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Greenwood Leflore, Last Will

I, Greenwood Leflore

Of the county of Carroll and State of Mississippi in view of the uncertainty of life and the infirmities of age, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills hence fore at any time by me made.

1st - It is my will that any executors hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts.

2nd - I devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Priscilla my tract of land on which I now reside and all the land I own in Township 19, Range 3 East, and all the negroes belonging to the "homeplace" (except such as hereinafter specifically bequeathed). All the stock, crop, furniture, and everything on and belonging to said place is hers and to her heirs forever.

3rd - The deeds of gift heretofore executed to my son John D. and my daughter Rebecca Harris, I hereby ratify and confirm that in order to raise funds for the payment of my debts and for other purposes herein after expressed, it is my will that my plantation known as the "Big Sandy Place", with all the negroes, stock, etc., on it be kept up and conducted by any executors, for ten years.

5th - At the expiration of said ten years, it is my will that all the negroes on and belonging to the "Big Sand Place" shall be divided into equal parts, one part or one half of which negroes, I give and bequeath to my two grandsons, Greenwood L., and John B. Halsey. At the end of said ten years I further give and devise to my said two grandsons the tract of land known as the "Big Sand Place" including all the lands in Township 19 Range 2 East north of a new road cut out by J. C. Harris, with all the stock, farming utensils, the crop thereon (except the crop of cotton) and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and in the event that either of my said grandsons should die without issue, then it is my will and I hereby devise that the land and such negroes herein devised and bequeathed to him, shall go to the surviving grandson. An in the event that both of them die without issue then surviving, the it is my will that the land and negroes herein devised and bequeathed to them, together with all the requests hereinafter made to them revert to my son John D. and my daughter Rebecca Harris, equally to be divided between them.

6th - I give and bequeath to my son John D. in trust of my daughter Jane, the sum of five hundred dollars, annually for ten years to be appropriated by him to her support and maintenance, and at the end of ten years and upon the division of the negroes on the "Big Sand Place" before mentioned, out of the half of said negroes not herein before

bequeathed, I further give and bequeath six negroes (three boys and three girls from 12 to 20 years of age each) to my son John D., in trust for my daughter Jane, to be managed by him as he may think best for her support and maintenance during her life, and at her death, I give the said negroes and their increase to my son John D. forever.

7th - At the end of said ten years I give and bequeath the remaining negroes belonging to the "Big Sand Place" not herein before disposed of to my son John D. and my daughter Rebecca Harris equally to be divided between them.

8th - All my land in Township 19, Range 2 East south of the new road cut by J. C. Harris, and herein before mentioned, I give and devise to my daughter Rebecca to her and her heirs forever.

9th - All my lands on the Tallahatchie, Yalobusha and Yazoo Rivers, continous to Point Leflore including said Point, Township 20, Range 1 East and one eighth (1/8) in Township 20 Range 2 East, I give and devise to my son John D. to him and his heirs forever.

10th - I give and bequeath to my son John D. in trust for my granddaughter, Martha Davis the sum of ten thousand dollars, the interest upon which sum I hereby direct to be paid her annually, the said payments of interest to commence one year after my death.

11th - It is my will and I hereby direct that the sum of one thousand be paid over annually for ten years by my executors to my beloved wife, Priscilla.

12th - I give and bequeath to each of my two grandsons Greenwood L. and John B. Halsey, the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid annually for ten years, for their support and education.

13th - I give and bequeath to Greenwood Watson the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid over to him when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years.

14th - I give and bequeath to Daniel Jefferson the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid over to him when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years.

15th I give and bequeath to Edward Yarbrough, negro woman Am with her present and future increase.

16th - I give and bequeath to my grandson Louis Leflore negro boy Hampton.

17th - I give ad bequeath to my grandson Greenwood Leflore, negro boy William.

18th - I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Florence Harris, negro girl Lizzie.

19th - I give and bequeath to my grandson Louis Harris, negro boy Willis.

20th - It is my desire and will that my executors cause to be erected a suitable monument to my memory, and I hereby appropriate to that purpose the sum of ten thousand dollars.

21st - All of my land in Texas, whatsoever that be, my stock in the Valley Railroad and all the residue of my estate of whatever kind and all monies to come into my estate not herein before disposed of, I devise and bequeath as follows: - one third to my son, John D., one third to my daughter Rebecca Harris and one third to my two grandsons Greenwood L. and John B. Halsey.

22nd - Having full confidence in my son John D. and my son-in-law James C. Harris, I hereby appoint them executors to this my will and I direct that they not be required to give security for the executors of the same and that they do not claim nor be allowed any commissions as compensations for their services in executing my will.

23rd - I give and bequeath to Samuel J. Donley negro girl Hattie and her increase, said girl being one the negroes belonging to the "Big Sand Place" and now the nurse for Samuel J. Donley, which negro is not intended to go into the division directed in Clause 5th.

Signed, sealed and published May the 30th, 1860

In the presence of

A. H. McCain

Sam (?) Hart

Wm. A. McCain

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Greenwood X Leflore
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