

Upson County 3 } I John S Hightower being infirm in body but of
State of Georgia 3 } sound mind & disposing memory (Thanks to God for
his favours and mercies) do constitute & ordain the following my
last Will & Testament thereof Viz -

First, I wish all my just debts to be paid

Second, I will that my property be equally divided between my wife
Sophia and each & all of my Children, except One Thousand
dollars as herein after prescribed & given

Third, I will that my ^{wife} shall have as her part of negro property three
negroes viz Ben. Evaline & Matilda with their increase at their
appraised value

Fourth, I will that all my Children's negroes & such stock and farming
apparatus as will be necessary to carrying on the farm be kept
together for two years under the supervision of an overseer or if
thought advisable by my Executor until one of my Children
becomes of age or marries, at which time in either case I will
an equal distribution as above in second section named

Fifth, I will that the proceeds of the farm be for the support of my Children

Sixth, I will that my wife by keeping the above mentioned three
negroes to work on the farm, may remain the said two years
at & on my present residence sharing equally with the Children
in support & profit, or otherwise she shall have only a ratable
proportion of the income of the farm as her proportion of interest
may be according to the appraisement of my Estate had by
her on the farm

Seventh, I will that the property I give to my daughters shall not
be subject to the debts of, nor liable to be wasted by their
Husbands, but shall be for the benefit of my Daughters & that
of their Child or Children, That such perishable property not
necessary to the farm be sold

Eighth, I will that should they or either of them die without natural heirs
in a Child or Children, then property shall be distributed as though she
or they had never married

Ninth, I appoint & ordain my Father and my Brother James M
Hightower executors to this my last will

Tenth, As in the second section referred to, I will One Thousand
dollars at the time when a general distribution is made as in the
fourth section prescribed - to my wife Sophia

In Witness of which

I have this twenty third of October Eighteen hundred
and forty three subscribed my name & affixed my seal
Signed Sealed & acknowledged
in presence of
Milton Rivine
Francis Rivine
William J. Willis

John V. Hightower

Georgia
Upson County

Court of Ordinary March Term 1844.

The within last will and Testament of
John V. Hightower deceased having been proven in
open Court by Francis Rivine, Milton Rivine and
William J. Willis the subscribing witnesses thereto
It is ordered, that the same be admitted to record
and that letters Testamentary do issue to James Hightower
Senior and James M. Hightower the Executors therein
named

Wm. A. Cobb clk co

Registered this 6th day of March 1844
Wm. A. Cobb clk