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and children dying leaving child or children, then they are to take the same equal part of that the Parent if in life would be entitled to further I desire and direct that any and all property drawn by any Daughter of mine, shall be held and considered as her separate and distinct estate free from the contrall of any Husband they may marry to be held in trust by James Worthington Meadours for them during their natural lives, and at their death to be equally divided between the children if any; But should any of my Daughters die leaving no child or representation of child, then her property to revert to my estate, and be equally divided between my other children and their representations, and in the event of the trustee herein appointed either before or after my death I desire that one be appointed by the Court of Chancery

Item Lastly I appoint and constitute my friend Thomas H Polhill my sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I the said James R Meadows to this my Will have set my hand and Seal this 30th day of December 1859.

James R Meadows

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named James R Meadows as his last Will and Testament in presence of us who at his request in his presence and the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereunto

Thos H Polhill
Joseph H Polhill
Jno F Worthington
Robert R Memphis

Lewis Durdan

In the name of God Amen

Know all men by these presents, that I Lewis Durdan of the State of Georgia and County of Washington, brought to mind, it was once appointed for all men to die and after death to judgement.

First I recommend my Soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently buried at the disposal of my Executor, as touching this world goods that God has blessed me with

Item the first, I have give and bequeath to my Daughter Fatiema Blizard two hund (and) acres of Land lying on the West side of Deepstep Creek, beginning at the mouth of the meeting Branch, running up the meeting House Branch, to the Hickory Corner in Deepstep up to the beginning said Tract of land to be kept for a home for my Daughter Fatiema Blizard during her natural life, after death to be equally divided between her children that may then be living exempt from Mr Blizard or any body else debt, I also leave my Daughter Fatiema Blizard one negro girl Chancy to be kept and disposed of in the same of the land

Lewis Durdin

From the Second, I give leave and bequeath to my Daughter Beedy Fuller two hundred and fifty acres of land lying on the East side of Deep Step adjoining the lands Major Croom lives on, I also give my Daughter Beedy Fuller one negro girl Kelly to be kept with the land for the sole use and benefit of my Daughter Beedy Fuller, exempt from the debts of Richard Fuller and all other persons.

From the third, I leave give and bequeath to my Son James Durdin the following named negroes to wit Samuel a Boy, Charles a Boy, Wiley a Boy, Ben a Boy, Charley a Woman, Adamma Boy, Myra Boy, Billy a Boy, Mills a Boy, with all my land not otherwise disposed of together with all my stock, Household and Kitchen furniture, Cotton Gin Black Tools provided said James does well and Comfortably support me and his mother during our natural lives.

From the fourth, I leave give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Griffin One hundred acres of land lying bordering to John P Griffin adjoining Matthew Durdin land, I also leave my Daughter Mary Griffin one negro girl Nancy, I also wish the above land and negro to be kept free from the debts of John P Griffin said wife of my daughter Mary.

From the sixth I also leave give and bequeath to my Son Matthew Durdin one negro man Peter, I have already given Matthew a proportionable share.

From the Seventh, I also give my Daughter Lydia Furber five Dollars in Cash.

From the Eighth I also leave Piel Chambers five Dollars in Cash.

From the Ninth, I also leave Riley Durdin Children five Dollars to be equally divided betwixt the four children to wit Waines Durdin Miles Durdin Mary Durdin Jennett Butler.

From the Ninth, I leave give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Cass Ann Perkins One negro Boy, Isaac one feather Bed and sheet at the death of myself and her Grand Mother.

I Also make Constitute and Ordain my Son James Durdin my sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament this 28th day of August 1860.

Signed in presence of
Bryant Aquam
Charles Thompson
William H Stanley

Lewis Durdin

Amended, made by

M. Sherman Ordinary N.C. on 7th December 1892

them is in the original of this Will reads:

I have give and bequeath to my daughter Abigail Blizard Two hundred and acres of land on the westside Deep Step creek, beginning at mouth of Chertney branch, running up the Chertney house branch to the Hickory corner to Black Swamp in Deep Step creek, from Deep Step up to the beginning.

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