

Georgia

~~Whitfield County~~ I, Valentine Harlan
of the county and State aforesaid, being infirm of body
but of sound mind and memory and feeling the uncer-
tainty of life, and knowing the certainty of death do
make and ordain the following to be my last will and
Testament.

Item 1st I commit my soul to god who gave it and
my body to the earth whence it came, desiring my
executors to give it a decent burial.

Item 2 It is my desire that my beloved wife Milley
Harlan should live in one of the rooms of the house
which I have recently built for a dwelling for and
during her natural life and five negroes to wit
Charles and Cris his wife and Mary Ann their child
Charney and her son Moses I wish her to keep
with her until Mary Jane Harlan becomes of
age, at which time I wish three of them to wit
Charney and Moses and Mary Ann to be sold for the
benefit of my heirs and the remaining two Charles
& Cris I wish to remain with her during her life,
to be disposed in ~~the~~ ^{any} manner at her death, I also
desire her to live on and retain possession of the
improved land on the lot on which my dwelling house
stands on and the lot adjoining it below during her
life.

Item 3 I do give and bequeath unto Sarah White
and the heirs of her body Five hundred Dollars

Item 4th I do give and bequeath to the Children of
James Harlan and Elizabeth Harlan his wife Three
hundred Dollars in addition to what I have given
them before.

Item 5th I do give and bequeath unto Samuel
Harlan Five hundred & forty dollars in addition
to what I have given him before.

Item 6th I do give and bequeath unto M. Ann
E. Fulton and the heirs of her body Two hundred
and four Dollars in addition to what I have here-
before given her.

Item 7th I do give and bequeath unto Lelia Ann
Byan and the heirs of her body Five Dollars in
addition to what I have heretofore given her.

Item 8th I do give and bequeath unto Joshua Harlan
Five Dollars in addition to what I have heretofore given him.

Item 9th I do give and bequeath unto Joseph Harlan
Five dollars in addition to what I have heretofore given
him.

Item 10th I do give and bequeath unto Levi Harlan
Five dollars in addition to what I have heretofore given
him.

Item 11th I do give & bequeath unto Mary Jane Harlan
Six hundred and thirty dollars in addition to what
I have heretofore given her.

Item 12th I do give and bequeath unto George Harlan
Five dollars in addition to what I have heretofore given him.

Item 13th I do give and bequeath unto Aaron Harlan
if he is alive or should ever apply for it a negro boy named
Moses and Six hundred dollars to be paid out of my
personal Estate.

Item 14th I do give and bequeath to Martha Dunnagan
and the heirs of her body Three Hundred and forty dollars
in addition to what I have heretofore given her.

Item 15th It is my desire that all the Stock consisting
of Horses Cattle Hogs sheep &c should remain with my
wife Mary Harlan, with the increase thereof during her
life and at her death disposed of for the benefit of my heirs.
I also desire that all my lands, that are undisposed of
should be sold as soon as practicable after my death and
the proceeds of the same applied to the payment of the
bequests contained in this my last will and Testament.

Item 16th It is my desire that my son Joshua Harlan
John Dunnagan and Henry C. Bryan shall be and
I do hereby appoint them jointly exors of this my
last will & Testament.

In Testimony whereof I do herewith set my hand
and Seal this 17th day of October 1843

Valentine Harlan (Seal)

done in presence of
John Dunnagan
Henry C. Bryan
Adam Group

Codicil

In addition to the foregoing I am knowing the uncertainty of human Events I have concluded to add the following Item as a codicil to my Will Item 1st. It is my desire that the 2^d Item in my will shall remain as it is during the widowhood of my wife and that if she should marry that all the personal property which I have left her shall be disposed of for the benefit of my heirs Oct 7th 1843

Witness my hand & seal Valentine Harlan (seal)
done in presence of
Henry C Bryan
John Dungan
Adam Group

2^d Codicil

State of Georgia } Whereas I Valentine Harlan
Walker County } did on the seventeenth of
October Eighteen Hundred and forty Three sign
seal declare and publish my last will and Testament
in presence of ~~John Dungan~~ Adam Group
and John Dungan who signed the said will as
witnesses, and whereas I am desirous of altering and
changing a bequest and devise in said will I therefore
make and publish this codicil to said will

First I revoke and annul the thirteenth
Item and do hereby give and bequeath to the
children of Aaron Harlan the sum of Four
Hundred and Sixty Two dollars and forty five
Cents to be paid them by my executors after my death

Valentine Harlan (seal)

Signed sealed and declared and published by
Valentine Harlan in a codicil to his will and
Testament of the seventeenth October One Thousand
Eight hundred and forty Three in the presence of
us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in
presence of said Testator at his special instance and
request and of each other this 11 Day of September
1843

Adam Group

Jacob Group

Dejav Fulton

Boston Shields

Walter Court of Ordinary February Term 1853
Personally appeared in open court Jacob Group who
being duly sworn says that he saw Valentine Harlan
sign seal declare and publish the instrument now
presented as his last will and Testament freely voluntary
and of his own accord, and without any compulsion or
influence whatever that at the time of the Execution
and Publication of said will said Testator was of sound
and disposing Memory & mind.

That said deponent and the other witnesses signed said
will as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at
his special instance and request & in the presence of
the other witnesses to the last publication of said will.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 7 February
1853

Jacob Group
James Hoge C. W. C.

Walter Court of Ordinary February Term 1853
The last will of Valentine Harlan
having been duly proven in open court

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It is ordered that the same be admitted to record

James Hoge C. W. C.

Recorded Feby 15th 1853

James Hoge C. W. C.

Georgia
Walter County? I James Hoge
Ordinary for said County do hereby certify
that the foregoing five pages contain a correct
transcript of the records of my office in relation
to the Estate of Valentine Harlan deceased
Given under my Hand (at office) and official
Signature and seal of office this 11th day of July
1854

James Hoge C. W. C. (Seal)