

Last Will & Testament of Nathan Truitt Dec^d

State of Georgia ~~County~~ In the Name of God Amen
 Group County I Nathan Truitt Senior of the Said
 County & State being of Sound & disposing
 mind & memory and wishing also to make such disposition of
 my property after death as I think will be for the best interest of
 my & child do make and ordain this as my last will and testament
 hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me

Item 1st

I desire after death that my body be buried in a decent &
 Christianlike manner suitable to my circumstances & condition in
 life My Soul I Commend to God who gave it

Item 2nd

I desire that all my just debts be paid after my decease as soon
 as circumstances will permit & I request my Executors hereinafter
 appointed to use such discretion in so doing as will be best for the
 interest of my Estate

Item 3rd

I give and bequeath unto my beloved & trusty friend Samuel J.
 Ellis my old & faithful Slave to wit. Jim Sam George the
 blacksmith. Cyrus Jordan Isaac Stacey Henry Whitley Jimmy and
 Harlow together with three good Mules a good New horse Wagon
 Six Months Supply of provisions & two hundred acres of land of the Hopson
 place to be selected by him. Which Said ~~negroes~~ ^{negroes} & other property
 are to be delivered to the Said Samuel J. Ellis after the death of
 my wife Elizabeth Truitt And I do hereby give & bequeath it to him
 in trust & for the purposes hereinafter specified to wit the Said
 negroes I give to him for the purpose of providing for and taking care
 of them during their natural lives. With the right of using &
 cultivating the Said land & other property so given for the benefit
 use & support of Said Slaves. the Said Slaves to be kindly
 treated by him & to work & cultivate Said land for their support
 & if Said two hundred ^{acres} should not be sufficient by cultivation
 to support Said negroes I desire that the Said Samuel J. Ellis
 shall cultivate with Said negroes as much more of Said Hopson
 place as will be sufficient for that purpose. and in the
 event of the death of the Said Samuel J. Ellis before all of
 Said negroes shall depart this life then it is my will & desire
 that my nephew James Truitt shall take & hold Said negroes
 land & other property given to the Said Ellis for the same
 purpose

Item 4th

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Truitt the
 place & plantation where I now live known as the Pannin
 Place & a small tract of land bought by me from Samuel
 Albers adjoining it together with fifty negroes to be selected by her
 from my negroes also provisions sufficient for one years support
 a sufficient number of Mules horses hogs cattle tools Waggons
 household & kitchen furniture necessary to keep up Said farm
 which Said plantation tract of land negroes & other property
 I gave and bequeath to my Said wife for & during her
 natural life and after her death I direct that after the
 forward

payment of One thousand Dollars and of it to my Nephew James Truitt the balance & remainder of it shall be equally divided between my daughter Elizabeth Willis & her children. the thousand Dollars to be paid after the death of my wife to the said James Truitt as soon as it can be done without injury to the balance of said property this Given to my wife as aforesaid I give & bequeath to my said Nephew James Truitt absolutely

Item 2nd

I give and bequeath to my Nephew Nathan Truitt Junior the Sum of Twelve Hundred & fifty Dollars to be paid to him by my Executors as soon after my death as can be done conveniently & without unnecessary injury to my Estate

Item 3rd

All the balance & remainder of my property of Every description Lands Negroes Money Chases in action accounts & every thing else left after the payment of debts & legacies above specified & the provision made for my wife I give and bequeath to my said daughter Elizabeth Willis for and during her natural life free from the debts liabilities & contracts of my husband that she may have and after her death I direct that said property together with the natural increase thereof shall be equally divided among the children of said Elizabeth Willis Share & Share alike

Item 4th

I nominate & appoint my trust Francis William D Alexander of Pike County & Asaiah Winbush of Surry County Executors to this my last will & Testament -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this December the 18th eighteenth A.D. 1808

Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of us

Nathan Truitt

Henry Long
Wm B Henderson
B. C. Ferrell
Thos C Miller

State of Georgia Court of Ordinary February
Surry County Term 1808

In open Court appeared William C Henderson B. C. Ferrell & Thomas C Miller who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Nathan Truitt sign Seal publish & declare the paper writing propounded to be his last will and Testament that they at his request attested the same as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and each other and that at the time he was of sound and disposing mind & memory and did the same freely & voluntarily without Compulsion of any kind to the best of their knowledge & belief Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 5th Feby 1808

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W C Henderson
B C Ferrell
Thos C Miller

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And Hesakiah B. Winbush the Executor nominated in Said Will having duly propounded the same & produced Said witnesses demands probate of the same. Therefore it is Ordered and Adjudged by the Court that Said paper Writing be admitted to Record as the last will & Testament of Nathan Smith dec'd, as duly proven and that Letters Testamentary do issue to Said Hesakiah B. Winbush as the Executor thereof upon his taking the oath prescribed by law and he having taken Said oath Letters were granted him accordingly and H. A. J. Bidley W. P. Branks Wm O. Henderson Peter A. Hearb & James H. Callaway be appointed appraisers of Said Estate
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Recorded Feb'y 10th 1856 O. Overright - Ory

State of Georgia } In the name of God
 Spauld County } Amen.
 I Green Cofield of the State and County aforesaid of Middle age and now afflicted and knowing that I must soon or later depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make distribution of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me I do therefore make this my last Will and Testament thereby revoking all others heretofore made by me
 Item first. I desire that my body should be buried in a decent and Christian like manner according to my circumstances
 Item second. I desire that all my just debts be paid without delay as there is no reason why there should be any delay
 Item third. I desire that my estate be kept together during the natural life or in our blood of my wife or until my estate should become of age If my wife should marry I desire that my entire estate should be valued by Commissioners appointed by the Court for that purpose and be distributed in share drawn out and the remainder to remain together until the eldest child becomes of age then the estate to be appraised and his or her distributive share drawn out and so on until they all of age and receive their distributive share of my entire estate
 Item fourth. I desire that my executors should sell all the lands owned by me in the State of Alabama or any other species of property