

WILL OF  
RICHARD S. CANNON

In the name of God Amen.

I Richard S Cannon being of Sound and disposing mind and memory but weak in body, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to blefs me with do make and ordain this my last Will in manner following, that is to say.

First. I will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Executors out of the money I may have on hand at the time of my death or out of the money Arising from the sale of my property as hereafter directed when collected.

Secondly, My will and desire is that all of my property remain on the plantation as it now is for the ensuing year and that my son W<sup>m</sup> D. Cannon be employed as overseer of the home and Muckle Plantation and that my Executors pay him the sum of Three hundred dollars for his servises as overseer of said Plantation And that James Aikin remain and oversee the plantation on which he now lives subject to the direction of my executors hereafter named.

Thirdly My will and desire is that after the ensuing crop is gathered that my executors sell all my estate both real as well as personal on such terms as they my think best my will and desire is that the Muckle plantation be sold in one Tract and my home Plantation including all the Lands I have adjoining my home place composed of different Tracts be sold in one Tract and also one other piece or parcel of Land containing about thirtyfour acres adjoining lands of Robert Garner and others be sold in one tract, on such terms as my executors may think best as aforesaid.

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Fourthly I Will and desire that the plantation whereon my wife Pebe Cannon lived when I married her remain and be as Christopher Griffin (her former husband) left to her and not come into my estate at all and my wife Phebe Cannon to pay her son W<sup>m</sup> Griffin his legacy as willed to him by C. Griffin his Father.

Fifthly, I give to my son Richard C. Cannon four hundred dollars to be expended by my Executors for the purpose of completing his education.

Sixthly I give and bequeath to my six children viz. Sarah Watts the wife of W. D. Watts, William D. Cannon, Elizabeth Watts wife of John Watts, Richard C. Cannon, David Cannon; and Mary F. Cannon each seven hundred dollars.

Seventhly My will and desire is that after paying the above named legacies that the remaining part of my estate be divided in the following manner viz one third part to my wife Phebe Cannon, and the remaining two thirds including one thousand nine hundred dollars which I have advanced to W. D. Watts and Wife and one thousand four hundred dollars which I have advanced to John Watts and wife be equally divided between my six Children, viz Sarah Watts William D. Cannon, Elizabeth Watts, Richard C. Cannon, David Cannon and Mary F. Cannon each to share alike.

Eighthly My will and desire is that if either of my two youngest Children viz David or M. F. Cannon should die under age or not leaving any issue then my will is that the others shall have both shares and in the event that both of my two youngest Children should die under <sup>age</sup> and leaving no issue then my will and desire is that what I have willed to them should go to the rest of my children to be equally divided among them.

Ninthly I do hereby appoint and nominate William D. Watts and George S. Cannon Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made -- In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty three signed sealed and published

in presence of

Richard S. Cannon (L.S.)

Daniel Mangum

Charles B. Griffin

David Cannon

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