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- In the name of God Amen
I Thomas Rivers of said State and County being of a advanced
age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper
both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of
the property with which a kind providence has blessed me. So therefore make this my
last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.
- 1 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 and my body to the dust
from whence it came.
 - 2 Item I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my
executors hereinafter appointed as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed
in their rights.
 - 3 Item I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Mary with whom I have
lived in quietness for a great while a certain portion of the plantation whereon
I now live (to wit) North and West of the Lane as it now runs including the
house and all the household furniture and plantation tools.
 - 4 Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife for and during her natural
life my Negro woman by the name of Sarah and a boy by the name of
Isiah and the choice horse that there may be on the plantation and
four Cows and calves and fifteen head of hogs such as she may choose all
to remain hers during her natural life or widowhood (only) then to be disposed
of in the same like manner as I dispose of the remainder part of the
property which is as followeth.
 - 5 Item I direct that the remainder part of my property be ~~made~~ in six
Equal shares (to wit) one share to my son William one share to my daughter
Harnett Megshee one share to my daughter Susan Raborn one share to my
son Thomas S Rivers one share to my son John S Rivers one share to my
son Francis M Rivers I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons John
F Rivers and Francis M Rivers executors to this my last will and
testament hereby revoking all other or any former will be me made
this thirteenth day of March 1847.

Thos Rivers (L.S.)

Signed sealed declared and published by Thomas Rivers as his last will
and testament in the presence of as the subscribers who subscribed our names
hereto in the presence of said testator (at his special instance and request)
and of each other this March the thirteenth day 1847

W. A. Walker
Carter Newsome
Mayberry Howell

Georgia } you Hiram N. Walker & Mayberry Howell do swear
 that you saw the within named Thomas Rivers sign, seal,
 publish and declare this instrument of writing to be & contain his last
 will and testament & that at the time thereof he was in your opinion &
 belief of sound and disposing mind & memory and that he did it freely
 without compulsion & that Carter Newson was a subscribing witness
 to the same with yourselves and that you all become subscribing wit-
 nesses to said instrument in his presence and in the presence of each
 other and at the request of said testator to the best of your knowledge
 I help you God.

Sworn to in open
 Court September 3^d 1849
 Patrick N. Maddox C. C. O.

H. N. Walker
 Mayberry Howell

Recorded for
 P. N. Maddox C. C. O. Sept 8th 1849.

In the Name of God Amen

Knowing that it is appointed unto Man once to die and being of sound
 mind and a well disposing memory.

Item 1st It is my will for my burial expences and all my just debts
 to be first paid

2nd I give to my beloved wife Susan Hill all the property both personal and
 real that I may die seized and possess of during her widowhood or until
 the youngest child becomes of age, then an equal division between her and
 them. If she should die before the youngest child becomes of age then an
 equal division between each of the children.

3rd It is my will that my Executors take my property in hand sell and buy as
 they may think best for the children the Increase or gain being for their mutual
 benefit and use.

4th It is my will that my children should be reared in a Godlike Manner and
 have a good plain Education.

I hereby appoint my Beloved wife my Executrix to carry this my last
 will and Testament into Effect.

Signed on the thirteenth day of February A.D. 1839.

Witness

Richard B. Ashby
 Jesse M. Elliott
 Chichester & Smallwood
 his mark

Sion Hill (Seal)