

The Last Will of William Herring

Deceased

Georgia, Clark County

In the name of God Amen, I William Herring of the County and State aforesaid, being weak and low in health, but of sound mind and memory, and knowing that is ordained that all men shall die – do make and ordain this my last will and Testament.

1st. I commit my soul to god in whose Merciful and Divine providence I trust it will meet with acceptance.

2. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebeckah P. Herring one Bed and furniture I also relinquish to her all my right, title, interest and claim I now have or that any person may hereafter have under me to a Negro girl now in my possession named Sylvia.

3. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Suzan M. Wright one Negro Boy named Tom who is to be delivered by my Executors imediatly after my Death also one bed and furniture which she has already received from me.

4th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Lane one Negro boy named Hal now in the possession of Her Husband Henry Lane also a bed and furniture which her Husband has already received from me.

5th. I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Mary L. Elder one Negro boy named Booker also a bed and furniture which bed and furniture she has already received in her marriage with Sterling Elder the Negro to be given to her by my Executors Imediately after my death.

6th. I give and bequeath unto my son Cyril Herring one Negro boy named Lewis to be given him by my Executors immediately after my death.

7th. I give and bequeath unto my son James Herring one Negro boy named Joe to be delivered to him by my Executors immediately after my Death also my shot gun to be delivered in like manner.

8th. I give and Bequeath unto my son Arthur Herring one Negro boy named Peter to be given up to him by my Executors immediately after my death.

9th I lend to my beloved wife Betsy T. Herring during her natural life the one half of the plantation whereon I now live including the dwelling and houses the other half to be anually rented out by my Executors until all my debts are paid and afterwards I lend the same to my wife during her natural life also the Household and Kitchen furniture not heretofore disposed of. All my stock of Horses Cattle Hogs and twenty head of sheep. Plantation tools of every description also the crop of corn and fodder now growing on the plantation. Also the following Negros (to wit) Ned, Jery, Nathan, Charner, Anthony, Cats, Patrick, Phosby and Tanne also my waggoon and gear I also give her my Riding Chair and Harness.

10th. I request that my wife if consistent with her own convenience to pay unto my following children as they become of age to marry the following sums of money or the amount in property as many be agreed upon by them and the said children (to wit) To William B. Herring three hundred dollars, to Richard H Herring three hundred dollars, To John A. Herring three hundred dollars, To Frances P. Herring three hundred and thirty five dollars, To Matilda E Ann Herring three hundred and thirty five dollars, To Sarah C. Herring three hundred and thirty five dollars and in case such sums are not paid to them before the death of my wife I desire my Executors to pay it to them as they come of Lawfull age or marry by a sale of my property here lent to my wife unless the said will consent to take the amount in property in lieu of month I further request that they be paid interest on the amount of their several Legacies from the time they Marry or become of Lawfull age until they are paid.

11th. I request that my Executors di attend to the Education of my last seven Children so as they may receive a compleat English Education to ge Judged of by my Executors and the Expense paid out of the sale of my property here lend to my wife and which my said Executors conceive can be most conveniently spared from the plantation or from the proceeds of the plantation.

12th I request that my Executors immediatly after my Death do advertise and sell at publik auction the following property (to wit) a Negro fellow named Nat a Negro Woman named Jane and a Negro woman named Chistiana and the Balance of my sheep and appropriate the proceedings to the payment of my debts and in case that should not be sufficient my desire is that they sell such property here left to my wife as they may think can be the best spared from the plantation.

13th I request whoe are not now married or of Lawful age to remain upon my Plantation with my wife until they marry or become of Lawfull age and that they be supported out of the property here lent to my wife or the proceeds there of.

14th Should there be any property remaining after the death of my wife payment of my debts and the payment of the several Leagues heretofore made. I request my Executors to sell the same and divide it Equally among all my children then in life and if any of them should then be dead leaving children them among the survivors and said children.

15th I appoint Richard Cox, Young Gresham Thomas Moore and John Gerdine my Executors to cary this my last Will into Effect.

In testamoney wereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day October in the year of our Lord 1812

William Herring

Witnesses

Thomas C Puryer

Hyrom Hays

St. Thomas JSCG

Georgia, Clark County

Personally came into open Court Hyrom Hays and Stevens Thomas two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn on the holy gospel of God as the Law directs deposeth and saith that they saw William Herring deceased sign seal and deliver the within Testament to be his last will and Testament and that he was of sound mind and memory at the time of his so doing they further say they saw Thomas C. Puryer sign the same together with themselves as Witnesses.

M. Smith GCO

St. Thomas

Hyrom Hays

January 4th 1813

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