

William Archer

State of Georgia

Washington County In the name of God Amen,

I William Archer of the said State and County being of advanced age and knowing I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself 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 all others heretofore made by me

1st Item I desire and direct that my body be buried in decent and plain manner suitable to a plain and humble manner suitable, to a plain and humble Christian, My Soul I trust will return to God who gave it

2^d Item I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay, by my Executor hereinafter appointed, as I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed in their rights

3^d Item I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Martha for and during her natural life or so long as she remains a widow after my death only, for the purpose of Maintenance for herself and for the purpose of raising and educating my children by her my Land on which I reside in Washington County and State of Georgia on the waters of Gum Creek adjoining William W. Armstrong and others containing two hundred acres more or less And in addition thereto I also give and bequeath in like manner to my beloved wife and for like purposes my Negro woman Ara and her increase after the date of this my last Will and testament, and all the personal property money or credits that I may be possessed of at my decease not hereafter disposed of, all of which Land and personal property shall be for the use and benefit of my beloved wife and for the purpose of raising and educating the children now born or hereafter to be born to me by my said wife Martha so long as she shall remain a widow after my death and during her natural life, and upon the death of my said wife or at her decease - provided she shall not marry, said property shall remain and be equally divided among my children now born and hereafter to be born of my said wife Martha

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my sons William, Silman, and Alexander to my Daughters Elizabeth Henderson widow of Levi Henderson deceased, Sarah M. Coxe, wife of Robert J. M. Coxe, Mary M. Coxe wife of Daniel J. M. Coxe and Nancy Archer and my Grand Daughters, Mary Ann, Elvina each an equal share of the following property to wit Eve a Girl Charles a boy John A. boy, Caroline a woman and her infant child Nelson a Boy and Harwell a Boye all Slaves, It is my desire and hereby direct that the property in this item named, shall be divided among the Legates herein named, shall be divided either by sale or by valuation, or that an equal share of the proceed of sale or of the valuation thereof that may be coming to each of Daughters

Herein named and my Grand Daughters shall be converted into money with which my Executor hereinafter appointed shall purchase Land for each of my said Daughters and my said Grand Daughter and which shall constitute a separate and independent estate to each of my said Daughters and Grand Daughters free from the debts liabilities or disposal of the present or any future Husband that either of my said Daughters or Grand Daughters may have or may hereafter marry.

And the Land so purchased shall be for my Daughters and Grand Daughters benefit for and during their natural lives each to use and occupy and enjoy the proceeds thereof so long as she shall live, And at the decease of either of my said Daughters or my Grand Daughter Mary Ann Davis, the Land so purchased for her shall remain to her child or children if any. But if either of my said Daughters or my Grand Daughters should leave no child or children, the Land so purchased for her shall revert back to my Estate and be equally divided between all my children. And I hereby appoint my son William Archer Trustee of the property as to be purchased for my Daughters Elizabeth Henderson, Dicy McCoy wife Daniel A. McCoy Nancy Archer and my Grand Daughter Mary Ann Davis And I also appoint Robert J. McCoy trustee of the property to be purchased for his wife Sarah.

Ith Item I hereby constitute and appoint my son William Archer Executor of this my last Will and Testament this September 18th 1855

Wm. Archer ^{his} Seal Mark

Signed sealed declared and published by William Archer as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names here in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and of each other this September 18th 1855.

Jas H. Gilmore
Jm H. Armstrong
Wm. Watkins

Georgia } In Open Court appeared William Archer the Executor
Washington County } of the last Will and Testament of William Archer
} Cate of said County deceased and produced the said Will and Testament of said deceased and William H. Armstrong and William Watkins two of the Ministers of said Will, who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw William Archer the testator sign subscribe and publish the instrument now presented as his last Will and Testament freely voluntarily and without compulsion or ~~any~~ undue influence. That at the time of executing the same said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, that deponent signed said Will as Minister in the presence of the testator, at his special instance and request, and signed the same in the presence of us.

GIVEN to and subscribed in Open Court Dec^r 1862
St. Proctors Ordinary

William Watkins
Jm H. Armstrong