

Know all men by these presents, that I Henry O. Merritt of mature age in the county of Henry & State of Georgia, being of sound mind & memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament as follows.

1st I do hereby appoint my son W. P. Merritt, and my son-in-law Wm. G. Hinton, my Executors and Administrators of this my last Will & Testament

2nd I hereby direct my ^{and Administrators} Executors, W. P. Merritt, and William G. Hinton, to allow, settle, and deliver to my wife J. O. Merritt, as competent and sufficient support during life: said support as to quantity shall be determined by my Executors and Administrators, but the quality or kind to be left entirely to the choice of my wife J. O. Merritt, & at her death, such support or part thereof remaining, shall be divided among my heirs or their legal representatives.

3^d The remainder of my Estate, after my wife has received her support, I hereby direct my executors and administrators, W. P. Merritt and William G. Hinton, to sell or cause to be sold to the highest bidder at public outcry, all my property remaining including land &c. and divide the proceeds arising from said sale, together with such money as may be in my possession at my death, equally among my heirs, taking in consideration the money or property that has been given to my heirs previous to the War, during the War, and since the War.

4th All, or any property or money which I have given to my heirs previous to the signing and sealing of these presents, whether lands negroes, shall be accounted to such of my heirs as received the same, at the price agreed upon at the time of delivery, and in case no price has been agreed upon, it must be determined by my Executors Administrators and legates on oath as to worth what they were worth when they were received. All of my heirs shall be made equal before a full and final division is made then the remainder to be equally divided.

5th I do make that are in my possession at my death against any or all of my heirs, such heir or heirs it shall be accounted unto him her or them as money received without interest whether the same was received before eighteen hundred and sixty one or since.

6th I hereby appoint M. C. Merritt as agent for the children of Joel H. Merritt's and Martha Ann Maddox's children the two last named being dead, The said M. C. Merritt Agent is to receive command and control that part of my Estate which may be coming to them, and employ such money as seemseth to him the said M. C. Merritt agent, may be

for the interest of said children, and pay the same to them as they become
of age

Nov. 3rd 1868

Henry C. Meritt.

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Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said H. C. Meritt
as and for his last will and Testament, in the presence of us, who
at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other
have subscribed our names, as witnesses hereto.

Nov 3rd 1868.

attest

Wm H. Crumley
John H. Parks
W. T. Ferguson J.P.

The above will proved in common form of law, by the oaths of
William T. Crumley one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, on
the 2nd day of August 1870, and W. P. Meritt & William T.
Hinton qualified as Executors, and the Will ordered &
admitted to Record

E. M. Hous.
Ordinary.

State of Georgia } In the name of God. Amen. —
Henry County. } I, Osborne Hearse of said State & County,

being of advanced age, but of sound disposing
mind and memory, knowing that I must, shortly, depart this life,
deem it right and proper, both as respects my family & myself
that I should make a disposition of the property, with which
a kind Providence has blessed me. I do therefore make this my
last Will & Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others
by me heretofore made.

Item first. I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent
and Christian like manner, suitable to my condition & cir-
cumstances in life. My soul I trust shall return to me with
God who gave it, as I hope for salvation through the merits of
the blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

Item second. I desire and direct that all my just debts be
paid without delay by my Executor hereinafter named
and appointed.

Thirdly. I give, bequeath, and devise to my beloved wife
Mary Hearse, the following property, to-wit. The west half
of the Bladon lot of land, No 644) One Hundred and forty four in
the 8th District of said county, the entire W. C. Lewis Lot No 645
One Hundred & forty four, in the Seventh District of said
county; Seventy acres more or less in the south side of the
half of lot No 113) One Hundred and thirteen in said Seventh District