

Georgia

Marion County

In the Name of God Amen
 I John Herndon being sound in mind but feeble in body and
 knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death have
 thought proper to make some disposition of my worldly affairs
 as follows

1st I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and
 my body to be decently interred in the earth

2nd I wish all my just debts to be paid and the money which I
 owe Mr B Wardson and Daniel Majors to run at ten
 percent until it is paid, also the money which I owe the
 Administrators of John Brewers Estate due the twenty day of
 december Eighteen hundred & fifty six for a certain family
 of Negroes said money I wish ten per cent to be paid on
 it until the debt is paid

3rd I wish the lot of land I own in Taylor County and one
 town lot in the town of Buena Vista and all the stock
 belonging to my Estate which my executors may think necessary
 for the benefit of my farm to be sold and the money
 to be used for the benefit of my heirs and creditors

4th I wish John L Matthews to have with what I have given
 him one thousand dollars also I wish one thousand dollars
 to be given each of my children as they become of age or
 marry off. to be paid in money or property valued by three
 disinterested men. In the event that any of my children
 should die without a bodily heir the property which I bequeath
 to them is to be reverted back to my estate

5th I will unto my wife Dorcas Herndon all my real and
 personal estate not otherwise disposed of to have and to
 hold during her life or widowhood or until my youngest child
 becomes Eighteen Years old or marries and then my estate to
 be equally divided among my heirs. In the event that
 my wife should die before my youngest child become Eighteen
 Years old or marries I wish my property to remain altogether
 for the support and education of my children until the
 above named time of division. Should my wife marry
 I wish her to have an equal share in my estate and
 one Negro fellow or woman extra at her option the whole
 estate to be valued and her portion drewed out and
 the remainder of my estate kept together as above named
 I wish the property which I will to my wife Dorcas
 Herndon to be reverted back to my estate at her death

6th I nominate and appoint my wife Dorcas Herndon
 Cecelia and John L Matthews and George A Herndon
 when she shall have become of age Executors to
 execute this my last will and Testament I wish
 that they may have the privilege of dividing any
 money that may arise from the estate equally among

my heirs

Entered in the fifth article and sixth line before

signed

7th I wish my Children all to see that their Mother is taken good
care of during her life February the 24th 1856

William Hollis

Wm B Hardison

Wm J Hollis

John Herndon

State of Georgia Marion County Court of Ordinary
in Vacation }
for said County

Before me Eliza Northam ordinary for the Court of Ordinary
of said County personally came John J Matthews one
of the executors of the last will and Testament of John
Herndon late of said County deceased and produced
before me the last will and Testament of said John
Herndon deceased and two of the witnesses of said
will (to wit) William B Hardison and William J Hollis
which witnesses being duly sworn depose and say that
they saw John Herndon the Testator sign seal declare
and publish the instrument now presented as his last will
and Testament freely voluntarily and of his own accord
and without any Compulsion or influence whatever that at
the time of the execution of the said will said Testator was
of sound and disposing mind and Memory that deponents
signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the Testator
and at his special request and request and in the
presence of each other
Sworn to and Subscribed }
before me this 27th day of }
March 1856 }
Eliza Northam }
Ordinary }

Wm B Hardison

Wm J Hollis

State of Georgia }
Marion County }
I Robert Goldsberry of said County and State being
of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly
depart this life deem it right & proper that I
should dispose of my property by will therefore
I do make and publish this my last will and Testament
hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me
I do desire that my just debts be paid
I do give and bequeath unto my beloved son
Alfred H Goldsberry all my personal & real estate
that I may at my death be seized & possessed of
to do as he may think proper except the negroes