

402 State of Georgia In the name of God Amen
Meriwether County I William Roper of
the said State and County
being of a advanced age and knowing that I
must shortly depart this life, deem it right
and proper both as respects my family
and myself that I should make a disposition
of the property with which a Bountiful Providence
has blessed me do therefore make this my
last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all other heretofore made by me

1st Item I desire and direct that my body
be buried in a decent and Christian
like manner suitable to my circumstances
and condition in life, My Soul I trust shall
return to rest with god who gave it,

2nd Item I desire and direct that all my
just debts be paid without delay by my
my Executor and Executors hereafter app-
ointed as I am unwilling my Creditors should
be delayed in their rights especially as
there is no necessity for delay,

3rd Item I give bequeath and devise to my
beloved Wife Martha E. Roper
with whom I have lived in quiet for numbers
of years one hundred and fifty acres of
Land during her Natural lifetime the same
being the premises on which I now reside
extra of an equal distributive Share and
at her death to my two children to be equally
divided between them, to wit Patience
Hardaway and a Savonia V. E. Roper but
in the same manner as I shall hereafter
give to them their portion of my Estate
I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Martha E. Roper an equal remaining
child's part with my two children in the

following manner (that is to say) that in an equal division I give to her my Negro woman Stey and his wife as a portion of her part - as I do not wish Stey and his wife parted or to deprive my wife of them, the remainder to be taken out of my estate to do with as she chooses

4th Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Patience a Haraway an equal third part of my estate except as aforesaid during her natural life, but to be free from the debts or liabilities of her present husband or of a future one, to use as she chooses, so that the real estate is not affected and at her death to the children of her body -

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my youngest child Susan a. v. E. F. Roper except the lands aforesaid an equal third portion or part of my estate in the following manner (that is to say) during her natural life but to be free from the debts of any husband she may have hereafter and at her death to the children of her body if she should have a child or children, but if not then to my legal heirs to be equally divided

Item 6th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Martha E. Roper and John W. Haraway my executors and administrators of this my last will and Testament this January 3rd 1856

William X Roper (P.S.)
Mar 1856

Signed & sealed, declared and published by William Roper as his last will and Testament in the presence of us his the subscribers who subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of said Testator as his special instances and request J. J. Pottard
3rd P. P. Pottard
John Crossen

Georgia
Meriwether County ³ Court of Ordinary
January Term 1857
The within last will
and Testament of William Roper late
of said County deceased having been proven
at this regular Term in Open Court upon
the Oaths of John Roper and John P.
Kelofston two of the Subscribing witnesses
to the same = Ordered that the same be
admitted to Record = (12th January 1857)
D. C. Chesham C. M. C.

Recorded this 12th day of January 1857
D. C. Chesham C. M. C.

Georgia
Meriwether County ³ In the name of God, Amen,
I John Hodges being of sound
Mind and disposing Memory do hereby
make and complete this my last will and
Testament
Item 1st I give and bequeath my body in
decent burial to the dust from whence
it was taken and my spirit to god who gave it
Item 2nd After the payment of all my just debts
I give and bequeath unto my six children
the amount of one thousand dollars in property
to be valued at the price of property at the
date of this my last will and Testament, to be
delivered unto them as they marry or
become of age and to be left entirely
optional with my wife Mary Hodges
which I leave at the sole discretion on this
My last will and Testament =