

Georgia

Newton County

Know all men before whom these presents may come that I William Nolen of said State and county being of sound disposing mind and memory though quite feeble in body and knowing that we all are appointed to die, do make declare and ordain, in the presence of these Minors, this to be my last Will and Testament in the words following, to wit:

1st I give to my Wife Mary Nolen so long as she may live the following, the whole Tract of Land where I now reside adjoining Mrs. M. Ward on the South Abham Meason west of T. West and Yellow river on the N. E. and S. also the following Slaves, Ben and Aaron men, Tom Little Henry Big Henry and George boys - Hannah and Linda women and their children also my said Wife Mary Nolen to select herself or through a friend as much of the household & kitchen furniture plantation tools carriages of every description, stock of every kind provisions of every description and money to pay the first grave expenses out of what I may leave at the time of my death.

2nd It is my will and desire that my son James Nolen shall superintend his Mother's affairs so long as they both may live he being allowed a fair & equitable compensation for his services out of the crops that may be made on the place.

3rd It is my Will that the balance of my Slaves & plantation in number and all the balance of my perishable property if any and crop of cotton if unsold be sold on a credit of twelve months and after paying all my just debts and the item in the first clause of this my Will the residue to be divided in the following manner to wit: To be equally divided in to four shares 1st to my oldest son James Nolen one share to my third son Stephen Nolen one share to my son James Nolen in trust for my oldest Daughter Mary Meason and to her living long and to the issue

to have the use of the same so long as she may live,
 in share and to my son James Nolan in trust for the
 use of my youngest daughter Sarah Chambers and to
 her and her heirs and to all their heirs the to have the use of the
 same to have as the same and one share provided neverthe-
 less that each of the four registers for which the above
 is intended for the benefit that are to make or cause
 to be made a just and true return at valuation sitting
 then and receive from me either as a gift or loan, at
 the time valuation, and likewise in the hands of my execu-
 tors without further account other my devise and the same
 to become a part of said share, and in case either shall
 neglect or refuse to make true return they shall have
 no share in the part intended to be sold.

It is my Will that my two daughters
 Mary Meade and Sarah Chambers shall enjoy the right
 of selecting and purchasing negroes at the sale and purchas-
 ing other should purchase more than would make an equal
 share for the same to whom it is given in trust my
 cause the same to be sold so as to make an equitable
 division.

It is my Will that in the said Will to my second
 son Henry Nolan having given him all the land intended for him
 hereunto is also intended to the said of Alabama

It is my Will that all the property of every kind
 that I own right in the use of my Wife Mary Nolan
 that may remain at her death to be divided with the increase
 be sold, and the proceeds thereof be equally divided in to
 five equal shares as follows one share to James Nolan my
 first son & his heirs one share to my third son Henry Nolan
 and his heirs one share to James Nolan in trust for my
 eldest daughter Mary Meade and her heirs down and to be
 one share to James Nolan in trust for my youngest
 daughter Sarah Chambers and to her heirs down and
 to be down and one share to John Nolan fourth
 son Augustus Nolan one share

Section 7th And I do hereby nominate appoint and declare James
 Nolan my eldest and Henry Nolan my third sons to be my true
 and lawful executors to carry in to effect this my last Will
 and testament thereby settling all other in confirmation of the
 same I have caused my name to be written and have made my
 mark in presence of these witnesses

Done this 15th day of December 1850
 John Webb
 William C. Lee
 Nelson L. Davis
 John Cole
 William C. Nolan
 Mark

Georgia Probate Court January term 1851 for Newton
 County Probates

Personally appeared in open court John Webb
 John Cole & Nelson L. Davis the witnesses to the within will
 who being duly sworn depose and faith that they saw
 William Nolan sign seal publish and declare the afore-
 said instrument to be and contain his last Will and tes-
 tament and that no words of revocation were said or men-
 tioned at the time of signing the same that he was at the
 time free & without compulsion so far as we know or
 believe & that the same is contained on the three foregoing
 pages and that we signed the same as witnesses in the
 presence of the testator & in the presence of each other

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this January 15th
 1851
 John Webb
 John Cole
 Nelson L. Davis
 W. D. Luskie C. C.

Ordered to be read January term 1851
 W. D. Luskie C. C.