

It is further ordered that E. J. Harris of Elizabethtown
Wm Parks, Wm Minibush & P. G. Cox be ourse one
herself appointed to appraise said Estate
Samuel Cartwright

Recorded October 8th 1838,

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Georgia } In the Name of God Amen
Troup County }

I James J. Dix of the County and State aforesaid
being of sound and disposing mind and memory but feeble of
body do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament revoking
all other Wills which may have been made by me in form or substance as follows
Item 1st It is my will that the whole of my Estate both real and personal shall be
kept together until my children shall marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years
for the benefit of my wife and children (if it is deemed prudent by my Executor and
my Executor herein after named such child or children shall have allotted off to him
by Commiss'rs my appointed by the Court of Ordinary his distributor share of my Estate
viz Seven Negroes equal in value to the seven Negroes which I have allotted off
to my Sons each James J. Dix and William J. Dix together with One Good House Two
good Mules, two Cows and Calves, One year's provisions and one bed and furniture each
Item 2nd I will my spirit to God who gave it and my body to the grave to be interred
in a decent and Christian like manner

Item 3rd When my youngest child shall marry or arrive at the age of twenty one
years I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Dix the house and lot of seventeen and
a half acres of land adjoining the lands of Barn Smith and Ridley in Troup County together with
one hundred and thirty five acres more or less adjoining the lands of Eugene Swan and
Collison together with three hundred acres more or less of land east of the Chattahoochee
River near Motte's Ferry known as the lay place. Three Negroes viz Lucy a woman
Mary a Woman & Harriet a woman, Charlotte a woman, and her child Martha
Ann and a woman and Robert a man and since a boy, also a boy, Albert a boy,
Jack a boy and Nelson a man and Susan a girl. If my wife should die, it
is my will that she shall have the control of all the property which is convey'd to her
by this will for the benefit of herself and children during her lifetime and after death it
is my will that all the property together with the increase of the Negroes shall be equally
distributed amongst all my children to be allotted upon each of them as the other property which
I give them by this will is settled. I likewise give to my wife Nancy Dix one year's provision for
her family, enough of Muley Oxen and Cows and hogs to start her farm and plantation
tools to be set apart by Commiss'rs my appointed by the Court of Ordinary like my carriage
and horses. If my wife Nancy Dix shall be inclined to move to another section of Country
it is my will that she have power to sell any part or all the lands which are hereby conveyed
to her in order to enable her to pay for another for herself and children
In addition to the property already I likewise give to my wife Nancy Dix all the household
and Kitchen furniture of every description. After my children shall have received their distribution
share of one bed and furniture at their marriage or arrival at the age of twenty one years

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah & Roberts (in addition to the six
negroes already given her) Jane a woman, Maria a woman, Matilda a girl, Albert a boy
and Kelly a girl and Charlotte a girl and their increase) another Negro Eliza a woman
in order that Sarah & Roberts may have Seven Negroes equal to the Seven negroes which
I have allotted off to my two Sons each James J. Dix and William J. Dix
and a good house and the Negro woman Eliza and the house which is hereby conveyed
to my daughter Sarah, & is given in trust to her husband Alexander Roberts
in trust for his wife and children and the six negroes and their increase

which have heretofore been given to my daughter have been settled and named as they will it is my Will that my Executrix and Executor shall purchase from my estate a home or other property for my daughter Sarah & Roberts worth Fifteen hundred dollars for her and her children alone, not subject to the claim or claims of another person whatsoever.

Item 5th It is my Will that Mary D. Roberts my Grand Daughter who has been living in my family from infancy shall be clothed and educated from my estate so long as she remains a member of my Wifes family.

Item 6th I hereby give to my beloved wife Nancy Dix in trust for my son James J. Dix the following named negroes viz. Allen a man, Mary a Woman and her child Amy Ann and Margaret a Woman and Emily a girl and Sam a boy and Isabella a child. One bed and furniture, the house and two Miles which he now has in possession. One half of my tract of land lying on Yellow jacket Creek known and distinguished as the Johnson place. One years provision for himself and family which he has already had and Stock of Cows and hogs which has already been allotted to him.

Item 7th I hereby give to my beloved wife Nancy in trust for my son William J. Dix the following named negroes viz. Parks a man, Susan a Woman and her child Andrew, Marcella a girl giving a boy, Louisa a girl & Caroline a Woman. One half of my tract of land lying on Yellow jacket Creek one good house two Miles which he now in possession and feather bed and furniture, one years provision which he has already secured together with two Cows & Calves and one half of the Stock of hogs already in his possession.

Item 8th My Executrix and Executor shall think it advisable I hereby empower them to sell or dispose of the tract of land on which I now reside in order to purchase another farm more eligible for the benefit of my wife and children.

Item 9th It is my Will that the whole of my negro property (after the legacies set apart in this Will shall be settled) and my youngest child then living shall marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years, shall be equally divided amongst all my living children or the children of them may be dead share and share alike. The property which is conveyed to my daughter Sarah & Roberts by this item of this will shall be held by my eldest Son James J. Dix as Trustee for my said Daughter and her children. Should there be any Monies or notes on hand at the time of the death contemplated by this item of this will I desire that my beloved wife Nancy Dix shall have her distribution share of such money or notes and the balance of the rest of the Money and land divided amongst all my living children share and share alike.

Item 10th I will that each of my younger children when they shall marry or because of the age of twenty one years shall have in addition to the sum negroes herein set apart fifteen hundred dollars to enable them to purchase a tract of land equal in value to the lands I leave my two Sons James J. Dix and William J. Dix and the fifteen hundred Dollars given my Executrix and Executor in trust for my daughter Sarah & Roberts and her children.

Item 11th All property which is hereby given to my sons at their marriage or arrival at the age of twenty one years shall be held in trust for them by my wife until she shall think proper to give up the trusteeship to them.

Nor shall any portion of property conveyed by this be taken to pay any debt or debts contracted by any one of the legatees without the free consent of my wife during her trusteeship. And should my wife Nancy Dix before my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries it is my will that William J. Dix be and hereby appointed Trustee for my other Sons in her stead.

Item 12th I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Nancy Dix and my son William J. Dix my Executrix and Executor to this my last will and testament.

Georgia December Term 1858 of Gray Court of Ordinary
Gray County Came into Open Court at the regular Term of the Court
Robert A. J. Reddley and Daniel Ward and being duly Sworn depose
~~that they saw James Dix sign and publish the Within as his last Will~~
and Testament while of sound and disposing Mind That they witnessed
the same for him at his request and in his presence and of each other
and that they saw John C. Cottle sign the same as a Witness at the same time
and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports
to have been executed
Sworn to and Subscribed before me in K. A. J. Reddley
open Court December Term 1858 Daniel Ward
Sam'l Bentright Ord'r

Georgia Count of Ordinary December Term 1858
Gray County The Will of James Dix being produced in
open Court by the Executrix and Executor therein named and
having been satisfactorily proven before me by Robert A. J. Reddley and
Daniel Ward two of the Subscribing Witnesses unto it is ordered by the
Court that the Will be admitted to record as satisfactorily proven in
common form And that the Executrix Nancy Dix and the Executor
William J. Dix have leave to qualify All of which being done
Ordered that letters Testamentary do now issue to them
December 6th 1858 Sam'l Bentright Ord'r

Recorded December 9th 1858 S. Bentright Ord'r