

St. Georgia Eli Harts Will.

Taliaferro County In the name of God Amen;

Eli Harts being very weak of body from long indisposition but Conceive my self in perfect mind and memory do ~~make~~ hereby think best to make this my last Will & Testament, and knowing that it is ordained for all men. once to die, and as it may be my portion Soon or later, I do here dispose of my self & effects in the following manner. (1803)

First of all I Resign my Soul to God who gave it me, my body to its Mother dust, to be buried in decent burial order at the discretion of my friends and Relations.

As to my temporal possessions that it has pleased God to bless me with, I desire to dispose of in the following Manner.
Item 1st My upper tract of land adjoining James Read I leave to my Mother during her natural life. Also my old Man & Horozel, my stock of Cattle & Hogs, after the same manner, I also wish a sufficiency out of my present crop to be kept on the Plantation for the support of my Mother & Sisters that are with her, and all the family the ensuing Year.

Item 2nd I desire that the lot of land I drew in Deater County the tract that I bought of James Trauz, my negro man I Sham (after this crop is saved) my sorrel Mare Maria my young horse Coult also my stock of Sheep be sold out of which I wish my first debts to be paid, then fifty Dollars to my sister Mary and the residue to be equally divided amongst all my Brothers and sisters & the heirs or children of my Brother James Harts to have that portion that their father would if a live.

Item 3rd I Give to my sister Rebecca my negro boy Martin.

Item 4th I Give to my sister Mary my Negro boy Willis.

Item 5th I Give to Eli Chapman Son of Benjamin Chapman my spotted Horse Marian.

Item 6th Out of the lot of land that I have left to my Mother during her lifetime after her death I wish to be sold and I Give my Brother Samuel One hundred Dollars out of the proceeds and the ballance to be equally divided amongst all my Brothers and Sisters including Brother James Children as above.

Item 7th I also Wish my Waggon & Harnets to be sold and the proceedings there of to be equally divided amongst my Brothers and sisters after the same manner of that in Item the Seventh.

Item 8th My Cotton Gin & Gear & Thrasher to remain on the plantation for the use of my Mother, and after her death to be sold and divided as in Item ^{the} Second.

It is my Will and desire that my Brother Samuel be and act as my Executor on this my last Will and testament.

In Witness whereof ~~before me~~ by acknowledge have Signed & Sealed this my last Will and Testament, In the presence of.

This 17th day of May 1831.

Witness.

Eli Hart Seal

Ann P. Fannin

James Read

James M. Fannin

Georgia } July Adjourned Term 1831.
Valdeshero County } In open Court, the last Will and Testament of Eli Hart, deceased, was exhibited, and in due form of law was proven, by the oaths of James Read and James M. Fannin, subscribing Witnesses &c.

You James Read and James M. Fannin do Solemnly Swear that you saw Eli Hart, Sign, Seal, publish and declare this Instrument of writing to be and contain his last Will and Testament, and at the time thereof he was of sound mind and disposing memory, and that he signed the same of his own free will and accord, and that you saw Ann P. Fannin sign the same as a subscribing Witness, with your selves, and at the request or suggestions of the Testator. So help you God.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court.

This ninth day of July 1831.

Henry Perkins, C. C. C.

James Read

J. M. Fannin

State of Georgia Valdeshero County. By the Court of Ordinary for said County that at an Adjourned Court, July 9th day 1831. While sitting for Ordinary purposes, Samuel Hart the nominated Executor in the last Will and Testament of Eli Hart, decd. was Qualified in open Court, in due form of law. The Will and Testament of said deceased by the Court ordered to be recorded.

The Last Will and Testament of
 Eli Hart late of Taliaferro County dec'd
 Registers office of Taliaferro County
 Georgia, duly Recorded in book A. of
 Wills in pages 81, 82 & 83. July, 13th
 1831. Henry Perkins, C. C. O.

Georgia Taliaferro County— By the Honorable the Court of Ordinary for said
 County. It all to Whom these presents shall come— Greeting:

Know ye, that on the Ninth day of July in the year of our Lord, eighteen
 hundred and thirty one the Last Will and Testament of Eli Hart, deceased,
 was proved, and approved, and allowed of; the said Eli Hart, having in his
 lifetime, and at the time of his Death, diverse goods, rights, and Credits, with-
 in the County aforesaid; by means whereof, the approbation and allowing
 of his Testament, and the power of granting the administration of all
 and singular the goods, rights, and credits of said deceased, and his Tes-
 tament, any manner or way concerning, to the said Court does of right
 belong: They have, therefore, granted and Committed the administration
 of all and singular the estate aforesaid, and his Testament unto Samuel
 Hart the nominated Executor of the said deceased, in his said last Will and
 Testament he being first sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty
 God well and faithfully, to administer, and make a perfect inventory of
 all and singular the goods, chattles, and credits of the said deceased, and
 exhibit the same in to the Clerk of the Court of Ordinary's office, in
 the County aforesaid, in order to be recorded, on or before the Ninth day
 of October next, ensuing, and to render a just and true account, Cal-
 culations, and reckoning thereof, when thereunto required.

Witness the Honorable Malcom Johnston one of the Justices of said
 Court of Ordinary. In Testimony Whereof, I have officially set my
 hand and seal, this ninth day of July eighteen hundred and thirty one.
 and fifty Sixth year of American Independence.

Recorded July 12th 1831.

Henry Perkins, C. C. O.

Henry Perkins, C. C. O., Taliaferro