

Georgia In the name of God Amen.
Henry County I Samuel Hanson being of advanced
age, and knowing that I must shortly
depart from this world, deem it right and proper
both as regards myself and my family, that I should
make a disposition of the property with which a
kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make
this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking
and annulling all others by me at any time made.
Item 1st

I desire that and direct that my body be
interred in a decent and Christian like manner
suitable to my circumstances and condition. My soul
I trust, will return in peace to God who gave it, as
I hope for eternal salvation through the blessed Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ
Item 2nd

I desire and direct that all my just
debts be paid without delay by my executors herein
after named with any monies on hand the proceeds
of any notes and accounts due me and if there
should not be sufficient the deficiency must be
made up from the sale of so much of my perish-
able property, that can be best spared and will be
sufficient. This I wish done as I am unwilling my
creditors should be delayed of their just rights
and especially as there is no cause for such delay
Item 3rd

I give and bequeath to Mary Elizabeth August-
ine Dodson wife of Joseph M. Dodson whom I have reared
from early infancy and for whom I entertain
the tenderest affection, and to her children by her
present or any future husband my entire land
estate consisting of lots No one hundred and twenty
eight (128) containing two hundred two & one
half acres, also the east half of No one hundred
and twenty seven (127) the dividing line run-
ning north and south, containing one hundred
acres and one fourth acres, also Nos. ninety six and
ninety seven each containing two hundred two &
one half acres all in the twelfth district of Henry
County together with all the rights, members, and
appurtenances to the same, any and all belonging

Also my whole and entire stock consisting of horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep also my farming tools and plantation utensils also my household and kitchen furniture - carriage and waggons &c. Also I do give and bequeath to the said Mary & to her children as above, the following negroes together with their increase if there be any. viz:
Phereby a woman about forty three years of age and her children Jim nineteen years of age George seventeen years of age Clara twelve years of age City ten years of age Harriett five years of age Bill three years of age and Mary two years of age forever and I do appoint my trusty and worthy friend J. H. Dodson Trustee for the property herein bequeathed to the above named Mary Elizabeth Augustine Dodson and to her children.

Item 4th

I give and bequeath to Margaret Harrell Barrett Samuel Hanson Barrett Martha Ann Green formerly Martha Ann Barrett Harrell Barrett and Minion Barrett they being the children of my much esteemed Sister Ann who was married to Minion Barrett the following negroes viz: Mariah, thirty five years of age and her children viz: Caroline fifteen years of age and her infant child Albert eight months old. Henry fifteen years of age Charity fourteen years of age Bithen ten years of age Anthony eight years of age and Jack seven years of age to be ratably and equally divided between the said Margaret Harrell Samuel Hanson Martha Ann Harriett and Minion.

Item 5th

I desire and direct that my two boys Green thirty five years of age and Elias twenty four years of age be sold either privately or publicly in whichever way they can get nearest their wives and that with the proceeds of said sale two girls or young women be bought as nearly equal in point of value as possible and that one of said girls or women be given to Samuel Hanson six and the other to Elizabeth Hanson six they being two

of the children of Lorrain Nix the sister of my wife if there should remain any portion of the money arising from the sale of said Group of Slaves after buying the two girls or women as above let it be equally divided between the said Samuel Hanson Nix & Elizabeth Hanson Nix Stern 5th

I desire and direct that my beloved wife Elizabeth with whom I have lived with so much pleasure and happiness during our long union shall hold have and keep the full and entire possession of my whole estate both real and personal in short all the property conveyed by this will for and during the full and entire term of her natural life to live upon enjoy and render her comfortable free from any let or molestation by any of my legates herein named But at and immediately after her death I desire it to take the course indicated in the above and foregoing bequests If to save her from much labor of body & perplexity of mind my beloved wife Elizabeth should feel inclined she may in her lifetime give off certain portions of my estate in accordance with the provisions of this will.
Stern 7th

I constitute and appoint my worthy and much esteemed friends Charles R Green and Joseph A Dodson executors to this my last will and Testament
This June 31st 1852

Signed, sealed declared and published by Samuel Hanson as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator and of each other this 31st June 1852

Samuel Hanson
Francis A Morris
James L. Gaddy
Leobin J. Hall
Uriah Dearing

Georgia
Henry County ¹⁸²¹ Whereas I Samuel. Hanson did
on the twenty first day of June in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight-
hundred and fifty-two. sign, seal, declare & publish my
last will and Testament in the presence of Francis C.
Morris James L. Gaddy Calvin J. Fall and Uriah Dering
who signed the said. will and Testament as witnesses
and whereas. I am desirous of altering & changing
a devise in said will & Testament - I therefore make
& publish this codicil to said will
First

I change and explain the fourth item of said
will so as the name of Margaret Harroll Barrett
the first name in said item shall read Margaret
Harroll formerly Margaret Barrett she having married
James Harroll the name having been wrongly written
said will by mistake. I furthermore desire to change
said fourth item so as that so much of my property
bequeathed in said fourth section to the children of
Minion and Ann Barrett viz: Margaret, Samuel Hanson
Martha Ann, Harriett and Minion as may be coming
to Margaret Harroll formerly Margaret Barrett
go to the said Margaret and her children by her
present or any future husband free from the dis-
position of her present or any future husband and
I appoint my trusty & worthy friend Charles Green
Trustee for the property hereby bequeathed to said
Margaret Harroll.

Secondly

I desire to revoke & change the fifth item
of my said will in a manner & form as follows having
said the boy Elias mentioned in said fifth item
I now desire that Green the other boy mentioned
be sold in accordance with the provisions in
said item and the money arising from said
sale be equally divided between Samuel Hanson
his & Elizabeth Hanson his

Thirdly

I desire to explain the fourth item
of my said will, thus. no provision being made
in said item for the natural increase of the negro
bequeathed by it I desire that all said increase

upto the time my will is to take effect shall
go to the parties therein named as well as those
negroes whose names are mentioned in said
fourth item September 22nd/1856

Samuel Hanson

Signed sealed declared & published by Samuel Hanson
as a codicil to his will & Testament of the twenty first
day of June eighteen hundred & fifty two in the pres-
ence of us the subscribers who subscribed our
names hereto in the presence of said Testator and
of each other this 22nd day of September 1856

John W Langford
Vincent P Morrow
Francis A Morris
Calvin J. Fall

Georgia Court of Ordinary January Term January
Henry County 12th 1856

Into open Court this day came personally
Joseph A Dodson one of the executors of Samuel Hanson
who propounded for probate in common form of
Law a Paper purporting to be the last will and
Testament of Samuel Hanson late of said
County deceased. And also brought in to Court
Francis A Morris Calvin J. Fall and Uriah Deering
three of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
instrument who being duly sworn depose & saith
that they saw Samuel Hanson sign seal publish and
declare the foregoing instrument as his last will
and Testament freely and voluntarily and of his own
accord and without any compulsion or influence
whatsoever That at the time of the execution of said
last will and Testament said Testator was of
sound disposing mind and memory That deponent
signed said will as witnesses in the presence of
Testator and at his special instance & request
& in the presence of each other and saw James L
Gaddy the other witnesses do likewise
Sworn to in open Court

This 12th Jan. 1856

I R. Nolan Ord

C. Fall
Uriah Deering
Francis A Morris

Georgia Court of Ordinary January term
Henry County Jan 12th 1857

Into open court - this day came personally Joseph A Dodson one of the executors of Samuel Hanson late of said County deceased and proformed for probate in common form of Law a paper purporting to be a codicil to the last will and Testament of Samuel Hanson deceased. And also appeared John W Langford Francis A Morris & Calvin J Hall three of the subscribing witnesses to said purported codicil who being duly sworn deposed & said that they saw said Samuel Hanson sign & affix his seal and declare the foregoing instrument as a codicil to his last will and Testament freely and voluntarily and of his own accord and without any influence or compulsion whatever. That at the time of the execution of said Codicil said Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory. That deponent signed said instrument as witnesses in the presence of Testator and at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other and saw Vincent P. Morrow sign likewise

Sworn to in open court
12th Jan. 1857

Francis A Morris
C. J. Hall
John W Langford

I R. Tolson Ord

Georgia Court of Ordinary January term Jan 12th 1857
Henry County Into open court personally came Joseph A Dodson one of the executors named in the foregoing last will & Testament who being duly sworn deposed & said that the foregoing writing contains the last will and Testament of Samuel Hanson late of said County deceased and the codicil attached thereto so far as he knows or believes and that he will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in said will & codicil as far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend & the law charge me. That I will make a true & perfect inventory of said goods and chattels

Sworn to in open
Court this Jan 12th 1857

Joseph A Dodson

I R. Tolson