

Testator and of each other this July 31st 1855

Troup County Wills, Book B,

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Abner Gibson
J M Hamston
Uriah Coffield



Georgia } Court of ordinary next term 1861
Troup County } Personally appeared in open Court Abner
Gibson J M Hamston and Uriah Coffield
witnesses to the within last will & testament of
Elizabeth Post dec'd & being duly sworn saith that they
each saw the testatrix sign seal publish & declare
the within instrument with codicil attached to be and
contain her last will and testament that she signed
the same codicil in their presence that each of them signed
said will & codicil as witnesses in her presence & in the
presence of each other that said testatrix signed said
will & codicil without any restraint & executed the same
freely & voluntarily & that at the time of her attestation she
was of sound & disposing mind & memory
Sworn to & subscribed before
me this August 5th 1861
S Curtright ordy } Abner Gibson
J M Hamston
Uriah Coffield

Recorded August 10th 1861

S Curtright ordy

Georgia } In the name of God Amen
Troup County } I Daniel Norwood of said State and County
do make this my last will and Testament in
the following items to wit
Item first I here by direct that all my just debts be paid
by my Executors with as little delay as possible
Item the second To my beloved wife Sarah during her life
I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred Dollars ^{money} to
be paid over to her or expended for her benefit by my Executors
so as to meet her wants or to gratify her in any other manner
also one Bed Bedstead & furniture and as much other furnit-
ure for furnishing her bed room as she may want all of
which is to remain at the place where she may be living at
the time of her decease & belong to the family with whom
she may be living now contemplated to be with my daughter
Martha & I here also I will & bequeath to my wife during
her lifetime my negro girl Mary to wait on her as a
constant attendant & at her death said negro and her
increase if any to be equally divided between such of
my heirs as I shall hereinafter name
Item the third I will and bequeath the following Cash
legacies as special to wit to the children of my deceased
son John three hundred Dollars to my son William
Seven hundred Dollars & to my daughter Martha &
Aper seven hundred Dollars

Item the fourth I will and bequeath to my son James a life Estate of all that ¹⁸⁴⁸⁻¹⁸⁸⁸ ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} portion of my plantation upon which I now have a farm lying north of the road leading from Dr. W. A. Speer residence by way of Mr. James McFarlane and intersecting the county and Hogansville road including that portion of lot of Land Number fourteen which is South of said road the whole containing about three hundred and seventy five acres and at his death to become the property of his children & if his children should all die in their minority said Settlement of land or its proceeds if it shall have been sold shall revert & become a part of my Estate. In the division of my Estate said described portion of land is to be assigned to my son James at its market value at that time I also give and bequeath to my said son a Negro man named Adam at his market value so as to be accounted for in the distribution of my Estate I hereby appoint my sons William C. and Andrew P. Norwood Trustees for my said son James to control the title of the aforesaid property herein bequeathed to him. If the value of said portion of land and of said Negro man does not amount to one fifth of the value of my Estate after paying off the special legacies of cash mentioned in the second & third items of this will then the same is to be made equal to the one fifth by balancing with cash. It is my will & desire that in the event of the death of my said son James his widow shall live upon said Settlement of land as a home until his children become of age provided she does not intermarry.

Item the fifth I will and direct that the remainder of my Negroes shall be divided into four lots of about equal value which lots shall be drawn for by Ballot commencing with the legal representatives of my deceased son John to draw one lot and then my son William to draw one lot & then my son Andrew to draw one lot & then my daughter Martha J. Speer to draw one lot and at the death of my beloved wife Sarah my afore said four children & my son James shall each inherit one fifth interest in the value of the Negro Mary & her increase if any.

Item the sixth I will and direct that my Executors shall have discretion to sell the remainder of my land at public or private sale as they may think most advisable (by dividing it into different parts as the most advantageous way of selling it or selling it in one body) and that the proceeds of said remainder of my land as well as the proceeds of the sale of perishable property & any other property not enumerated shall be equally divided into fifths for the benefit of my heirs mentioned in Item the fifth.

Item the seventh All the property herein bequeathed to my Daughter Martha J. Speer shall be hers

here in ~~the~~ so that she may dispose of it at her
 pleasure
 Item the Eight ~~thousand~~ ^{thousand} given to my son Dr Wesley C
 Norwood a great deal more than it is in my power to give
 the balance of my children & hence I do not leave
 him any portion or legacy in this my last will and
 Testament I hereby appoint my sons Wm C & Andrew P
 Norwood my Executors In witness whereof I have
 here unto set my hand & seal this August 10th 1861
 Signed Sealed & declared before us
 John B Hester } Daniel Norwood
 Paschal P Norwood
 John H Moreland

Georgia } Ordinary Office Jan'y 10th 1862
 Springfield } A paper writing purporting to be the last
 will & Testament of Daniel Norwood deceased
 late of said County & State is brought forward by his sons
 William C & Andrew P Norwood and offered for probate
 and John H Moreland one of the subscribing witnesses
 to said will Testifies that he saw testator & saw
 publish & declare said instrument to be his last will
 & Testament that testator was of sound mind at
 the time and that he ~~saw~~ ^{made} made the same freely
 and voluntarily and that he signed the same as
 a witness and that he saw Paschal P Norwood &
 John B Hester sign the same as witnesses at the time
 it purports to have been written
 sworn to & Subscribed before
 me the date above
 Samuel Curtright ordy } John H Moreland

Whereupon it is considered that said instrument
 is fully proven in common form and that it be
 allowed
 Samuel Curtright ordy
 Recorded January 10th 1862
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