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State of Georgia In the name of God amen!
Troup County I Thomas Heester of said State
and County being of advanced age knowing that I
must shortly depart this life deem it right and
proper both as respects my Family myself that I
should make a disposition of the property with which
a kind providence has blessed me do therefore make
this my last will and testament hereby revoking
all others heretofore made by me.

1st Item - I desire and direct that my body be buried
in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to
my Circumstances and Condition in life. My Soul
I trust shall return to rest with God who gave
it as I hope for eternal Salvation through the
merits & atonement of the blessed Lord Jesus
Christ.

2nd Item - I desire and direct that all my just
debts be paid without delay as I am unwilling
my Creditors should be delayed in their rights
especially as there is no necessity for delay.

3rd Item - I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Sarah Heester with whom I have lived for
many years past for and during her natural life
(and that being her desire also) my negro man Jeff
of rather yellow complexion some forty years of age
my negro man Richmond some thirty years of age
of dark complexion, Tel (alias William) my
negro man some twenty five years of age of yellow
complexion, my negro man Jack some twenty
seven years of age of dark complexion my negro
boy Harry some eighteen years of age of rather
dark complexion, my negro boy Anthony some six
or seven years of age of yellow complexion my negro
woman Charlotte some thirty five years of age of dark
complexion, my negro girl Polly (alias Julia) some
seven or eight years of age yellow complexion one
thousand dollars in American Gold and one
Horn Suggy to be procured and purchased by &
with sufficient of my Estate before any other dispo-
sition thereof and at the death of my said wife said
property to be equally divided between my son
herein after named in right of himself & as I may
for my daughters herein after named & all their
children which they now have or may hereafter have
by their present or any future husbands and my
deceased daughter Louisa Sarah Scott formerly
Sarah Heester two children to wit Servy Scott &
Sarah Scott my two said grand children to
receive thereof only as much as their said mother
were she in life.

4th Item - The residue of my property both real
and personal wherever & whatever it may be in-
cluding that given to my beloved wife Sarah Heester

during her natural life (after her estate therein is over)
I give bequeath and devise to my son George M. Hester
my three daughters now in life to wit Martha
Ephraim (formerly Martha Hester) Mary Ann
Sever (formerly Mary Ann Hester) Camilla
Hester (formerly Camilla Hester) and Leroy Scott
Sarah Scott the two children of my deceased
daughter to wit Sarah Scott, as aforesaid shall
I have alike - the said portion of my said property
so given to my said living daughters above
named to be to them and all their children
respectively free from the disposition of their present
or any future husband and the said property
given to my two said Grand children to wit
Sarah Scott aforesaid to be but one share to
just what their said mother would be entitled
to receive now she in life - And I the said testator
do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my
son to wit George M. Hester trustee of for my
said living daughters and their said children
aforesaid to receive and manage their distributive
share of my said estate respectively in trust
for them as aforesaid to the best advantage - My
said Grand children to wit Leroy and Sarah
Scott having already a Guardian I deem it
hence unnecessary to appoint any trustee for
any of their said distributive share above named
of them - In addition to what I have already
given in this my last will and testament to
Leroy Scott & Sarah Scott to wit my two said
Grand children aforesaid my will and desire is
that they each receive from my said estate
after my decease the further and additional sum
of three hundred dollars each which will make
distributive share together about equal with
distributive share of each of my now living children
as I have given each one of my said living
children property already to the amount of five
hundred dollars and the said distributive share
of my said estate so given herein to the said
Leroy Scott & Sarah Scott to wit my two said
Grand children as aforesaid is in full and entire
satisfaction of the distributive share of my said
estate to which their said mother (or their share
in right of their said mother or them) would
have been entitled was she in life.

5th Item My will and desire is that there
should be no administration with the will
referred upon my estate if it be possible for
(my estate) to be distributed in manner aforesaid
said without it legally - Nor shall I appoint
any executor to this my last will testament
Signed sealed & published by Thomas Hester

his last will & testament in the presence of us the
Subscribers who Subscribed our names hereto in
the presence of said Testator (at his special
instance and request) and of each other this the
fifth day of January Eighteen hundred & fifty

The word "give" the word "I" and the word "her"
in the second page herof, the word "it" on the
third page herof, and the word "there" the word
"he" and the word "it" on the fourth page herof
all being respectively intended before assigned

Test
William Boyd } Thomas Hester L.P.
David Davidson }
Neal K. Wilkinson }
Hiram Dennis J.P.

Georgia } Superior Court Sitting for Ordinary
Troup County } purposes
September Term 1850

Personally appeared in open Court William
Boyd, David Davidson & Neal K. Wilkinson
Subscribing witnesses to the last will & testament
of Thomas Hester dec'd who being duly sworn
saith that they saw the said Thomas Hester
sign seal publish and declare the annexed
will to be his last will and testament & that
they Subscribed the same as witnesses in the pres-
ence of the said testator, and that he was at
the time of signing said will of sound and
disposing mind & memory and that he execu-
ted the same freely voluntarily & of his own
will and accord so far as they know or believe
and that they also saw Hiram Dennis sign
the same as a witness

Sworn to & Subscribed
in open Court this the } William Boyd
2nd day of September } Neal K. Wilkinson
1850 } David Davidson
Wiley Wilson c.co }

The annexed will of Thomas Hester having
been duly proven in open Court by the oath of
William Boyd, Neal K. Wilkinson & David
Davidson three of the Subscribing witnesses thereto
It is on motion Ordered that the said will
be admitted to record as the last will & testament
of the said Thomas Hester dec'd

Robt. J. Morgan J.L.C.
John Reid J.L.C.
J. W. Swanson J.L.C.
Robt. D. A. Sharp J.L.C.

Recorded 5th Sept 1850