

The Last Will & Testament of Nathaniel Prothro

In the name of God, amen. I Nathaniel Prothro of the State and County aforesaid, being weak in body, but strong in mind and memory, do make and ordain my last will and testament. First, I commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body I consign to earth to be buried in Christian decency.

Secondly, I will and direct that all my funeral expenses and just debts be paid after my death.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Zilphia Prothro, twelve Negroes, Uz, Jack, Rachel, Thene, Peter, Moses, Ginny, Sarah, Mims, Harper, Pompey and Lewis, together with all my land and houses, horses and cattle and stock of all kinds, plantation tools, household and kitchen furniture, ready money, debts dues and demands, &c, except such as is otherwise bequeathed in this said will, during her natural life or widowhood and after death or inter-marriage, the whole to be equally divided among my children except a reasonable allowance for boarding and educating all such as used it.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary, one Negro woman Aggy and all her future increase and 1 bed and furniture.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my son Joshua, one Negro boy Herrod and a horse bridle and saddle.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath unto my son William, one Negro boy Isaac and a horse bridle and saddle.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel one Negro boy, Ezekiel, and a horse, bridle and saddle.

Eighthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lydia one Negro girl, Sharlette and all her future increase and 1 bed and furniture.

Ninthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth one Negro girl, * Hester, and all her future increase and 1 bed and furniture.

Tenthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Massie one Negro boy Daniel and 1 bed and furniture.

Eleventhly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Harriett one Negro girl Viannus and all her future increase and 1 bed and furniture.

Twelfthly, I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Nancy Gardner three hundred dollars to be paid to her when she shall marry or come to the age of twenty one years.

Thirteenthly, I will and direct that Mariah a Negro woman shall be sold and if either of the Negroes bequeathed to either of my children shall die before said children shall marry, or come of age, his or her part must be made up equal to the rest of the property left to my wife, and as to my four children Evan a son and Solomon a son and Rachel Corbett a daughter and Mehetabel

Jones a daughter, they have received a portion equal to what I have herein bequeathed to the rest of my children.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Zilphia Prothro and John Dobbs, executors to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and testaments made by me, in testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 26th day of February 1823.

Nathaniel Prothro (seal)

Jesse Dobbs

Thomas Scales

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