

I Elizabeth P. Hairston being of sound mind and disposing memory but of very low state of health, do make this my last will and testament, as follows, to wit.

Item 1st I consider the various amounts which I have given to and paid out for my Sons Samuel H. Hairston and John A. Hairston amount to their full share of my estate both both real and personal and wishing all of my Children to share equally in my estate it is not my wish for them to receive any thing more

Item 2 It is my wish & desire, that my Daughters Sally G., Bettie H. & Mary H. and my sons Robert P. Gosh & George A. Fleming I receive all of my estate, both real and personal to be kept together until the youngest child becomes twenty one years old and the profits arising from it applied to their support & maintenance and the education of the younger Children

Item 3rd I do hereby constitute & appoint my brother George Hairston as executor of this my last will & testament. Having full confidence in his fidelity it is not my wish that he be required to give security. That he make out an inventory of my personal estate and file it

in the office of the Clerk of the Probate
court. I do not wish him to be required
to make reports or settle with the court or
in any ^{manner} ~~contradict~~ his acts as executor
That he when the youngest child becomes 21,
twenty one years old pay over to each their
distributive share of the money in his hands
and appoints five disinterested men to
divide my real and personal estate equally
between my children mentioned in item 2
Or if the majority ^{of my children} shall wish or think best
my executor may sell my real estate

As witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my
name and affix my seal this the 21st day
of April 1858

Elizabeth P. Hairston

Signed in the presence of

J. C. Hairston
John W. West

N. E. Hairston

The State of Mississippi Probate Court
Lowndes County } July Term A. D. 1858.

Personally came this day in open
Court J. C. Hairston and John W. West who
being duly sworn do depose and say
that they saw Mrs. Elizabeth P. Hairston now
deceased sign seal publish and declare the
above and foregoing instrument of writing

to her last will and testament in the presence of Affiants and of M. E. Hairston that they the said affiants and the said M. E. Hairston personally signed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of said Deceased and in the presence of each other - They further depose and say that at the time of the execution thereof, the said Deceased was as they truly believe of sound and disposing mind, memory & understanding over the age of twenty one years and not a married woman, to-wit on the 21st day of April A.D. 1858.

M. E. Hairston
John W. West

Sworn to & Subscribed in
Open Court this 21th
day of July A.D. 1858
Stephen Brown
Judge of Probate.

Probate Court } The within instrument of writing is
July Term 1858 } examined & on considering the
} proof thereof is admitted to
Probate as the last will & testament of
Mrs Elizabeth P. Hairston Decedent
Stephen A Brown
Judge of Probate

Last will & Testament
of Elizabeth P. Hairston
No 1006

Elizabeth P. Hairston
Probatd July Term 1858

Recorded in
Will Book No 1.
Pages 15, 16 & 17.

Mrs Elizabeth Hairston