

George Hays last will & testament

In the name of almighty god Amen

I George Hays of the State of Georgia and County of Thomas
being of sound Mind and disposing Memory but knowing
the uncertainty of human life do Make and Ordain
this my last will & testament

I resign my body to the dust from whence it came and my
soul into the hands of a Mercifull god

Of my worldly effects after paying my last debts
I leave first having given to my son John R. Hays five negroes
viz Henry about twenty years of age Peggy about twenty one
years of age & her three children Emmanuel about 5
fine years of age Hannah about three years of age and
Aggy about one year of age there and their income
also five hundred dollars in Money and to my son James I Hays
three negroes viz Levi about twenty one years of age
Sarah about seventeen years of age & Abigail
about seven years of age and five hundred dollars in Money
It is my will and desire that my three younger sons William &
Duke H and George Hays have the same amount of negro
property and Money as they may successfully arrive at the
age of twenty one years which said property I will
and bequeath to them and their heirs forever

of Thomas County

I then and I give and bequeath unto my sons John
Hays & James T Hays as trustees in trust and in
trust only for my daughter Mary Ann T Reynolds
wife of William T Reynolds & her issue the following
named negroes & their increase to wit Mary a man
Grace a woman Louise a girl Adeline a girl & Sam-
a boy. Children of said woman Grace and I further
give and bequeath unto my said sons as trustees upon
said per g my said daughter ~~five~~ hundred dollars to
be paid by my executors to said trustees to be held and
used for the benefit of my said daughter Mary Ann
T and her issue Also two bedsteads and furniture
in a house all of which property and the income
thereof is to be kept and controlled by said trustees
for the sole use and benefit of my said daughter
and her issue & in no event be the subject or liable
to any debt demand judgement execution mortgage
or other claim of the said William T Reynolds
the husband of my said daughter on any account
whether then and in the event of the death of my said
daughter without a child or children living at her
death or issue of such child or children then finally
and desire that the whole of the property bequeathed
to my said daughter shall amount to my estate
and be equally divided among my children then
living or their issue share and share alike.
I then and I leave the whole of my property that I may
be possessed of at the time of my death both
real & personal to my wife Mary Hays during
her natural life which I wish kept together
as long as she lives except such legacies as may
be given off to my three younger sons as they
may successively arrive at the age of twenty
one years agreeable to the first of them
in this my last will & testament at the death
of my said wife Mary Hays & after my three younger
sons shall have received their respective
legacies as herein before particularly pointed
out it is my will and desire that the whole

of my remaining estate both real & personal be equally
divided amongst my children or their issue which
I will & bequeath to them and their heirs forever
provided that I give and bequeath that portion
that may be apportioned to my daughter Mary
Ann Reynolds to my sons John M. Hays & James
J. Hays trustees as appraised for the use appraised
for my said daughter to be & held and controlled
by my said sons trustees as appraised under the same
restrictions and limitations as particularly set
forth in the second clause in this my last will
and testament

Item 4th It is my will and desire that should I increase
my property before my death either by purchase or
otherwise whether real or personal estate that it
shall be subject to the same distributions
and under the same restrictions and limitations
that the personal and real estate I now possess are
subject to the several provisions contained in
the previous clauses of this my last will & testament
Item 5th I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons
John M. Hays & James J. Hays my executors and my wife
Mary Hays executrix to this my last will & testament
with full power to carry the same into effect
Signed sealed and acknowledged

before us this 22 June 1893 Geo Hays

Witnessed without interlined
before signed in the word
daughter deleted before signed
James J. Blackshear
Lucien Reines
Shadrach & Dickey

George J. Court of ordinary November Term 1890
Thomas County & the within last will & testament of
George Hays having been duly proven at this regular
term in open court upon the oaths of Lucien H. Reines
& Shadrach & Dickey ordered that the same be admitted
to record attest O. B. Hill M. P. Pinson C. C.