

Hugh Kennedy's Will

I Hugh Kennedy of the County of Dallas and State of
 Alabama, being of sound and disposing Mind though infirm
 of body, wishing to settle my worldly affairs to do justice
 and as far as in my power, to secure peace and harmony
 among my family after my death, hereby declare this my last
 Will and Testament: In the first Place I desire my Just debts
 paid as soon as practicable by my Executors. Secondly—
 I give and bequeath to my Wife Nancy B. Kennedy during
 her Natural Life only—The tract of land on which I now live
 known as the South West quarter of the North East quarter
 and the South east quarter of the North West quarter and
 the North West quarter of the South East quarter all of
 Section thirteen Township Eighteen Range Ten. Containing
 One hundred and twenty acres More or less; One Negro Girl
 named Harriet aged about fifteen years with her future
 increase. After the death of my said Wife the lands
 aforesaid, the said Slave Harriet and his increase
 if any to revert to my estate and be equally divided
 and distributed among my eight children in being
 according to the laws of descent and distribution of the
 State of Alabama. I also give my said Wife absolutely
 one bid bid Stead and Furniture Complete four Chairs
 one table one cow and calf to be selected by her.
 One years Supply of Corn and Meal for herself and
 Negro one Side Saddle the yokes on the place (marked
 the Columns to reside on the place) and one hundred
 dollars in Cash. I have provided for my Son John
 and William by giving them my Mills and land ad-
 joining. The Balance of my property and estate of
 whatever kind, including amounts due by notes or
 otherwise (Except one bid bid Stead and Furniture
 which I give to my Son Hugh alive the first) after
 the payment of my debts, give and bequeath to my
 Children (Except John and William already provided
 for as above stated) Hugh S. Nancy Cotton Eliza
 Cotton Mary A. Walker and Jane M. Armstrong
 in Equal Parts except that if Robert M. Armstrong
 should insist on being Credited by certain receipts
 which I gave him and for which I have already
 given him Credit then and in such case the amount
 of said receipts or whatever part thereof he insists
 on as a Credit or any note or notes I hold against
 him shall be deducted from his Wifes (Nancy)
 share of my estate. My Son in Law
 John M. Armstrong to me or my estate by notes

My Attorneys are to account to my Relations & friends all
such indebtedness. All my property not herein before
~~mentioned~~ signified I hereby empower my Executors
or such of them as may act to sell at such time and
place as a Majority of those interested may request and
may sell at private sales or at public and on Credit as
may be desired by a Majority of those interested Provided
that my boy Lucy and his Wife Mary and their young-
est Child shall in no event be separated and if sold
shall all be sold together. I hereby appoint John
Kennedy my son and John R. Collier my son and Law
Executors of this my last Will and Testament - Testimony
whereof I have unto let my hand this twenty fourth day
of September Eighteen hundred and forty three Hugh
Kennedy = Subscribed by Hugh Kennedy and acknowledged
by him as his last Will and Testament and byas in his
presence Subscribed as witnesses John Paulding Thomas
Woods J^r B. Cathaway = J^r W. Kennedy J^r B. Kennedy give
my full and free assent to the foregoing Will of my husband
Hugh Kennedy and I pledge myself provided I get what is
bequeathed to me - Now in any account to interfere with
the provisions of the same 27th Sept 1843 Nancy B. Kennedy
Witness John Paulding - The State of Alabama Dallas County
Register Orphan Court November Term 1843 This day
Personally appeared in open Court John Paulding one
of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will who
being first duly sworn deposes that he saw Hugh
Kennedy the testator sign Seal and execute said Will
as and for last Will & Testament that said testator
was sound mind and disposing memory at the time
of executing the same, that he this deponent Thomas Woods
& J^r B. Cathaway signed the same as witnesses in
the presence of and at the request of the said testator
and in presence of each other on the day and year
therein named John Paulding sworn that Subscribed
before me in open Court this 13th Nov 1843 Sanford
Blann Clerk

Recorded 27th day of November 1843 Sanford Blann Clerk