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State of Georgia: In the name of God Amen
Spalding County: I Milton Westmoreland of said
State and County being in ill health and knowing
that I must shortly depart this life deem it right
and proper that I should make a disposition
of the property with which a kind Providence has
blessed me do therefore make this my last will
and testament

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a
decent and christian like manner suitable to
my circumstances and condition in life my soul
I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid
by executors hereafter appointed

I give bequeath and devise to my beloved son
John Milton Westmoreland nine negroes to wit Dudley
a man about thirty three years (33) of age and his
wife Malinda a woman about thirty years (30) of age
and her four children Hulda Charles Rufus and
Sane also one negro man named Frank about
twenty years (20) of age and Mark about fifteen
years (15) of age and one negro girl named Judy
about Eighteen years (18) of age

I also direct that my executors sell or rent my town
property consisting of dwelling house and lot and
store house and lot house lot and kitchen furni-
ture at any time they judge for the best interest of my son

I give and bequeath to my son John Milton Westmore-
land all of the residue of my effects not before dis-
posed of after all my just debts are paid

I direct that my son John Milton Westmoreland
receive a Collegiate Education should his health
and other circumstances not forbid

I also direct that should it be the will of a kind
Providence to call my son John Milton Westmoreland
from this Earth to Eternity before he arrives to
the age of Twenty one (21) I direct that all my property
be equally divided between my brothers and sisters
with the exception of Robert S Westmoreland I desire
by this my last will and testament to cut him off
from all of my effects in any manner whatever
should my son John Milton Westmoreland be called
from hence

I direct that my beloved Brother Mark W Westmoreland
act as Guardian for the person and property of my

my son John Milton Westmoreland and in case should my Bro M W Westmoreland die before my said John Milton Westmoreland becomes of age I desire that my Brother Calvin S Westmoreland take the Guardianship of my son John Milton Westmoreland

Wherby constitute my beloved Brothers Calvin S Westmoreland and Mark W Westmoreland Executors of this my last will and testament
Done 22nd 1855-

Milton Westmoreland 

Signed, sealed and delivered by Milton Westmoreland as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and of each other this June 22nd 1855-

Absalom Gray 
 Philip H Lamar 
 James M Cole 

State of Georgia } Before me Wm L Gordon Ordinary
 Spalding County } for said county Personally came
 Calvin S & Mark W Westmoreland Executors of
 the last will and Testament of Milton Westmoreland
 Deed late of said county & produce before me the said
 last will & Testament and presented the subscribers
 witnesses that to wit Absalom Gray Philip H Lamar
 and James M Cole who being sworn say that they
 saw the Testator sign seal publish & decree this
 instrument to be his last Will and Testament
 freely voluntarily & of his own accord without any
 compulsion or influence whatever and at the
 time of the execution thereof said Testator was
 of a sound disposing mind and memory that
 said Deponents signed said will as witnesses
 in the presence of the testator and at his special
 instance and request and in the presence of
 each other

Sworn to and subscribed
 before me in open Court
 this 24th day of August 1855
 Wm L Gordon
 Ordinary

Absalom Gray
 Philip H Lamar
 James M Cole

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Georgia } I do solemnly swear that this
Spalding County } writing contains the true last will
& Testament of the within named Milton Westmoreland
Deed so far as I know or believe and that I will
well and truly execute the same by paying first
the debts and then the Legacies therein contained as
far as his goods & Chattles will therunto Extent
and the Law charge me and that I will make
a true & perfect Inventory of all such goods
& Chattles so help me God Calm S Westmoreland
and affirmed
Sworn to & subscribed C S Westmoreland
in open Court Aug 5th 1853- M M Westmoreland
M S Gordon
Ordinary

Received Oct 12th 1853-

Georgia } On the name of God Amen
Spalding County } I Reason Blessit of the County and
state aforesaid being of sound mind and memory
and considering the uncertainty of life this frail
and transitory life do therefore make ordain
publish and declare this to be my last Will and
Testament this is to say first after all my lawful
debts are paid and discharged the residue of
my Estate real and personal I give bequeath
and dispose of as follows to wit to my wife
Hancy Blessit the land as follows One Hundred
and forty five acres being a part of lot No
one hundred and thirtieth and part of lot No
one hundred and forty four in being in the
third of Monroe when Surveyed now Spalding
County also bequeath unto my wife Hancy
Blessit three negroes namely Milton a man
Eighteen years of age Milley a woman fifty or
sixty years of age Lewis a girl between nine
and Eleven years of age and the choice one
of all my horses two choice cows and calves
two beds and bedsteads and clothing Cart
and Steer and five of the best killing Hogs
and two sows and pigs the remainder of
my property to except the negroes to be sold
and equally divided among my five children
I bequeath unto my five children namely
Hancy S Blessit William S Blessit Clay Ann