

George Jackson Esq. The said White & 1/2 Acre of My Negro Slaves  
Who are dead in Bed but of a sound mind  
& Disposed Myself Publishing to Dispose of the  
same the saidly Disposed hath Pleas'd God to bless me  
With I hereby Dispose of the same in Manner following  
First It is my Will that all my Just Debts be Promptly  
Paid out of my Estate

Second I will bequeath & Devise to my Wife Sarah the Part  
Wherem I now Live on During her Natural Life  
& after her Death it is my Will that said Part  
of Land shall belong in Fee Simple to my Son James &  
Mary & my Daughter <sup>Mary</sup> Equally

Third I Give & Devise to my Son James & Mary a Negro  
Boy named Wagon & also a Tract of Land in the County  
of Carroll in the North District thereof Ten or as  
Number thirty three to have & to hold the same  
in Fee Simple but if there should be necessity for  
it During the Life of his Mother to Raise Money to  
Pay Debts then the said last mentioned Tract of  
Land to be sold for that Purpose

Fourth I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary a Negro  
Woman named Alice & her Increase & also a Negro  
Boy named Thomas but my Wife Sarah is to  
have the use of Alice During Life

Fifth I Give bequeath & Devise the Tract of Land which  
I Drew in Swain County in the North District  
thereof & Henrico as last Number three Hundred and  
Twenty seven in Fee Simple & a Negro Boy named Willy  
to my Executors in Trust & for the use of my son  
George B. Hays & his Wife During their Natural Life  
& after their Death to be Equally Divided  
among their Children

Sixth I Give & bequeath & Devise unto my Executors  
herein after named in Trust and for the use of my  
son Thomas P. C. Hays the Tract of Land which I  
Purchased of George Monahan lying on the Mulberry  
Creek of the Swain River containing two Hundred

Twenty five acres more or less & also a Tract of Land which I purchased  
of the Warrant of George Hays containing two Hundred acres more or  
less about the Tract of Land which I purchased of William  
opening the Tract I Live on & on the Warrant of William  
containing one Hundred & Twenty five acres more or less & also more  
by named John & it is my Will that neither the said three  
last mentioned Tracts of Land & more John nor the long  
I Give & Devise thereof shall under any Circumstances be  
applied to the Payment of any Debts either now contracted  
or which be hereafter Contracted by my son Thomas P. C.  
Hays but that the said three Tracts thereof shall be  
applied to his support & maintenance by my Executors  
as his Trustees in their Discretion

Seventh I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary two Hundred  
& thirty Dollars which she has already Received

Eighth I Give & bequeath to my Executors in Trust & for the  
use of my Daughter Sarah & her Children a Negro Woman  
named Mary

Ninth I Give & bequeath to my Executors in Trust & for  
the use of my Daughter Virginia & her Children a  
Negro Girl named Nancy which she has now in  
Possession

Tenth I Give & bequeath to my Executors in Trust & for the  
use of my Daughter Rebecca a Negro Girl named  
Mary Ann which she has now in Possession together  
with the Increase of said Negro Ann

Eleventh I Give & bequeath to my Executors in Trust & for the  
use of my Daughter Sophia & her Children a Negro  
girl which she has now in Possession named Malinda &  
her Increase During the Natural Life of my Daughter  
Sophia & her Children

Twelfth I Give & bequeath to my Executors in Trust & for the  
use of my Daughter Betty During her Natural Life  
a Negro Girl named Anna & after the Death of my  
Daughter Betty I Give & bequeath to her Daughter  
Mary Ann which said Negro Ann is to be had in  
possession by my Executors

Thirteenth I give & bequeath to my Executors in Trust & for the use of my Daughter Susanna & her Children a negro girl named Lizza & her increase from this time but is not to have the said negro in Possession until after the Death of my Wife if she does come to keep her until then

fourteenth I give & bequeath to my Sarah During her natural Life the following negroes to wit John Jerry Henry Timothy Nelson & Abraham

fifteenth I give & bequeath & Devise to my wife Sarah During her natural Life all the Residence of my Estate both Real & Personal & after her Death my Will is that what is then left be Sold & Equally Divided Between my Sons & Daughters Peack Child a Son & Abner all the

sixteenth I hereby nominate & appoint my wife Sarah & my Friend Rufus A. Jones of this last Will Executors for the Purpose above mentioned hereby Revoking all former Wills by me made

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1841

Signed sealed & published as the last Will & Testament of George Hays who did it in our Presence & we have attested the same in his Presence & in the Presence

Geo Hays (Seal)

of each other by  
Jackson Bell  
E. H. Moorman  
Charles Witt

Georgia  
Jackson County Personally came into open Court Jackson Bell E. H. Moorman & Charles Witt who being sworn said that they saw

George Hays sign the within Will & that they at his Request subscribed the same as witnesses & in the Presence of each other & they believe he was at the time of sound & disposing mind & memory sworn to & signed in open Court this 6<sup>th</sup> month 1843

Jackson Bell  
E. H. Moorman  
Charles Witt