

Enclosed are my
1st day of May 1874
Notes

our names here to
each other
in plain
text

last will of David H. Hicks
at before me for probate
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within named David
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I, Joel W. Butts of the County of Paulding and State of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby
appoint with all mine and to die. Do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament as follows
Item First After the payment of my just debts I bequeath to William E. West Executor my negro man Dick and his heirs for their lives and
Dollar principal on Wiley G. Hoxford which fell due about Christmas Eighteen Hundred and forty six at ten and to be paid
as Trustee during the natural life of my Daughter Paulina Vandogem Butts subject to the use and trusts herein after
mentioned. And I authorize and empower my said Trustee to sell or otherwise dispose of said property at Public
Private Sale at his discretion whenever he may in his judgment deem it best for my estate and to have the proceeds
for the use and purpose herein after mentioned for the benefit of my daughter Paulina Vandogem Butts.
Item Second My will and desire is that all the rest and residue of my property and effects of every description be held at Public or
Private Sale whenever in the judgment of my Executor it may be best for my estate and the proceeds of said sale to be
equally divided between my beloved Wife and my said Daughter my wife to have and enjoy her share during her
life and the heirs forever without any limitation or reservation. And my said Daughter to have and to have
during the natural life of my said Daughter Paulina Vandogem Butts for the use and purpose herein after mentioned
for the benefit of my Daughter.
Item Third My desire is that my Trustee before mentioned shall have the trust legacy mentioned in the first and second items of
will for the use and benefit of my Daughter Paulina Vandogem Butts and the lawful children of her body during
the natural life of my said Daughter. And at her death the same to go to and be enjoyed by her children and their
heirs forever without any limitation or reservation. But if my said Daughter shall die leaving no child living or
descendant of a child living at the time of her death then and in that event the trust for said legacy before
mentioned I desire to go to and belong to William E. West of Cedar Valley and his heirs forever.
Item Fourth I appoint William E. West the Guardian of my Daughter and the Executor of this my last will and
testament. And I request him to see that my wife shall have the possession of my Daughter
during her widowhood or until my Daughter Mary marry. But when my wife shall marry
my will and desire is that my Daughter shall go amicably into the possession and under the exclusive control
of William E. West to be raised by him and my sister Sarah H. West.
Item Fifth I give to my Executor and Trustee full power to compound and agree about any debts to due any land or other
property at Public or private Sale and generally to do any & all acts which he in his discretion may deem best
for my estate. Signed sealed, published and declared as my last will and testament this 1st day of
March 1848
Joel W. Butts (Test)
In Presence of,
B. J. Mosely
C. H. Johnson
A. Jones
State of Georgia, Before us Churchhill Mason & James L. Adair two of the Justices of the Superior Court of said County
Paulding County, in Vacation Personally came William E. West Executor of the last will and testament of Joel W. Butts
late of said County deceased and produced before us the last will and testament of said Joel W. Butts deceased and
the witnesses of said will to wit B. J. Mosely and Abraham Jones which witnesses being duly sworn depose and say
that they saw Joel W. Butts the Testator sign said will and publish the same as his last will and testament
freely voluntarily & of his own accord & without any compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of the execution
of said will said Testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory that he was duly signed said will in the presence of
said Testator as witnesses and at his special instance & request and in the presence of each other
shown to and subscribed before us this 1st day 1848
James L. Adair J. P. C.
Churchhill Mason J. P. C.
B. J. Mosely
Abraham Jones

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