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William P. Hardwick

Georgia Washington
County

In the name of God amen

I William P. Hardwick of said state and county being of advanced age, though sound mind & knowing that I must shortly depart from this world deem it right and proper both as respects my self and my family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed. I therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me. Item first. I desire and direct that my Body be buried in a decent manner. My Soul I trust shall return to rest in God who gave it.

Item Second. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereafter named.

Item Third. I give and devise to my beloved wife Sarah B. Hardwick the following named Negroes to wit: George, Fortune, Jane, Harry and her child George, Anand and her two children Rob and an Infant child, Yellow Henry, Caroline & Harriet together with their increase free from all charge & limitation what ever to her own proper behoof forever, with full power to dispose of the same, at anytime before or at her death as she may think proper. I also give and bequeath my wife Sarah all my Household and Kitchen furniture including silver ware gold watch and Piano Forte in the same undivided manner.

Item Fourth I devise the following named Negroes viz: old Harry Jenny and her two children Floyd Clayton Gilbert & little Nancy Stocky Soper Julia Ann Jim Cherry and Elzavir, Jane, Sophia Miller Sam Rice Caesar, Simon, Milla, Solomon, Jancy & three together with their increase as also all my stock of Horses mules cattle dogs sheep & goats and all my plantation farming & blacksmith tools waggon carts lime oven shelling thrasher &c &c to remain together on the plantation where I now reside lying on both side of Williamson's Swamp known as the following settlements & tracts of lands viz: Hardy Curry, McCormick Blumery and two tracts of land granted to said W. P. Hardwick, the above lying on the North east side of Williamson's Swamp an other tract or lot of land known originally as the William Walker (and of late) as the Burche place and a small portion of a lot granted to Joseph Curry being part of the Curry tract lying and being on the South west side of said Williamson's Swamp the whole amount supposed to contain three thousand acres more or less for purpose of keeping up said farm and that the proceeds of Plantation & there after paid over debts and expended by the Plantation annually to my wife Sarah B. Hardwick to dispose of as she thinks proper.

Item Fifth. I desire the following described lots of land sold at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named without any action of Court and proceeds applied to payment of my debts viz:

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Lot No 163. 5 District Carroll County, drawn by and granted to Peyton Jackson containing two hundred two and a half acres. No 11 Dist Carroll drawn by and granted to W. L. Curry containing 203 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres one half lot No 242. 11 Dist Carroll Co drawn by and granted to Ira A. Mountain containing 101 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres. No 211 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. of Cherokee drawn by and granted to William Jones. No 207, 6.2 Cherokee drawn by and granted to William Broughton containing 203 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. No 239, 24.3 Cherokee drawn by and granted to J. H. Davidson containing 203 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres also No 27, 2.2. No 296 14.4. No 375 14.2. each containing 40 acres and lying in Cherokee Co half of Lot No 84, 13. district of Habersham drawn by and granted to William Danwick containing 125 acres. I also desire that my Executors hereafter named effect sale at their option of two tracts land lying and being in Jefferson County one containing 243 acres and the other 100 acres. I also request and desire that the negro Willis named in Item 7th be sold by my Executors if an opportunity presents itself of getting him with his wife and family and that the money be applied to the purchase of an other hand to fill his place on the farm.

Item Sixth I desire that after the death of my wife Sarah B. Hardwick that all property named in Item Fourth and any and all other property which I possess not named in this will be equally divided between my four children Robert A. Hardwick, Charles W. Hardwick, Thomas W. Hardwick & Sarah A. Williamson & her children free from the use of her present husband Eldridge C. Williamson & any future husband, and I appoint my son Robert A. Hardwick Trustee for the property herein bequeathed to my Daughters Sarah A. Williamson and her children.

Item Seventh I constitute and appoint my son Robert A. Hardwick, my worthy friend Matthew C. Williamson and my son Thomas W. Hardwick Executors to this my last will and testament this January 24th 1850.

Signed sealed declared and published by William P. Hardwick as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator and of each other this January 24th 1850.

J. R. Price {
Saml B. Palmer {
Charles King {
John M. Johnson }