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Eli Harris Will

At my decease it is my will that my wife my last wife W. D. Whitaker & Thomas W. Baxter by my Executors— It is my will that all the negroes that my wife had when she married me— Should be equally divided with her and her children by me— Then divide with my first children out of the negroes that belonged to me previous to my last marriage in such a way so as to make them equal in worth with my last children as near as possible— Then the remainder of the negroes should there be any and all other property to be equally divided with all the Legitims say the Negroes first— And then all the other property in such way and manner as you may think best— Take counsel how to act from time to time of those that you think you can rely on— perhaps I wish Eli to be educated if possible— Perhaps it would be best to settle a good Overseer to attend to all the business such a one will expect good wages— The best you can do for the orphans is confident only expectable will be done when I am no more signed with my own hand and sealed with my seal this the 24th January 1825

Test

Eli Harris (Seal)

James Desmulek

Robt Chambers

Michael Stone

Georgia
Putnam County
The within will was produced in open Court by Orrin D. Whitaker and proven in open Court by the oaths of Michael Stone and James Desmulek subscribing witnesses to the and ordered by the Court to be record this 2nd May 1825

Thos B. Pers clk

Recorded this 6th May 1825