

William Buck

State of Georgia
Washington County

In the name of God Amen.

I William Buck of said State and County being of advanced age, and knowing that I must shortly depart this life, and deeming 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, do therefore make this my last will and testament fully revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1st Item - I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life, my Soul I trust will return to rest with God who gave it and hope for salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2^d Item - I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter appointed, as I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed in their rights there being no necessity for delay.

3^d Item - I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth (with whom I have lived in the utmost harmony and peace for the last forty three years), for and during her natural life only, my plantation on which I reside embracing all my lands on the West Side of Deepstep Creek, except what is hereafter disposed of to Sarah Ann Hicklin. I also give and bequeath in like manner for and during her natural life Tony a negro man about twenty three years old, Silvia a woman about thirty five years old, and her child not named, and their increase hereafter, also her choice of one or two Horses (as she pleases), one yoke of Oxen and Cart, three Cows and Calves, three head of Beef Cattle ten head of Pork Hogs, twenty head of Stock hogs, twenty head of Sheep, also meat corn and fodder as much as she wants out of what I leave, all to be her choice and as much Household and Kitchen furniture plantation tools &c. as she wants out of what I leave. So far as beds and furniture are concerned, I leave the same to be disposed of at her pleasure.

4th Item - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife forever Hilby an old negro woman and her son George a man about forty five years old and Phairby a girl about eight years old, all to be disposed of at her pleasure with this reserve that George shall wait on and maintain his mother Hilby so long as she lives.

5th Item - I give and bequeath to my Son John P. Buck in trust for his children, Jesse a negro boy about ten years old, and Caroline a girl about eight years old and their increase hereafter, To have and to hold said property unto the said John P. Buck in trust for all his children fit and during his natural life, and it is my Will and desire that my said Son John P. Buck not be held accountable to his children for any other purpose or interest or income arising from the use of said property but only for the property and its increase.

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6th Item - I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Louisa G. Rogers wife of Newton S. Rogers for and during her natural life free from the dispoisal debts or liabilities of her present or any future husband the following property to wit; Maria a woman about sixteen years old Elvick a girl about twelve years old and Bob a boy about two years old and their increase hereafter also sixty dollars in monly to be raised as shall be hereafter directed to buy her a horse, and on her decease the said property to go to her children if any, but if the said Louisa S. Rogers should die without leaving any child or children or any issue therefrom, it is my will that said property shall revert to my children and be equally divided amongst them, I hereby appoint her husband Newton S. Rogers trustee of the property herein given and bequeathed to my Grand daughter Louisa G. Rogers.

7th Item I give and bequeath to my son Seaborn W. Buck and Wright W. Buck jointly in trust for their children Issam a negro man about thirty two years old and Peggy a girl about seven years old the said trust to be held jointly so long as both shall live and agree in the trust; but on the decease of either of my said sons or on their disagreeing to hold said trust together amicably, I desire and direct that Issam and Peggy be sold and the proceeds divided equally one half to Seaborn W. Buck in trust for his children and the other half to Wright W. Buck in trust for his children, and I further desire and direct that my said sons as trustees shall not be held accountable to their children or any other person for any income or interest arising from the use of said negroes or the proceeds of their sale, but only for the principal.

8th Item - I give and bequeath to my son Seaborn W. Buck in trust for his children, Minna a woman about thirty four years old and her son Sam about one year old and their increase hereafter the said trust to continue during the natural life of my son Seaborn W. and he to be held accountable for the use and income as divided in item seventh.

9th Item - I give and bequeath to my son Wright W. Buck in the same manner as herein before given and bequeathed to my son, John at in item fifth Frank a boy about eight years old and Mary a girl about nine years old.

10th Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Brown wife of Thomas Brown for and during her natural life free from the dispoisal debts and liabilities of her present or any future husband, Maria a woman about sixteen years old and her present and future income and Harris a boy about seven years old, and on the decease of my said daughter Elizabeth the said property to go to her children by Brown her present husband, and her children by any future husband, each child to share equally.

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11th Item - I give and bequeath to my Grand children Louisa, John and William Davis children of my daughter Elizabeth Brown by her former husband Girdlessian Davis six hundred dollars in money and interest, thence from the first day of the January next after my death to be equally divided between them when the oldest becomes of age or marries, and I then by appoint my son John S. Buck trustee to receive the aforesaid bequest from my Executors hereafter appointed and keep the same at interest for their benefit, said money to be raised as shall be hereafter directed.

12th Item. I give and bequeath and devise to my daughter Sarah Ann Sticklin wife of William S. Sticklin for and during her natural life free from the disposal debts & liabilities of her present or any future husband a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Washington on the waters of Gustaf Creek adjoining Alexander Giles beginning at a poplar on old corner in a Branch and running thence to a corner in the Springhead hollow thence up the hill to the Milledgeville Road to a pine corner thence to a pine corner in a bottom thence up said bottom to a pine corner on the "Trail Road" thence with the trail Road to the Milledgeville Road again, thence with Alexander Giles line to a Branch, thence down said Branch to the beginning, all of the aforesaid lines have been recently marked out except those next to Giles & the Branch next to Edward Chal, containing by estimation one hundred and seventy five acres and so be it more or less. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or lot of land unto my daughter Sarah Ann Sticklin for and during her natural life as aforesaid free from the disposal debt and liabilities of her present or any future husband and I hereby appoint my son John S. Buck trustee of the property herein given bequeathed and devised to my daughter Sarah Ann Sticklin and authorize said trustee to let her control and use the same so long as she lives, and at her death to go to her children forever.

13th Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Ann Sticklin wife of William S. Sticklin for and during her natural life free from the disposal debts and liabilities of her present or any future husband Sam a negro boy about thirteen years old, and if it should be construed that a certain negro boy Dave shall not be embraced in a deed of gift which I have heretofore made to her, I hereby give and bequeath said boy Dave in manner aforesaid to my said daughter, also on the decease of my wife her mother I give and bequeath to my said daughter the Bureau and rocking chair with five sitting chairs, and I hereby appoint my son John S. Buck trustee of the property herein given and bequeathed, and authorize him to let my said daughter control and use the said property but see that it be not alienated or wasted, and on her decease to go to her children forever.

14th Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas J. Buck one hundred dollars to be paid by my Executors when he shall or if for it in person only at the expiration of twelve months after my decease my reason for making so small a bequest to my son Thomas J. that I think he got from the Estates of his Brothers William and Samy R.

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more than one part, of my Estate equally divided among my children would be worth and he refused to divide with his Brothers and Sisters, he having gotten as I suppose eighteen hundred or two thousand dollars and a Cold Watch from each.

15th Item - I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Cora C. Buck daughter of Seaborn W. Buck Phillis a girl about twelve years old and her increase hereafter and eight head of Cattle in her own mark. This bequest is made in consideration of a debt Sam due my said Grand daughter as her Guardian, but if it should not be repaid as a full consideration for said debt - I desire and direct my Executors hereinafter appointed to sell said Girl Phillis and appropriate enough of the proceeds thereof to pay said debt.

16th Item - I desire and hereby direct my Executors hereafter appointed to proceed as soon after my decease as shall be deemed consistent with the interest of my Estate to sell all my land in Washington County on the East side of Deepstep Creek at public sale or in any manner in such lots and on such time or on such terms to the purchaser as they may deem most advantageous to my Estate and also two lots of Land in the Cherokee Territory drawn by my sons William and James A. Buck and given to me by my sons to be sold in Santa Fe and also on the decease of my Son-in-law that all my lands on the West side of Deepstep Creek except the tract herein before disposed of to Duck Ann. Hicklin in item twelve, be in like manner sold, and also direct that all my personal property not herein disposed of be sold on my plantation at public sale or as soon as practicable after my decease. The proceeds of the said together with the proceeds of all the arrears due me at my decease to be appropriated to the payment of my just debts, the money remaining being bequeathed and the remainder to be equally divided amongst my wife and children and Louisa C. Rogers (except Thomas S. Buck) each an equal share.

17th Item - I desire and hereby direct my Executors hereafter appointed to help to hire all my negroes not hereinbefore disposed of until the decease of my wife and divide the income aforesaid amongst my wife and children and Louisa C. Rogers except Thomas S. Buck, and on the decease of my wife to give timely notice to all my children and Grand children old enough to look for themselves (except Thomas S. Buck) to meet at the place where I now reside on a day to be named in said notice, and on said day to put up to the best advantage the said negroes together with those negroes hereinbefore given to my wife for and during her life the remainder of which is not hereinbefore disposed of, to the highest bidder the bid of my children and Grand children every being counted and in such manner to divide the negroes amongst themselves, the proceeds of such sale to be divided equally amongst my children and Louisa C. Rogers (except Thomas S. Buck) each an equal share.

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18th Item - I enjoin it upon my Executors hereinafter appointed to see that the old negro woman Milly is taken care of as long as she lives.

19th Item - I hereby constitute and appoint my sons Seaborn W. Buck and Wright W. Buck Executors of this my last Will and testament, this February 21st 1853.
Wm. Buck

Signed, Sealed, declared and published by William Buck, as his last will and testament, in presence of us the subscribers, who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request, and in the presence of each other this February 21st 1853.

Joseph Forbes.
W. H. Armstrong
A. C. Lawson
Jas. St. Gilmore

Richard Walters

State of Georgia

Washington County } In the name of God Amen

I Richard Walters arriving in age weak in body, sound in mind, knowing I must shortly depart this dearth it right that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me with, I therefore make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. I hereby revoking all other Wills that I may at any other time have made. I desire my body to be buried in a Christian manner. My soul I trust will return to God who gave it. As I hope for eternal salvation through the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom religion I have professed, and I believe and humbly trust enjoyed forty three years.

I desire that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors.

First divide I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Margaret Walters for and during her natural life, the Plantation and all the lands belonging to it, on which I now live together with all my plantation tools also all my household and kitchen furniture, also all my Hogs, Sheep, Horses, Mules and Cattle, Carriage, Cars, and Waggon, also all the provisions, Corn, fodder and grain and all the crop that may be growing on my Plantation at my death or so much as she may see fit to take, also my Negro Slave, John Margaret and her child Sam, young Manah, Horro and Ellick and their issue. I also give my wife Margaret my Negro woman old Moriah to dispose of at her death, as she pleases.

After the death of my Wife Margaret Walters the plantation with the plantation tools, Hogs, Sheep, Horses, Mules, Cattle all the household