & their alike or their representatives
if there be any dead. 2nd It is my will that my
executor & executrix use as much of the proceeds of the property herein
devoted to be sold as will purchase a small & suitable farm
wife, suitable to her means of cultivating it. which I want
her for & during her natural life & at her death it
will that said farm be sold to the best advantage &
divided among all my children, them & their alike or
representatives if there be any dead. 3rd It is my will
that my executor & executrix sell either at public or
sale as they may think best all my real &
personal estate real & personal of every description
is not mentioned in this will & after they pay
my just debts & purchase the farm mentioned
2nd item of this will & collect all the debts due
is my will that all the proceeds arising from
sale & collections be divided among all my
children to wit. Maria Jane wife of J.B. Holland, my daughter
Julia C. Holland, Dr. A. Holland, John A. Holland, William
Holland & them alike, & it is my will that
& executor keep in them...

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of all the children that are under age until they are
at the age of twenty one or should any of these marry
before they arrive at the age of twenty one, then the
said executor & executrix lay at their best discretion. Pay our thank
before the age of twenty one which they think best.

I do hereby nominate & appoint Indick B Hedges & Julia Anne
Hedges executor & executrix to this my last will & testament. In
witness whereof I the said Thos Holland have to this my last will
containing two pages & a few lines set my hand & seal this Oct
26 1857. Thomas Holland

Signed sealed & published & delivered by the above named
Thos Holland as his last will & testament in presence of us
who at his request in presence of each other have subscribed
our names as witnesses here to. Jas. E. Sketton Hartwell Ga.

N. K. Holland Anderson Dist. Ct.
Jefferson Holland. Hart Co Ga

State of Georgia } Before me Jos J Jones ordy of said County
Hart County } I personally saw Indick B Hedges executor & Julie
Anne Holland & saw the last will & testament of Thos
Holland late of said County & produced before me
the last will & testament of said Thos Holland deceased & one of
the witnesses of said will to wit, Jas. E. Sketton which
witness being duly sworn, deposed & testified that he saw
Thos Holland the testator, sign, seal & deliver & publish the
instrument now presented as his last will & testament, fully
voluntarily & of his own accord & without any influence & com-
pulsion whatever, that at the time of the execution of said
will, said testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory
that deponent signed said will as a witness in the presence of
testator & at his special instance & request & in the presence of
each other, sworn to & subscribed } Jas. E. Sketton
before me this 27th December, 1857 }

Jos J Jones ordy.

State of Georgia } In the name of God our
County of Hart } I James N Rice being in feeble health
but sound mind & believing that I must shortly de-
part this life, do hereby right & proper that I should
make a disposition of the property which a kind providence
has blessed me with, as follows: I make this my last will