

Last Will And Testament of James Presnall, Sen.

Alabama State Clarke County I, James Presnall Senior of the aforesaid State and County make this my Last Will and Testament revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1st. I appoint my son Elijah Presnall and my Grandson James Presnall as my Executors hoping that they will honor on my decease my bequests as hereafter specified fully performed.

2nd. I give to my Negro woman Dolly at my decease her freedom as there is no right vested in any other person for her honest concern in the faithful performance of her services to and for me and I want my Executors to have this recorded in the Orphans Court that it shall show the full extent of my wish. I wish her to have two Spinning Wheels, one cotton the other flax, and ___ land as it is with all the ___ belonging thereto. This my bequest I give free of all my heirs.

3rd. I give to my son Elijah Presnall all my real estate consisting of 580 acres of land with the house I now dwell on at my decease and further I give him 5 Negro servants, Chloe, Lilla, Charity, Tommy, and Abram with all my stock of horses and cattle with their increase to my decease and what money I may be possessed of at my decease I give to my son Elijah and his heirs forever. All the furniture appertaining to my residency consisting of beds, tables, chairs and cupboards with all my plantation tools that may be my possession fit for service on the plantation for his use and benefit forever.

4th. I wish my Executors may know that I have given to my eldest son Absolom Presnall and my daughter Clara ___ and my son James Presnall that I have given of my patrimony heretofore as such as was their full proportion and anything I may have in my possession at my decease they shall not be entitled to receive or share in part of.

Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of June One Thousand Eight hundred and thirty-four.

Signed and sealed and subscribed in presence of the Attesters. Attest

E. L. Bettis
Ruel Swearingen
Lewis Spinks

The State of Alabama Personally appeared in open court
Clarke County Elisha L. Bettis and Ruel Swearingen
who being duly sworn deposed and saith that the Will which has been presented to the Orphans Court of Clarke County State of Alabama is the Will that they saw James Presnall the deceased sign and seal as his Last Will and Testament and that he the deceased signed the same in the presence of the subscribing witnesses and each of the witnesses signed the same in presence of each other and that the deceased was at the time of the signing and sealing of said Will of sound and disposing mind and memory.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court E.L.Bettis
this 4th day of September 1836 Ruel Swearingen

W.R. Hamilton, Judge, C.C.C.