

Churchill's Wills

Georgia

Washington County } In the name of God Amen.

I Churchill J. Hines of the county and State afore said being advanced in age, but of a sound and disposing mind, - I calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and desiring to make some testamentary disposition of what effects a kind providence has blessed me - do make and declare this my last will and testament revoking all others previously made.

Item 1st - I desire my body buried in a decent and christian manner suitable to my circumstances and condition and direct the payment of my just debts by my executors hereinafter mentioned without delay.

Item 2nd - I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth for and during her natural life, my plantation on which I am now living containing seven hundred & twenty acres together with the plantation tools of every description also my 2 mules my horse called John Baskomb and my black mare called Duella three cows & calves of her own selection three sows and pigs such as she may choose twenty head of fattening hogs twenty head of sheep of her own selection Also one cart and yoke of oxen one road waggon and harness Blacksmith tools gin and gin gear with all the production that may be on my plantation at the time of my death either gathered or maturing I also give unto my wife with the same conditions as above mentioned (for life) the following negroes (to wit) Bill, Howell, Lloyd, Lehip, Jack, Sherrod, Sidney, Senah, Creasey, Caroline and Mary Ann and at the death of my wife I give Bill and Creasey unto any one of my children that they may choose as their owners. The increase of the above mentioned property is hereby given unto my wife with power to dispose of the same by will or otherwise as she may see proper. The old woman Doc and her idiotic daughter remain in the possession of my wife and at her death let out to the lowest bidder among my children or my Executor.

Item 3rd - I have given property to my children Amariah T. Morgan, Ferdinand W. Hines, William H. Hines and Richard W. Hines each property amounting to eight hundred and forty six dollars.

Item 4th - I give unto my son Augustus C. Hines my negro boy by the name of Melton valued by me at seven hundred and twenty five dollars & one colt named Benton

Item 5th - I give to my son Samuel W. Hines one negro boy by the name of George valued at six hundred dollars

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Item 6th I give unto my daughter Josephine Alberta a negro girl named Rachel valued at five hundred dollars and one black filly named Adalade worth one hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 7th I give unto my daughter Amazon Menora one negro girl by the name of Olive valued at five hundred dollars and one filly by the name of Yellow Flower of the Hammock valued at one hundred and fifty dollars.

My four youngest children I desire to remain with their mother until they marry at which time I desire my Executor to make them in property up equal in amount with my older children taking the valuation which I have placed upon the property as set forth in this will as the criterion by which one is to be governed and controlled.

Item 8th At the death of my wife I desire all the property which I have given to her for life to be equally divided between my children the children of my deceased daughter Mrs. Morgan.

Item 9th If any of the legates mentioned in this will should sue my Estate or my son Leonidas for and on account of any interest which they may claim to have in the Estate of my son Francis then and in that event it is my will that they shall have nothing from my Estate and that which is set apart for them shall be equally divided among my other children.

Item 10th After the death of my wife it is my will and desire that the portion of the property which will fall to my two daughters shall rest in my son Leonidas as their trustee the title remaining in him so long as he may see proper but should he think proper to put the same into the power and control of the husbands of my daughters then he shall be at liberty to do so.

Item 11th I hereby appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth and my son Leonidas as Executor of this my last and testament this 26th December 1855.

Signed sealed and executed

in presence of
William R. Taylor

John Bells

William L. Brown (Jr.)

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