

Brice Chambers

"In the name of Almighty God Amen"

I Brice Chambers of the County of Washington and State of Georgia being of sane mind and memory, and deeply impressed with the uncertainty of this mortal life; have made this day my last Will and Testament

First I desire that all my just debts should be well and truly paid
Second I give to my Wife Mrs Anna Chambers one half acre of Land to be laid off at the Grave Yard, where her Parents are buried, for the purpose of a burying place for herself and her Brothers and Sisters, and their companions and posterity forever

Thirdly I wish my Slaves all kept and employed for my wifes support so long as she lives, and as it is thought that she is so much impaired in mind that she can never manage her own affairs, I desire mine Executor to employ a proper person for my said Wife Mrs Anna Chambers; and have her Crops made yearly, or here and there some of the Slaves, and rent some of the Lands out for her benefit, (if it is thought necessary) and keep all my goods and Chattels, live stock, farming Tools &c for the purpose of raising and increasing live stock for the support of said Mrs Anna Chambers, and said Slaves so long as she lives unless my debtors should fail to pay mine estate in so much that some of the live stock should have to be sold to settle my present debts; which I hope will not be the case, And have her affairs managed economically, so long as she the said Mrs Anna Chambers shall live, and at and after her death, I desire that all my goods and Chattels live stock left, Household and kitchen furniture farming tools and other valuables, sold, and the proceeds thereof together with my supplied money that may have been left, in supporting my Wife, and accumulated previous to her death, gathered together, I desire mine Executor to cause what is Commonly called a Brick Tomb, to be made over each of the Graves of Philip Dickens, Dorothy Dickens, and Mrs Anna Chambers and my own Grave wherever we may be buried, say five graves in number, and pay for said Tomb out of the same, and whatever is left, I give entirely to my Nephew Henry B. Chambers, who is a son of my Brother Mr Ira Chambers of this County.

Fourthly, Also at the death of my wife Mrs Anna Chambers I give all and each of the following named Slaves, Wasmah a woman about forty two years old and her son Leevi a about fourteen years old, and Kealia a woman about 32, three years old and her son George about seven years old and her daughter Vilina about five years old, and Cayer a boy eleven years old, and Harry a boy about nine years old, seven Slaves in number, to my said Nephew, Henry B. Chambers, who is now a minor, and son of my Brother Mr Ira Chambers, of this County, as well as for my natural love and affection for him as for his bearing my name Brice Chambers.

Fifthly— Also at the death of my beloved wife, I give my negro girl Sarah about fifteen years old, with all her future increase to my Nephew Miss Elizabeth Neal who is now a minor, and daughter of Mr Jordan F. Neal and Mrs Morra Neal, according to my Wifes expressed wishes.

Sixthly— At the death of my beloved Wife Mrs Anna Chambers I desire my Plantation and premises here divided, giving half of said lands and premises to mine aforesaid Nephew, Henry B. Chambers and son of my Brother Mr Ira Chambers, and the other half of said Lands and premises, I give to

Price Chambers

Thomas Neal and James Neal, who are now miners and sons of the late John Neal & Mrs Maria Neal, the Sister of my Wife, one half to each of them

And I appoint my trusty friend William H. Armstrong of this County, sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament, reposing full Confidence in him; to administer the same according to my wishes. And I do hereby revoke and annul all former Wills by me at any time made, and do by these presents acknowledge and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament with its lines and interlines written with mine own hand and signed with my signature; this 19th day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in our presence, and signed by each of us in his presence and also signed in the presence of each other,

Jas H Gilmore
 Joseph Forbes
 W H Buck.
 W F Bygones

Edward B Hook

I Edward B Hook of the County of Washington and State of Georgia - being about to depart to the seat of War, from which I may not return alive, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament

Item 1st After the payment of all my just debts, I do will and bequeath to my Nephew Edward B Hook, son of my brother James B Hook, my negro woman Annetta (at this time in Augusta and her increase, And also all my Land in South Western Georgia, And in case of the death of my Nephew, the said Edward B, without children or a child, My Will and desire is that the above named property shall go to be given to, and vest in my said brother James B Hook

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my Father's Mother my negro woman Merveth and her two children Henry & Louis and all her further increase, together with all the balance of my property whatsoever.

I appoint my brother James B Hook Executor of this my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I the said Edward B Hook to this my Will have set my hand and seal this 6th day of November 1861

Edward B Hook (S)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Edward B Hook as his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request in presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses here

W H Carter
 W F Blake
 M H Newman