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which require the same as interpreted
and of the Statute and of such other
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ordered, that the same be
submitted to the next Court of Ordinary for record
Jas. M. Walter, Clerk

At a Court of Ordinary held in and for the County of Richmond
on Monday the 5th day of September 1836, the foregoing last will
and Testament of James M. Rhodes deceased, was presented in Court
and ordered to be recorded.
Jas. M. Walter, Clerk

Georgia
Richmond County } I Richard Tubman, at present of the City of Au-
gusta & County State aforesaid, do on this first day of July in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three, make and pub-
lish this as my last will & Testament in manner & form as follows.
First I desire that all my just debts which are but few be speedily paid
by my Executors hereinafter named.
Second I give & devise to the Free School of the City of Augusta forty
four shares of the stock of the Bank of the State of Georgia, the annual
interest thereof to be applied by the managers thereof to its support and I
request my Executors to transfer the same to the Trustees of that institu-
tion as soon after my death as may be convenient to be held by them
and their successors in office for the purpose aforesaid.
Third, I give & devise to the Episcopal Church in the City of Augusta
twenty five shares of the stock of the Bank of
Augusta, and I request my Executors to transfer the same to the
Wardens & Vestry of that institution to be held by them and their suc-
cessors in office in their corporate capacity for the purpose of applying
the annual dividends or interest to the support of a clergyman of that
denomination to officiate in that Church forever, provided however they
shall deem for the interest of my body, and that of my family
in the annual dividend to said Church, commonly called the Church
Fund, that they should not touch the same.
Fourth I bequeath to my wife Mary Tubman, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars and being drawn that
said sum bearing the family name of Tubman, to be paid to her or her heirs or assigns if she shall

...the land of ...
...to the youngest ...
...may arrive at the full age of twenty five years, provided
...the family name, and ... them to the ...
...that income & on failure of any such to be found, then the said ...
...means are to revert to ... became a part of my Estate
...I give & devise to my faithful ... one hundred ...
...as long as the money lasts
...I give & devise to Richard Subman Whittaker son of ...
...Whittaker of Kentucky item shares of the Stock of the Bank of
...the dividends to be appropriated in such manner as his father
...may deem best for his interest until he shall be of sufficient age
...to take charge of it
...I give & devise to Emily H Thomas daughter of Mathew
...Thomas of the City of Augusta twenty shares of the Stock of
...the Bank of Augusta The dividends to be appropriated in such
...manner as her father may deem best for her interest until she
...shall be of sufficient age to take charge of it
...Eighth, I give and devise to my kind good & affectionate wife
...Emily H Subman the entire balance of my estate of whatever
...kind or thing it may consist of. Now in consideration of the
...unlimited confidence that I have in the discretion of my good
...wife Emily H Subman I do hereby constitute and appoint her my
...sole Executrix of this my will with the full hope & belief that
...she will use every means in her power to carry every part of this
...my will into complete effect. I therefore desire that she immediately
...after my decease apply to the Legislature of this State to pass
...a Law if they in their wisdom should deem it expedient or pol-
...itic to enable her to emancipate & make free in this State all the
...negroes I may die possessed of except David and all her children whom
...I have bequeathed to her children & Fanny and all her children & there-
...after out of that part of my Estate bequeathed to my wife
...Ten thousand Dollars and upwards of which sum I request my Ex-
...ecutrix to present to the University of the State of Georgia or to the same
...trust provided however the Legislature do pass the above described
...Law enabling her to manumit any negroes as aforesaid if not then
...the whole of the Ten thousand Dollars to be applied to the transpor-
...tation of the said negroes to such part of the United States as my Ex-
...ecutrix may deem the same best calculated to avail to them the most
...innumeration of free persons. The balance then if any is left, shall
...be divided amongst them in equal shares. But if the Legislature shall
...pass the above described Law, the other five thousand Dollars
...shall be divided among them in equal shares. And finally
...I request that my Executrix do arrange the funeral of
...Richard Subman

of the said Richard Tubman have hitherto set
my hand & affixed my seal the day & year first above written
Signed sealed published & declared by the above named
Richard Tubman to be his
last Will & Testament in the
presence of us who have here-
unto subscribed our names as wit-
nesses in the presence of the Testator

A Boggs
Henry H. Field.
W B Thomas

Georgia

Richmond County } Personally appeared in open Court Western B
Thomas and Archibald Boggs two of the subscribing witnesses to the
forgoing Instrument of writing who being duly sworn say that they
were personally present and did see Richard Tubman the Testator sign
seal publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament
that he was of sound mind disposing mind and memory, to the best
of their knowledge and belief and that they together with Henry H
Field signed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence
of the Testator and of each other
Done to before us the 16 day of
November 1850

W B Thomas
A Boggs

Edw Thomas J. L. R. C.

John P. En. J. L. R. C.

Wm. H. Marshall J. L. R. C.

County of Richmond
bearing date this one Twentieth day of October A.D. 1862, and
being in Court and since upon the oath of William B. Thomas and
Richard B. Jeffers two of the subscribing witnesses thereto ordered that the same
be recorded.

Test George M. Walker Clerk.

Georgia

Richmond County

In the name of God, amen. I John Wise of the
County and State aforesaid being in good health and calling to mind the
mortality of man and that all flesh is born to die and also of some mind
and memory, I constitute and ordain this Instrument below to be my
last will and Testament, in manner and form following

Item the first, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Wise
one bed bedstead and furniture, one trunk, and one small chest, one set
of iron ware named Peter's Basket or if this ware should be traded, my
wish and desire is that whatever horse or mare I may own at my
death is to belong to my wife, also one ferry wagon & harness, also
what money should remain after my funeral expenses is paid, and for
my beloved wife to dispose of the above named property as she may think
proper, also I lend to my beloved wife during her natural life one acre
of good, new, named land.

Item the second, I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Wise
child when he being dead, one dollar he having received his proportion
of the share while in life.

Item the third, I give and bequeath to my grandson John Wise
one dollar his father William Wise my son being dead, but while in
life had received his proportion of the share of my property.

Item the fourth, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Nancy
Carter one negro girl named Sam and one dollar in money.

Item the fifth, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Hunt
one negro girl by the name of Fanny and one dollar in money.

Item the sixth, I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Wise one
negro boy named London and one hundred dollars in money payable
within months after my death.

Item the seventh, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary
Hunt one hundred and fifty dollars in money payable within months
after my death.