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State of Georgia } In the Name of God, Amen
Meriwether County } I Hannah Groce being
feeble of body, but of
strong disposing Mind and Memory calling
to mind the Uncertainty of life, and the
Certainty of death and that it hath
been appointed unto all men once to
die, After that to Judgement I do
therefore make this my last Will and
Testament
First of all I will my soul to god
who gave it; and my body to be
buried in a Christian like manner
2^d I want all my Just debts to be paid
out of my Estate by my Surviving Executors
herein after named
It 3^d I give and bequeath unto my
beloved Son Eliam Groce one half of my
Share of the Estate of Polly Sudduth late
of Lincoln County dec'd. An Estimate
to be made by the amount I receive from
said Estate, together with the lawful interest
on such amount, from the time I receive
it until paid over by my Executors to
be paid in cash
Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my
beloved Daughter Nancy Bridges, the
following property to wit, Harriet a
a slave about twenty four years of age
together with her maid except the
child, she is now pregnant with, Sophia
a girl slave about two years of age, and
William a boy slave about fifteen years of age
Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my
beloved Daughter Sarah Bridges, the following
property to wit, a boy slave about
fifteen years of age, Ellick, a Boy slave

about fifteen years of age, Jerry a boy slave
about nine years of age, and Saco a boy
slave, about five years of age, also the child
Buck is pregnant with at this time (if
born alive).

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my beloved
Grandson William Dudley Groce a sum
of my beloved son Dudley Groce ~~bequeath~~ ^{the}
sum of four hundred dollars to be paid
out of the balance of my Estate not otherwise
disposed of, to be kept in the hands of my
Executors or controlled by them on interest
until my Son William Dudley Groce shall
become twenty one years of age then paid
over to him if otherwise in case he should
die, before he arrives at the age of twenty
one year then the said four hundred dollars
together with the lawful interest thereon
to be equally divided between my two daughters
Nancy Bridges and Sarah Jenkins.

Item 7th I give and bequeath unto my grand
Daughter Mary Bridges one feather Bed &
furniture and Bed Stead

Item 8th I give unto my Grand Daughter Sarah
Jenkins one feather Bed and
furniture and Bed Stead

Item 9th I want my Land whereon I now
live together with all my Stock and
household & Kitchen furniture and all
of my Estate not otherwise disposed of
to be sold And after reserving out the
necessary sum of money to pay the
amounts before named and other expenses
if there should be any left I want it
equally divided between my two daughters
Nancy Bridges and Sarah Jenkins

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Item 10th All the Slaves before mentioned =

Together with their inere are as given to
 my two daughters Nancy Bridges and
 Sarah Jenkins the right and title that
 he Vested in them the said Nancy Bridges
 and Sarah Jenkins during their Natural
 Life and then to the heirs of their body,
 to be equally divided amongst them
 I now ^{do} ~~do~~ hereby appoint William C. Roper
 and Allen Horn Executors to this
 my last will and Testament with a
 request that he carry out the same
 agreeable to the true intent and meaning
 thereof

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed my seal this
 the 19th day of March One thousand
 Eight hundred and fifty three
 Signed in presence
 of - Test-
 Ammanuel Finley } Hannah + Groce Seal
 Peter Tarrow }
 S. H. Tarrow }

Georgia
 Meriwether County Court of Ordinary
 July Term 1854
 The within last will and Testament of
 Hannah Groce having been proven at
 this regular term in Open Court upon
 the oath of Ammanuel Finley Peter Tarrow &
 Lawrence H. Tarrow the subscribing witnesses
 to the same Ordered that the same
 be admitted to Record
 3^d July 1854 J. C. Graham, C.M.C.