

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen!
Group County } I Mary Poythress of said State and County knowing
that it is appointed for all mankind to die & being
of sound mind and disposing memory to make and constitute
this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills heretofore
by me made

Item 1st I Will my soul to God who gave it me, and my body to its Mother Earth
to be by my Executors decently buried and a suitable Tomb Stone
placed over my grave and that of my son John Hardaman
Item 2nd It is my Will and desire that my two Sons William B and Francis
A Poythress have my house and lot where I now live in the Town
of Savannah together with all the furniture household & Kitchen for
and during their natural lives and should either of said sons die
then said House and lot together with the furniture to remain with
the survivor to dispose of the same to whom he may think proper by
Will

Item 3rd It is my Will and desire that my son Francis A shall have all my
real estate and that my son William B shall keep his negroes on
the same and have the use thereof or a sufficiency of the same to
work his negroes on

Item 4th It is my Will and desire that my said son Francis A have all my
negroes together with their increase also a girl Lucy claimed by
Daniel Ware which I had loaned him heretofore she is my property
and it is my Will that my said son Francis A shall also have her
It is further my Will should my son Russell B Poythress or my
daughter Sarah Jane Poythress have or meet with any misfortune
and become needy it is my Will that my said son Francis A
should make a liberal provision for them out of what I have herein
given him

Item 5th It is my Will that my said son Francis A Poythress have all my
mules, Horses, Carriage Buggy and all my stock on the plantation
of every kind whatever the same may consist also all my Cash on
hand as well as my notes accounts and all evidences of debt of
whatever the same may consist

Item 6th It is my Will and desire that my said son Francis A Poythress
shall have my growing crop of Corn, Cotton and every thing else
also that he shall have all the residue of my Estate be the same
of whatever character it may consist Intestimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal and declared this
to be my last & Will and Testament in the presence of
Having forgotten to name my Executors to carry into execu-
tion this Will It is my Will & desire that my two friends
Samuel Leavright & Henry Long be and they are hereby
nominated my Executors to execute this my last Will & Testament
It is further my Will & desire that the property herein before given
to my said son Francis A Poythress be held by him for and
during his natural life not to be subject in any manner whatever
to be taken from him for the payment of debts nor to be disposed of
by him in any manner whatever except by Will and it is my Will
that he have the power of over the same to dispose of the same by
Will or Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal and declared this to be my last Will and Testament this the
sixth day of September eighteen hundred & fifty four in the
presence of
Mary Poythress (S)

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Lewis Hines
Albert C. Cox
W. D. Follen

Georgia Court of Ordinary January Term 1855
Forsyth County } Samuel Martright one of the Executors nominated
 } therein having produced a paper writing purporting to
 } be the last Will & Testament of Mary Poythress late of said County for
 } Probate in Common form and the same being duly proven on the Oath
 } of said Executor It is Considered and adjudged by the Court that
 } said paper writing is proven to be the last Will and Testament of said
 } Mary Poythress dead in Common form only and that it be admitted to
 } record as such and that this Order shall not be used in any manner
 } to the prejudice of any person requiring said Will to be proven hereafter
 } in Solemn form. It is further ordered that Letters Testamentary be accord-
 } ingly given to said Samuel Martright on his taking the Oath prescribed
 } by Law in Open Court and said Oath being taken Letters accordingly
 } issued It is further ordered that Edmund S. Harris Thomas J. Greenwell
 } Albert C. Cox Lewis Hines and Alexander Roberts be and they are
 } hereby appointed to appraise said Estate in Terms of the Law
 } Wiley H. Hines Ordinary

Recorded January 9th 1855
Wiley H. Hines ordinary