

Georgia

Newton County

In the name of God Amen I Henry A
Harper of said State & County being of ad-
vanced age weak of body affliction but of sound disposing
mind and knowing that I must shortly depart from this
world deem it right & proper both as respects my self
and my family that I should make a disposition of the
property of with which it has pleased kind providence
to bless me with I therefore make this my last Will &
testament hereby revoking all and annulling all others
heretofore made by me

Item 1st I give and devise to my beloved wife Rhoda
my negr woman Esther two feather beds bed sticks & furni-
ture two cows such as she may choose out of my entire stock of
cattle one horse named Riley one large pine side board one
large trunk and one large pine chest and one loom one
cubboard one half dozen chairs 1 large wash pot 1 set
fire dogs 1 dinner pot 2 pans 1 Skillet and one tea
kettle 1 set pewter plates two tables one side saddle
1 cart and young yoke of oxen also whole farming
utensils she may choose to carry on the farm also
the Swainsboro lot of land containing two hundred 24
acres known & distinguished more especially by the no one
hundred & eighty one in the eleventh district originally
Henry now Newton County also 2 sows & pigs such as
she may choose out of my stock of hogs also all the gear
that is in my poppers 2 water pails 2 water piggins
1 milk churn all the crockery ware & glassware that
is in my poppers also 6 year sheep such as she may
choose out of my stock of sheep also 1 set silver spoons
all of which she is to have and hold in her own Right
and for her own use during her natural life or widowhood
and in the event of her marriage the property to her
given I desire and will that it then become the property
of my children

Sam Suma

My entire family of negroes (not including Esther) I have with my beloved Rhoda subject to a division amongst my children at her discretion and in the following manner viz

Item 3

Wish my son Edward in trust for his children free from all embarrassments of my son Edward I give my negro boy Sam who is now likely soon to depart this life and in the event of his death if with the present sickness then I desire and will that his children have my negro boy Sam

Item 4

I give and devise unto my beloved daughter Margaret Sum and her children by her present husband David M. Parker or any future husband free from the disposition of her present or future husband my negro boy named Franklin about seven years old

Item 5

Wish my son Abel M. Harper I give and bequeath my negro boy named Jack about five years old in trust for his children free from his own disposition also I care & calf

Item 6

I give and devise unto my beloved daughter Sarah Sum and her children my negro boy Sumner about three years old free from the disposition of her husband or in the event of her marriage also one cow & calf

Item 7

I desire that my Executor herein appointed shall sell and dispose of either by public or private sale for the purpose of paying all my just debts & sufficiently of my property that is to say lot of land no two hundred & five in the Eleventh district formerly Henry now Newton County also one hundred acres joining

the aforesaid lot south being a part of lot number one hundred & eighty in said district also lot of land number two hundred & three in said district and all the rest of my property not mentioned in the foregoing Will

Item 8

I desire that at the division of my negroes among my children that the division be made according to valuation to be made by disinterested persons and if the boy Sam should live then Sam agreeable to the provision of the first item of this will will be sold and the proceeds of the sale be equally divided amongst my children in trust for three children also at the sale of my property I desire that any balance that may be over the payment of my debts be disposed of in the same way

Item 9

I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Rhoda Parker and my son Edward Harper and David M. Parker Executors to this my last will & testament this seventh day of September one thousand eight hundred & forty six

Henry A. Harper

Signed sealed declared & published by Henry A. Harper as his last Will & testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscription our names hereunto in the presence of said Testator and each other

This Eighth Sept 1846

Archibald Gilmer

David Parker

Samuel D. Night

Georgia
Newton County } Inferior Court for Criminal purposes
Personally appeared in open Court David Parker and Samuel D. Night who being duly sworn depose and swear that they saw Henry A. Harper sign seal publish and declare the foregoing as his last will and testament to be and contain his last will and testament and that he was of sound mind and memory

