

In the name of the most holy Trinity, Father. Son and Holy Ghost Amen -

I the undersigned Henry Bradford Thompson fully convinced of the uncertainty of life, & being at present sound as to mind & body, wishing to settle my temporal concerns before I may be overtaken by the hand of Death. have made the following disposition consisting of several articles which I hereby declare to be my last will & testament viz.

Article First

I by these presents do appoint as my executor testamentary Mr. George Hargraves my brother in law with the full persuasion and assurance, ^{that} his goodwill & friendship towards me & my family will prompt him to qualify & serve as such earnestly requesting him to arrange with those Guardians appointed herebelow to my Children matters in such a manner as to insure to all of them the benefit of a religious & enlightened Education.

Article Second,

In Case my above named executor should not live till all my Children would be of age, or should resign at that time in order that no injury may accrue to my estate by those contemplated events, I have thought it was reasonable & Just to provide against such an emergency & in consequence thereof & in those two cases only I do appoint as my executors to succeed him my wife Louisa Sophia & my eldest son Geo Hargraves & in conjunction to these my next eldest son John Croten when of age

Article Third

I name and appoint as Guardians over my Children my wife & my Nephew George Columbus Hargraves and I strictly enjoin & recommend to all my Children to live in good friendship & harmony together & to be dutiful & affectionate to their Mother

Article Fourth

My will is that my wife Louisa Sophia and my Children do each and every one of them have an equal share in all and every part of my property of whatever nature it may be as every one of them are equally dear to me

Article Fifth

(181) Convinced for the good of my wife & children that my property should not be sold & morcelled out I hereby enjoin that it be kept together in an undivided mass unless my wife should prefer to take the portion bequeathed to her by Article fourth of this my will in which case my property shall be made out in equal lots that she may have the facility of Drawing her own but with regard to the remaining lots or portions I wish them to be kept together & that each of my children as they become of age do draw his or her portion in the presence of a sufficient number of witnesses in order that that no dispute or ill will may arise between them -

Imploring the mercy of God & recommending my soul to his unbounded Clemency I do solemnly declare that these presents containing five articles contains my last Dispositions In faith whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature this twenty sixth day of July in the County of Russell and State of Alabama and in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty two.

Signed & sealed in the presence of us

Robert Allen
Bluford Coburn
Jarl Reese

Henry Bradford Thompson (S)

The State of Alabama } I Thomas V. State Clerk of the Supreme
Russell County } Court County of State aforesaid do hereby
Certify that the foregoing is a correct
Copy of Henry Bradford Thompsons will as taken from the
Records of my office

Given under my hand and private seal
this 18th day of March A.D. 1843. and of American Independ-
-dence the 67th Year

Thomas V. State Clerk (S)

Ordered to be recorded at January Term 1844 of the Court of Ordinary
of Taliaferro County Georgia - And recorded this 4th day of January
1844. by me
Quinn O'Neal C. C. O.

Georgia
Taliaferro County

1844
By the Honourable the Superior Court of said County sitting,
for Ordinary purposes

To all to whom these presents
shall come, Greeting - Know ye, that on the day of in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty The last will and testament of
Henry B. Thompson late of Alabama, deceased, was exhibited in open Court, and in
Common Form of Law proved and admitted to record, in the State of Alabama, a
Copy of which is herewith annexed, and Administration of the estate, real and
personal of said deceased (so far as is in this State) is granted to Oliver
Garden administration on said estate so far as is to be found in this State,
he having first taken the oath and given bond and security and performed
all other requisites required by law, he is by order of said Court, and by virtue
of these presents, legally Authorized to administer the estate, real and pers-
sonal, of the said deceased according to the tenor and effect of the said
will and testament, and according to law. And he is hereby required
to, render a true and perfect inventory of all the estate, both real and personal,
of the said deceased (to be found in this State) and have the same approved
And returned to this Court according to law, and to render a true and correct
Account, to the said Court, of his doings and doings yearly and every
Year, untill his administration is fully completed.

Witness the Honourable Sidney R. Crenshaw, one of the
Justices of the said Court of Ordinary, this the first day of January,
in the year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four.

Quinn Neal C. C. P.