

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, Ella M. Hairston, wife of G. W. Hairston, Sr, of Crawford, Miss., being of full age and of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

1. I hereby direct my executors hereinafter named to pay out of my estate, as soon as possible after my decease, all my debts and funeral and testamentary expenses.

2. All the rest of my property, now possessed or hereafter acquired, of whatever nature, and wheresoever situated, I hereby give, devise and bequeath to my following named children and grand children to be valued and divided among them on the following pro rated basis:

- A. To my son, Nick Hairston, one fifth.
- B. To my, son Peter Hairston, one fifth.
- C. To my son, Brown Hairston, one fifth.
- D. To my daughter, Laura Mae Cotton, one fifth.
- E. To my grand son, Ben Bachus, Jr., one tenth.
- F. To my grand daughter, Betty Bachus, one tenth.

3. However, if at the time of my death my estate has a net value of \$10,000 (by net value I mean total value of \$10,000 after all my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses have been paid), and any of the following are living at the time of my death: Nettie Hartman, Nannie Hairston, G. W. Hairston, Jr., Lilly Tharp, it is my desire that my executors within a reasonable time after my death raise by sale or mortgage \$500.00 for each of these named, who are living at my death, to be distributed to them as a cash gift.

4. If at the time of my death my estate has a net value of \$5,000.00 (net value as above defined), and my sister Lillie Tharp is living, it is my desire that my executors within a reasonable time after my death raise by sale or mortgage \$500.00 to be distributed to her as a cash gift.

5. In the event the distributions mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 are possible, then the distributions or distribution is to be made, and the residue of the estate to pass on the pro rata basis outlined in paragraph #2.

6. It is my desire that Betty be allowed the privilege of choosing, if it is her wish to so choose, as a part of her portion the one karat ring I have always worn; and that Laura Mae be allowed the privilege of choosing, if it is her wish to so choose, as a part of her portion the two sofas, two strait chairs, one rocker, one table, one large mirror, and the esquitor, all of which are generally known as my parlor suit of furniture. It is not my intent, however, by granting these two heirs these privileges to put them in a position to claim or receive a greater portion of the estate than their pro rated 10th or fifth, respectively.

7. I appoint Peter and Laura Mae as my executors without bond, and authorize them at such times and places as may be deemed proper, to sell and make proper conveyances of both real and personal property, as may be necessary and proper to carry this will into effect.

8. If my son, Brown, should die before I die, it is my will that his share descend to his children as it would to him.

9. Witness my hand this 2nd day of April, 1941.

Ella M. Hairston

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