

Last Will and Testament of Hardin Hairston

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I, Hardin Hairston, of Lowndes County and State of Mississippi being of sound mind and disposing memory; knowing the uncertainty of life, and desirous of disposing of all my estate, both real and personal, make this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other wills, as follows, to wit: - In the first place; I give to Samuel H., Sally S, Bettie H, Mary T. Robert P, Joab E, George and Fleming S, children of my daughter Elizabeth P. Hairston, deceased, the land described as follows: to wit: S $\frac{1}{2}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 16, T. 17, R 17 E. in Lowndes County, Mississippi, to be equally divided between them, or sold and the proceeds thereof divided, when the youngest becomes 21 years old; the interest of Samuel H., that commence until division or sale and that my executors also pay to each of the above named parties the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, the amounts to be paid to the minor children to be put in interest until they become 21 years old and also each of the above parties on or before payments shall sign a release to me as administrator of their fathers estate. 2^{ndly}: To my son George Hairston I give the land described as follows, to wit: All of Sec. 26, S.E. corner W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S.E. part E $\frac{1}{2}$ S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20. S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 24 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec 27. In T. 17 R 17 E in Lowndes County, Mississippi; and also the following slaves and their increase, viz.: Jenny, Isabella, Betsy, Ann & child, Sarah & child, Becky & child, Nathan, Aaron, Delia, Mitty, Mary Jane, George, Leisely & child, Booker, Peggy, Jinny, Alfred, Rob, Martin, Harrison, Delia, Delia & child, Louisa, William, Effy, Christiana, and Caty, and that he pay to Mrs. Brooks & S. H. Hairston of Va., P. C. & N. E. Hairston, each the sum of Nineteen Hundred & four 75/100 Dollars, and to J.T.W. Hairston four hundred and ninety six 19/100 dollars, all in two equal annual payments. 3rd. To S. A Brooks I give the following slaves & their increase viz. Jordan, Nelly, Sam, Caty & child, Bettie & child, George, Clark, John, Polly Ann, Viney, Catherine, Marshall, Columbia, Buck, America, B. Ann, Maria, Nancy, S. Nancy, Henry, Eliza Caloway, Barwell, Betsy and William Riley, and that my executor also pay to her 12 months after my death the Sum of Five Thousand Dollars. 4th. To my son S. H. Hairston, I give all the lands I own in the State of Virginia and North Carolina embracing all interest in the lands of the estate of Robert Hairston, deceased in those states and also my interest in the land in the State of Tennessee. 5th To P. C. Hairston, I give the land described as the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19 T. 17 R. 17 E. in Lowndes County, Miss. And the following slaves & their increase, viz.: Alex, Silva, Lewis, Jim, Mary T., Alcy, E____, Watt, Simon, Frank, Jack L., Milly, Dennis, Roberta & child, Rozina, Anderson, B. Ammy, Leona, Isaac, Malinda, Henly, Arthana and William; also the money I advanced for him in payment of the part of the Black Hat which he bought. 6th - To N. E. Hairston I give the land described known as the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19 – E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 29. T. 17. R.17. E. in Lowndes County, Miss. – and all the following slaves and their increase, viz: Bose, Esther + child, Martha, Funky (?), Julius, O. Joe, Liz, Will, Dick, Jack S. – Diley, Sally, Jane, Jordan, Cooper, Cloe, Mary, Launa, Betty, Fronas, George, Mary, Lumer, Silas, Ruth and Paul. 7th - To R. A. Hairston I give the following slaves and their increase, viz: Jenny Hailo, Diannah, Constant, Evalina, Sophia, Westly, Peter, Nutty, John, Abby, Nelson, Austin, Celia, Monroe and Henry Hardin. 8th - To J.T.W. Hairston I give the land described as the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 29 S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20., all of Sec. 21, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ + S.W. of Sec. 22, all of Sec. 28. T. 17. R 17. E. in Lowndes County, Miss. – (except one acre, the grave yard, which I give all my heirs as a cemetery.) and also the following slaves and their increase, viz: John, Turner, Nancy, Jane + child, Sue, Ben, John, Jacob, Flora, Frank, John, Moses, Anderson, Fontaine, Letty, Amaryllis + child, Meritt, Nelly, Joshua, Nely (?), Anthony, Phill, Y. Ann, Joe, Mary Anna, my Liz, Henry, George, Albert, Tosh, Alex, Fleming, Caroline, Wilson, Daniel, Minter, Belpy (?), Patrick, Mary B. + child, Salinda, Tucker, Dosha, Betsy, Kizia, Gilbert, Mary B, Jeffry, Elly, (?)ford, Ivana, Usly (?), Squire, (?)esha, Amy + child, also ten choice mules, one half the corn on hand, all the fodder, $\frac{1}{2}$ stock of hogs + sheep, all of the cotton + goats, blacksmith's & carpenter's tools and furniture and that the said J.T.W. Hairston pay to S. A. Brooks, the sum of Five Thousand, four hundred and twenty eight 57/100

dollars. to S.H. of Va., P.C. + N.E. Hairston each the sum of fourteen hundred + twenty eight 57/100 all in two equal annual payments. 9th. I give my body servant to either of my children whom he may select or chose as his owner that is Davy. 10th. One half of the corn, hogs & sheep, the individuals interest in the Lands of the estate of Robert Hairston, dec. in Mississippi, including the dower lands of Mrs. Ruth S. Hairston & interest purchase of the heirs of Ms. America Caloway, dec. I give to Geo., P.C., N.E., J.T.W. Hairston and Mrs. S. A. Brooks to be equally divided between them. 11th. My Executors, after payment of the sums of money herein described, and having a suitable monument over my grave, and enclose the grave and with a neat and durable iron fence and all my debts and expenses, shall divide whatever sum or excess which remains equally among my heirs. If my estate be left together until the first of January thereafter, and one fifth of the cotton crop grown be given to J.T.W. Hairston and the balance equally divided between the heirs. I appoint Geo., P.C. & N.E. Hairston executors of my Will. I wish my Will to be probated and recorded and that my executors proceed and carry out my wishes as herein expressed as they may deem best. I do not require them to give security for the performance of the trust, make out an inventory, or have my estate appraised. I do not wish any contention among my children or heirs about my estate after my death; and in the event any of them should contest my will, the amount and property willed them shall be taken from them contesting my will and be equally divided among my other heirs.

As witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 29th day of September, 1862.

Hardin Hairston (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

In presence of ___ D. Love

A.C. Jennings ___ John Allison

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Last Will and Testament of Warden Hairston

I, Warden Hairston, of Louisa County and State of Mississippi, being of mind and disposing memory; knowing the uncertainty of life, and of disposing of all my estate, both real and personal, make this Will and Testament, revoking all other wills, as follows, to wit: In the first place; I give to Samuel H., Sally S., Bettie H., Mary and P. Cook E., George and Fleming S., children of my daughter P. Hairston, deceased, the land described as follows: to wit: $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 16, T. 17. R. 17. E., in Louisa County, Mississippi, to be equal between them, or sold, and the proceeds thereof divided, when the youngest 21 years of age; the interest of Samuel H., but to commence until division and that my executors also pay to each of the above named parties the Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, the amounts to be paid to the minor children to be put at interest until they become 21 years old also each of the above parties on or before payment shall sign a release as administrator of their father's estate. 2nd To my son Geo. H. I give the land described as follows, to wit: All of Sec. 26: S. E. cor. W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. E. part E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20. S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24. and 27, in T. 17. R. 17. E. in Louisa County, Mississippi; and also the following slaves and their increase, viz: Jerry, Isabella, Betty, Ann & child, Sarah Besky, & child, Nathan, Aaron, Dela, Betty, Mary, Jane, George & child, Booker, Peggy, Jimmy, Alfred, Rob, Martin, Harrison, Dela, & child, Louisa, William, Effy, Christiana, and Catty, and that he pay Brooke, S. H. Hairston of Va., P. C. & S. E. Hairston cash the sum of One Hundred & four $75\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars, and to J. S. W. Hairston four hundred and ninety six, $19\frac{1}{100}$ dollars, all in two equal annual payments. 3rd Brooke I give the following slaves & their increase, viz: - Ford and Sam, Catty & child, Bettie & child, George, Clark, John, Polly Ann, Catharine, Marshall, Columbia, Buck, America, B. Ann, Maria, J. Nancy, Henry, Eliza Caloway, Barwell, Betty and William and that my executors also pay to her 12 months after my death of Five Thousand Dollars. 4th To my son, S. H. Hairston all the lands I own in the State of Virginia and North Carolina embracing all interests in the lands of the estate of Robert Hairston in those states - and also my interest in the land in the State of 5th To P. C. Hairston, I give the land described at the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19 - T. 17. R. 17. E. in Louisa County, Miss. - and the following slaves & their increase, viz: Alex. - Silvia, Lewis, Jim, Mary T, Alcy, E. Matt, Simon, Frank, Jack & Mills, Dennis, Roberta & child, Rozina,

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ll of sec. 28, T. 17. R. 17. E. - in Louisa County, Va. - (except one acre, the
yard, which I give all my heirs at a cemetery,) and also the following
- their increase, viz: - John, Eunice, Nancy, Jane + child, Luc. Ben, John, D.
-, Frank, John, M. S. Anderson, Fountain, Lety, Amantia + child, Mitt, Kelly, S.
Kelly, Anthony, Phill, G. Ann, Joe, Mary Anna, my Liz, Henry, George, Albat,
Fleming, Caroline, Wilson, Daniel, Minter, Zephyr, Patrick, Mary B. + child, Salin
20, Dorha, Bally, Kizia, Gilbert, Mary B. - Jeffrey, Kelly, K. K. Ford, Brana, Uel
we, Kasha, Amy + child, also ten choice mules, one half the corn on hand,
fodder, 1/2 stock of hogs + sheep, all of the cotton + goats, blacksmith's, plant
- painter's tools and furniture - and that he said J. T. W. Hairston pay to
be, the sum of five thousand, four hundred and twenty eight 5/100 doll
Va. P.C. + N. E. Hairston each the sum of fourteen hundred + twenty eight
- all in two equal annual payments. - 9th Dec - I give my body servant to
my children whom he may select or chose as his owner - that is Dary -
- One half of the corn, hogs + sheep, the undivided interest in the Land
estate of Robert Hairston, dec'd in Mississippi, including the down lands of
the S. Hairston + the interest purchase of the heirs of Mrs America Coloway, I
give to Geo., P. C., N. E., D. W. J. W. Hairston and Mrs S. A. Brooke to be equally
- divided between them. 11th Dec - My Executor, after payment of the sum of m
in described, and having a suitable monument over my grave, and enclose the
- d with a neat and durable iron fence, and all my debts and expenses
all div's whatever sum or sums which remain, equally among my heirs,
- death should happen after preparation for a crop be made, it is my wish
estate be left together until the first of January thereafter, and one fifth
- the crop grown be given to J. T. W. Hairston, and the balance equally
between the other heirs. - I appoint Geo., P. C., + W. E. Hairston, executor of my
- wish my will to be probated and recorded, and that the Probate Court
- cease no further jurisdiction and control, and that my executors proceed ac
out my wishes as herein expressed as they may deem best. I do not require
- give security for the performance of the Trust; make out an inventory, wha
- te appraised. I do not wish any contention among my children or heir
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As witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
29th day of September, 1862.

signed, sealed and acknowledged
- presence of - D. Love
A. C. Reming - John Allison

Cardin Hairston