

State of Georgia)  
Burke County )

In the Name of God Amen

I Henry Hargroves of said State and County, being of advanced age, but of sound mind and memory, Knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper, both as it respects my family and myself, that I should (make) a disposition of the property with which a Kind Providence has blessed me with, do therefore make this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> - I desire & direct that my body be buried in a decent Christian like manner, suitable to my circumstances & condition in life. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> - I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Hargroves four of the choicest negroes, during her life (that is not otherwise disposed of) to be chosen by herself, now & controlled by her alone, also three hundred acres of land whereon I now live in Said County, Said negroes so chosen from among my slaves as aforesaid to be managed by my- said wife, during her life, also three hundred acres as above mentioned is to be taken at and immediately around where I now live, and at her death Said land & negroes is to return to the undivided part of my Estate as is hereafter directed.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> - I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza Ann Bargeron, wife of John Bargeron, a negro woman by the name of Cheny-, & her six children viz: a girl Charity, a girl Keziah, a girl Sarah Ann, a boy Ike, a girl Caroline, & her infant child by the name of Walker, to be valued at Fifteen Hundred Dollars, not subject to the debts nor contracts of her present or any future husband to be her trustee, and if it should ever so happen that the said Eliza Ann should die leaving neither children nor grandchildren, that said slaves shall return to my- Estate, to be divided as hereafter directed.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> - I give & bequeath unto my- son William B Hargroves a negro man by the name of Willie, valued at One Thousand Dollars and that Sea— born J Bell be said William' s trustee, and if said William depart this life, or at any future time he should not have left to him neither children nor grandchildren then in that case said man Willie must return to my Estate as in Item 3rd.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> - I give and bequeath unto my son John Green Hargroves a negro boy by the name of Ezekiel, valued at Fourteen Hundred Dollars, and that my- son

William B Hargroves be said John Green Hargroves trustee and if the said John Green Hargroves departs this life leaving neither child nor child's child, then said boy Ezekiel returns to my- Estate, as above directed.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ann Thorn, wife of Middleton Thorn, a negro woman by the name of Jinny, and two children by the name of Tom & James, valued at Thirteen Hundred Dollars, and that her husband Middleton Thorn her husband be her trustee, and if said Mary Ann should depart this life leaving neither child nor child's child, said slave is to return to my Estate, as above mentioned.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> - I give and bequeath unto my son Stephen B Hargroves one negro man Simon, valued at fifteen hundred dollars, and that William B Hargroves be his trustee, and if the said Stephen should depart this life leaving neither child nor child's child, said slave is to return to my- Estate as above.

Item 8<sup>th</sup> - I give and bequeath unto my son Judson T Hargroves a negro boy Joe valued at One Thousand Dollars, and that John Green Hargroves be the said Judson T Hargroves trustee, and if the said Judson departs this life leaving neither child nor child's child, then said negro boy- is to return to my Estate, as above mentioned.

Item 9<sup>th</sup> - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Ann, wife of William Bargeron deceased, one negro girl by the name of Vidit, valued at One Thousand Dollars, and that John O Hargroves be her trustee, and if said Nancy Ann should depart this life leaving neither child nor child's child, then said girl Vidit is to return to my Estate as above.

Item 10<sup>th</sup> - I give and bequeath unto my- daughter Martha Johannah one negro girl by the name of Harritt, valued at Eight Hundred Dollars, and that Jasper L Brinson be trustee, but if the said Martha Johannah depart this life leaving neither child nor child's child, then said negro girl return to my Estate as above.

Item 11<sup>th</sup> - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susannah Elvira one negro girl by the name of Phillis, valued at One Thousand Dollars, and that William B Hargroves be said Susannah Elvira's trustee, and if the said Susannah Elvira depart this life leaving neither child nor child's child, then the said girl Phillis returns to Estate as above.

Item 12<sup>th</sup> - I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Milton a negro girl by the name of Amy, valued at One Thousand Dollars, and that William B Hargroves be trustee of said Henry M Hargroves be said Henry's trustee, and if the said Henry Milton depart this life leaving neither child nor child's child, said girl returns to my Estate as above.

Item 13<sup>th</sup> - I do hereby appoint my son William B Hargroves, my son in law John Bargeron and my friend Simeon Bell my true and lawful Executors, to this my last Will & Testament, reserving to my— self the foregoing and named property during my life requesting my Executors to pay au. my just debts as soon as possible, as it is not my- wish that just creditors should be kept out their rights unnecessarily, and after my death to divide the undivided part of my land and negroes, as Equally among my negroes as possible To sell off all my perishable property, taking the valuation of the property given away into consideration as above mentioned, And it is strictly enjoined upon my trustees that no part of my- state be subject, neither lands, negroes nor money, be subject to the debts, nor contracts of either my sons, sons in law nor daughters contracts, but for the benefit of my childrens children.

Signed Sealed & published and delivered by the said Henry Hargroves as his last Will & Testament in presence of us the subscribers, who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of Each other and the testator, at his special request, this the third of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty four

In presence of )

Pendleton Sapp )

Nancy McCoy )

Ellen Sapp )

Simeon Bell J.P.)

Henry Hargroves (LS)

STATE GEORGIA)

BURKE COUNTY)

In the Name of God Amen:

I Henry Hargroves of Said County and State being of advanced age but of sound mind and memory Knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it both right and

proper that under the circumstances I shall add this as a Codicil to my Will made and executed on the third day of March eighteen hundred and sixty four in the presence of Pencleton Sapp Nancy McCoy Ellen Sapp and Simeon Bell J.P.

Hereby revoking the second item of said Will and substituting the following in place of it to wit: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Har— groves three hundred acres of land whereon I now reside in the County of Burke and State first above written said three hundred acres to be run off with as little injury to the value of my other lands as possible, but to be certain to enclose the homestead, Said land to be hers, my said wife forever in fee simple. But if my said wife shall depart this life before I do or before the executing of my said Will and Codicil, that then and in that case, I desire and so direct, that the said three hundred acres of land herein above mentioned, shall pass to my son Henry

Melton Hargroves forever in fee simple.

In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal]. the eighth day of June, eighteen hundred and Sixty seven.

In presence of

Stephen N Herrington)

Eugene A Garlick )

Alexander Lively J.P.)

Henry Hargroves

GEORGIA ) BURKE COUNTY)

On this the first Monday in October 1871 being the regular of the Court of Ordinary in and for said County, personally appeared Pendleton Sapp who being duly Sworn deposes and says that he was present and saw Henry Hargroves, late of said County deceased, Sign Seal publish and declare the paper writing hereto annexed as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of this deponent and Nancy McCoy Ellen Sapp and Simeon Bell, as witnesses, that this deponent and the said Nancy McCoy, Kl.ien Sapp and Simeon Bell signed the same as witnesses in the presence of said Testator, and of each other at his special instance and request. That he executed the same freely, and voluntarily, being under no kind of restraint, And that at the time of the execution of said Will axx Testament, he was of sound and disposing mind and memory.

Pendleton Sapp

Sworn to and Subscribed

before me in open Court.

this the 2nd day- of October 1871

E G Lawson

Ordinary B C

GEORGIA ) BURKE COUNTY)

On this the 1st Monday in October 1871 being the regular of the Court of Ordinary in and for said County personally- appeared in open court Stephen N Herrington, who being duly Sworn, deposes and Says, that he was present arid Saw Henry Hargroves late of said County deceased Sign, Seal, publish and declare the paper writing hereto annexed as a Codicil to his last Will and Testament, in the presence of this deponent: And the said Eugene A Garlick and Alexander Lively sign the same as Witnesses in the presence of said testator, and of each other, at his special instance and request, that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, being under no kind of restraint, And that at the time of the execu- tion of said Codicil he was of sound and disposing mind and memory.

Sworn to and Subscribed in

open court, this 2nd day of

October 1871  
E G Lawson  
Ordinary- B C  
S M Herrington

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Georgia ) Burke County)

Recd Oct 19th 1872 of William B Hargrove Executor of Henry Hargrove Decd  
late of said County- thirty three 4/9 acres  
land in full entire and complete satisfaction of all the rights, claims interest  
property ordinances I now have or  
might save in and upon the Estate real arid personal of said Henry Hargrove  
deceased father of my wife Elisa Ann Bargion. And said William B Hargrove  
Execr as aforesaid is hereby fully and Entirely discharged and acquitted of any  
and all further claims on my- part against said Estate. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and year above written.

John Bargion (LS)

Signed, Sealed and  
Delivered in presence of  
Henry C. Perkins  
Mat. B. Perkins  
Not Pub & Ex off J.P.  
Recorded this November 25th 1872

Georgia ) Burke County)

Recd Oct 19th 1872 of William B Hargrove Executor of Henry Hargrove deceased  
late of said County thirty three 4/9 acres  
land in full and complete satisfaction of all the rights, claims interest property  
ordinances I now have or might have  
in and upon the Estate real and personal of said Henry Hargrove deceased  
father of my wife Nancy A Smith. And said William B Hargrove Execr as a-  
foresaid is hereby fully and Entirely discharged and acquitted of any and all  
further claims on my- part against said Estate. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto Set my band and affixed my Seal the day and year above written.

N. Smith (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed and  
Delivered in presence of  
G. W. Bailey

Henry C. Perkins  
Mat. B. Perkins  
Not. Pub. & Ex Off. J.P.  
Recorded this November 25th 1872

Georgia ) Burke County)

Recd Oct 19th 1872 of William B, Hargrove Executor of Henry Hargrove  
deceased Late of said County- thirty three k/9 acres  
lend in full and complete satisfaction of all the rights, claims interest property  
ordinances I now have or might have  
in and upon the Estate real and personal of said Henry Hargrove deceased my  
father. And said William B. Hargrove Executor as aforesaid is hereby fully and  
Entirely discharged and acquitted of any and all further claims on my part. In  
witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and  
year above written. William B. Hargrove(L.S.)  
Signed, Sealed and  
Delivered in presence of  
C. T. Herrington  
John H. Perkins J.P.  
Recorded this November 25th 1872

Georgia ) Burke County) Reed Oct 19th 1872 of William B. Hargrove Executor of  
Henry Hargrove deed late of said County thirty three 4/9 acres  
land in full and complete satisfaction of all the rights, claims interest property  
ordinances I now have or might  
have in and upon the Estate real and personal of said Henry Hargrove deed  
father of my wife Mary Ann Thorn. And said William B. Hargrove Exr as aforesaid  
is hereby fully and Entirely discharged and acquitted of any and all further claims  
on my part against said Estate. In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand  
and affixed my Seal the day and year above written. M. B.  
Thorn (L.S.)  
Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence)  
of G. W. Bailey )  
Henry C. Perkins  
Mat. B. Perkins )  
Not. Pub. & Ex Off. J.P. )  
Recorded this November 25th 1872

Georgia ) Burke County)

Recd Oct 19th 1872 of William B. Hargrove Executor of Henry Hargrove  
deceased late of said County three hundred acres

of land in full and complete satisfaction of all the rights, claims interest property ordinances or demand I now have or might have in and upon the Estate real and personal of said Henry Hargrove decd my husband. And said William B. Hargrove Execr as aforesaid is hereby fully and Entirely discharged and acquitted of any and all further claims on my part against said Estate. In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and year above written.

Martha Hargroves (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed & )

Delivered in presence of)

W. B. Hargrove )

H. M. Hargrove )

Recorded this November 2th 1872

Georgia ) Burke County)

Personally cams H. M. Hargrove who after being duly sworn deposeth & says that he saw Martha Hargrove sign the above receipt & also saw W. B. Hargrove sign the same together with himself.

H. N. Hargrove

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this Nov. 18th 1872

J. H. Perkins J.P.

Recorded this Nov 25th 1872

State of Georgia) Burke County)

Received November 5th 1872 of William B. Hargroves Executor of Henry Hargroves late of said county (Dec'd)

Thirty three 4/9 acres of land in full entire and complete satisfaction of all the rights claims interest property or demands I now have or might have in and upon the Estate real and personal of said Henry Hargroves deceased (my father) And said William B. Hargroves Executor as aforesaid is hereby fully and entirely discharged and acquitted of any & all further claim on my part against said Estate In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & affixed my Seal the day & year above written J. G. Hargroves L.S.

in presence of Stephen B. Brinson Jr.

Robert Barger

Mat o Perkins

Not, Pub, & Ex, Off, JOP,

Recorded this November 25th 1872

Georgia ) Burke County)

Received of William B, Hargroves Executor of Henry Hargroves late of sd county  
decd this November 5th 1872 thirty-three 4/9  
acres of land in full entire and complete satisfaction of all the rights claims  
interest property or demands I now have or might have in and upon the Estate  
real and personal of Henry Hargroves Decd (my father) And said William B,  
Hargroves Executor as aforesaid is hereby fully and entirely discharged and  
acquitted of any & all further claim on my part against said Estate In witness  
whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & affixed my Seal the day & year above  
written H. M. Hargroves (L.S.)  
Signed Sealed and )  
delivered in presence of)  
C. G. Herrington )  
John H, Perkins J.P. )  
Recorded this November 25th 1872

Georgia ) Burke County)

Received Nov. 12th 1872 of William B, Hargroves Executor of Henry Hargroves  
late of said county deed thirty three 4/9  
acres of land in full entire and complete satisfaction of all the rights claims  
interest property or demands I now have or might have in and upon the Estate  
real and personal of said Henry Hargroves deceased (my father) & Said William  
B. Hargroves Executor as aforesaid is hereby fully and entirely discharged and  
acquitted of any & all further claim on my part against said Estate In witness  
whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & affixed my Seal the day & year above  
written  
S. B. Hargrovas L.S.  
in presence of  
William Bragg  
Howell Sasser J.P.  
no recording date

Georgia ) Burke County)

Received November 5th 1872 of William B. Hargroves Executor of Henry  
Hargroves late of said county deceased Thirty three  
4/9 acres of land in full entire and complete satisfaction of all the rights claims  
interest property or demands I now have or might have in and upon the Estate  
real and personal of said Henry Hargroves Deceased father of my wife Susan  
Ann Brinson And said William B. Hargroves Executor as aforesaid is hereby fully  
and entirely discharged and acquitted of any & all further claim on my part  
against said Estate In testimony whereof have hereunto Set my hand & affixed  
my Seal the day & year above written W.T. Brinson (L.S.)  
Signed Sealed and  
delivered in presence of  
Geo. A. Jackson



Stephen B. Brinson Jr.  
Mat B. Perkins  
Not. Pub, & Ex. Off. J.P.  
Recorded this Nov. 26th 1872

Georgia ) Burke County)

Recd November 5th 1872 of William B. Hargroves Executor of Henry Hargroves late of said county deceased Thirty three 4/9 acres of land in full entire and complete satisfaction of all the rights claims interest property or demands I now have or might have in and upon the Estate real and personal of said Henry Hargroves (my father) And the said William B. Hargroves Executor as aforesaid is hereby fully and entirely discharged and acquitted of any & all further claim on my part against said Estate In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & affixed my Seal the day & year above written Martha J. Brinson L.S.  
Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of  
W. B. Hargroves  
H. M. Hargroves

Georgia ) Burke County) Personally came H. M. Hargroves who after being duly sworn deposeth and says that he saw Martha J. Brinson sign the above receipt and he also saw W. B. Hargroves sign the same as a witness and that deponent signed the same as a witness H. M. Hargroves  
Sworn to and Subscribed before  
me this Nov 18th 1872  
John H. Perkins J.P.  
Recorded this Nov 26th 1872

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Daniel Dempsey Stanley  
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