

298 Georgia

Meriwether County

I Lewis Pryor of said
County being of sound
Mind and Memory &

knowing that it is appointed unto all
men once to die do hereby make and
ordain this my last will and Testament,
Item 1st I desire that my body should be buried
in a plain decent manner

Item 2nd I desire that all my just debts
should be paid

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that my
blind niece the daughter of my sister
Haley Canori (The Christiana name of
my niece not now recollected) shall be
paid out of my Estate one hundred dollars

Item 4th It is my will and desire that all
my property shall be kept together on
the plantation I now live on and cultivated
worked and used for the benefit of my wife
and children in the same manner as it
was kept together worked and used in my
lifetime. In the event one of my children
marrying then I desire that such child
shall have one third of my Negro property
set apart and turned over to her. The
apportionment to be made by three disim-
interested persons. The other two thirds of
my Negro property to remain on my
plantation for the benefit and support
of my other child and wife. In the
event of my other child marrying then
that child is to have one half of the
Negro property then on hand left after
the first child is apportioned off to be
apportioned to my said child marrying
in the same manner as that of the first
child, the remaining portion of my Negro

property to remain on my plantation for
the benefit of my Widow - in the event of
the death or marriage of my wife - then
it is my will that all my property of
whatever kind real or personal in hand
shall be equally divided among my two
children - and should either or both of
them in consequence of their marriage
have received a portion of my estate as
above stated then at the death or marriage
of my wife such portion as such child
may have received is to be taken into
account as a part of her share at the
final division between them - the property
received at the marriage by such child
to be valued at the final division ac-
-cording to its value at the time it was
turned over to such child when she
married - It is my further will and
desire that should one of my children
die without children living at the
time of her death - then at that time
It is my will that such portion of my
estate as I have given to her under this
will shall go to and belong to my
surviving child - and should both of
my children die without children living
at the time of their death - then at that
time it is my will that the property
I have given to them should go to and
belong to my brothers and sisters of the
whole blood (and not half blood) and
the children of my deceased brother or
sister to be equally divided between them
share and share alike that is a
brother or sister of mine and one share of
the children of any deceased brother or

Sister one share.

Item 5th It is my will and desire that the property I have given to my children shall be for their sole and separate use, freed from the contracts and liabilities of any husband they or either of them may have. And it is my will that my children should share equally in my property at the final distribution.

Item 6th It is my further will and desire that in any division necessary to be made of my Negroes - regard shall be had in dividing off, to keep families of my Negroes together as much as possible.

Item 7th It is my will and desire that while any of my property is kept together in the plantation the expenses of my wife and children shall not exceed the annual income of the property so kept together.

Item 8th In making of this my will I desire that it should be expressly understood that I have only disposed of the property which belongs to me in my own right and that I have not disposed of any of the property mentioned in the marriage contract between me and my wife.

Item 9th I desire that my Executor shall see that my youngest child shall be educated equally as well as my oldest child and have the same advantages for an education as my oldest child has had.

Item 10th I desire that my Executor

while he acts as such, shall superintend
 the affairs on the plantation, while my
 property is kept together and exercise
 general supervision of the same, and
 I desire that he shall receive a
 reasonable compensation for his trouble.
 Item 11th. I hereby appoint my friend
 George W. Willard of this County
 my Executor to carry out the provisions
 of this my will.

Signed sealed and
 published in the presence of the undersigned
 as witnesses and in the presence of
 the Testator, this 17th day of September 1856
 J. J. Hodnett
 Isiah Burtow Lewis Paxon
 John & Neow
 Obadiah Warner

Georgia
 Meriwether County Court of Ordinary
 December Term 1856

The within last will and Testament of
 Lewis Paxon late of said County deceased
 having been proven at this regular Term
 in open Court upon the Oaths of Willard
 J. Hodnett Isiah Burtow John Neow and
 Obadiah Warner the subscribing witnesses
 to the same - Ordered that the same be
 admitted to Record

Per Decr 1856 J. Davis, C. Fresham, ordy, m.c.

Received this 17th day of December 1856
 J. Davis, C. Fresham, ordy, m.c.