

Hopewell Hooks

Georgia Washington County — October the 23rd 1862

I Hopewell Hooks being in feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind knowing that it is appointed for all must die and wishing to make some disposition of the effects that God has so kindly bestowed in my hand do make this my last Will and testament,

1st That all just debts that may be outstanding against me at the time of my death shall be paid so soon as may be convenient after my death.

2nd It is my Will for all the property of which I may be possessed at the time of my death over and above ~~my~~ the payment of my just debts, shall remain in the hands of my beloved Wife Sarah I Hooks during her natural life, of which she is to have full and entire Control which she is to use for the support of herself and that of our children all of which are to share in the same so far as their support is concerned as long as they may remain together. But if any one of the children should see fit to leave or should become lawfully married, It is my Will that my Wife Sarah I, shall be allowed to give off to such child or children as may be disposed to leave her any amount of property that she may conveniently spare, provided however that she shall not give to any one child a larger amount than will be left to each and all the remaining ones.

3rd It is my Will that at the death of my Wife Sarah I, there shall be an equal distribution among all my children of the property of which I may be possessed at the time of my death.

4th I do hereby appoint my friend and Brother in Law William I Harrison Executor to this my last Will and testament.

Signed and sealed November 11th 1862

In presence of
William I Harrison
John G Bulgham
James Bulgham

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