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William Tanner

State of Georgia }
Washington County } In the name of God Amen.

I William Tanner of the County and State aforesaid being in advanced age but of sound mind and memory, desiring to arrange my worldly affairs while I have life and opportunity to do so, make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, Revoking all former Wills and Testaments made by me.

First I desire and direct that at my death that I be buried in a decent and Christian like manner. My Soul I trust will return to God my Heavenly Father to rest in Heaven which has been my constant desire since I have professed faith in him, through the merits of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Second - It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid as early as practicable after my death.

Third - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Louisa Tanner one Negro Woman Eliza and her five children Malinda Jimmy Isaiah Eddy, and Sarah Ella, and their future increase, to her and her heirs forever. I also loan to my said wife all that portion of my land embracing my Homestead lying between the Creek by William Whiddon to the Ferris Bridge Road from Sandersons Run running about three hundred acres more or less. This land I loan her in lieu of a Dowry. I also give and bequeath to my said wife in fee simple an equal portion of my perishable property with my children to her and her heirs forever.

Fourth I give and bequeath to my children to wit Miler David and Matthew Tanner and to the Children of my deceased children all the residue of my Estate both real and personal (except the three youngest Children of my Son Thomas J Tanner by his Whiddon Wife who I do not intend to be benefitted by my Estate) Share and share alike. They however is to account to my Estate in a final distribution of the same for the advancements I have given them already or may advance to them while in life. It is to be understood however that the Children of my deceased children is to receive only the portion of my Estate that their Father or Mother would receive were they in life at the time of the distribution of my Estate.

Fifth I do hereby nominate my Son David Tanner and my beloved Wife Louisa Tanner, Executors and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 20th day of April 1865

William Tanner

Signed sealed published and declared by William Tanner the Testator in presence of us the Subscribing Witnesses, who have hereunto signed our names as such in the presence of the said Testator and of each other the 20 day of April 1865

J. C. Matthews
Samuel Shinnick
Fred. C. Rawlings