

Georgia Army at Savannah

I Jasper W Evans late of Washington County being in sound mind but feeble in body do make this my last Will and Testament, First my Will and desire is that my Mother Mrs Mary Blackburn, shall hold and retain in her possession for her special benefit, my plantation where she now resides with all the appurtenances thereto belonging during her natural life, and after my mother's death to be sold and divided between my Brother William & John.

2nd I do appoint and desire my Brother William I and William Good to take charge of the business and settle off with my just debts and the debts of J W Evans Brother.

3rd My desire is that after my Estate is fully settled up that the remainder after my Estate be equally divided between my Brother William I and John I Evans and Mary W Percy and Rebecca Mulinda Blackburn, and in case either of the above legacies should die before a settlement is made by my Executors the distribution to be made with the survivors at this time of settlement.

4th I also leave my Buggy for the Usefulness of my Mother if she deems it of use to be sold and proceeds divided as before divided equally.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of April One thousand eight hundred and forty two

J W Evans

at R. Evans

Kent's & Hollisfield

J W Evans

Elizabeth F Barksdale

Georgia Washington County

In the name of God Amen

I Elizabeth F Barksdale of said State and County bearing the uncertainty of human life and that I may at any time depart from this world deem it right and proper both as respects myself and my family, that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, I therefore make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others made by me.

Item first I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and Condition, my last I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for eternal salvation through the blood of Christ and eternal life through Christ, when religion shall prospered and flourish most enjoyed for many years.

Item second I desire and direct all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter named, as I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed of their rights especially as there is no receipt for delay.

Item third I give and bequeath to my son William I in the manner hereinafter specified the tract of land on which I now reside containing one hundred and sixty acres to his own benefit and behoof forever.

Item fourth I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Barksdale my young woman my old sixteen years of age in the manner hereinafter specified.

Elizabeth P. Richardsdale

In her own proper use and benefit.

Item fifth I give and bequeath to my Grand Children William E. Henry Mary & Kennedy and Ann E. Kennedy in the manner hereafter specified my negro woman Fanny to their own proper use and benefit.

Item sixth I desire and direct that the property above bequeathed be kept together in the land together with the Stock of Cows Hogs and Hens and plantation tools and to be worked for the benefit of the family and to provide a home and support for my three Grand Children above named until the youngest one of them becomes past years of age & then desire and direct that the property be divided according to the will of them.

Item seventh I give and bequeath to my son William P. if living at the time of the Execution of the property above named all the Stock of Cattle Hens Horses plantation tools provisions and all kind produce to the place of his own proper use and benefit. And if he is not living at the time I desire and direct that all the property mentioned in this item be sold and the proceeds divided between the legatees giving to my three Grand Children above named an equal share.

Item eighth I constitute and appoint my son William P. and my Brother James M. Palmer Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

Elizabeth P. Richardsdale

Signed sealed declared and published by *Elizabeth P. Richardsdale* in her last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers who subscribed hereto in the presence of said testator and of each other this 6th 1864.

James Henry

James Henry

James M. Palmer

William P. Richardsdale

George Wayne & *Victor* that of Georgia and with due State of Georgia & make this my last Will and Testament in a sound and disposing mind. In the name of God Amen.

Item I resign my body to the Lord when it comes and my soul to God who gave it.

Item 2^d I hereby give to my Wife *Elizabeth P. Richardsdale* all my personal and real Estates Household and plantation furniture Stock of all kinds of tools of every description during her natural lifetime to be disposed of as she may think best and every thing else belonging to me not here mentioned I do hereby Will to my Wife *Elizabeth P. Richardsdale* this 17th day of June 1864.

William P. Richardsdale

William P. Richardsdale

James M. Palmer

James Henry