

I leave unto my loving wife Amelia Briggs the use and labour of all my Negroes and also the full use and Occupancy of all my lands, with full liberty for her to cut and sell Timbers of all kinds at her will and pleasure, during her natural life or widowhood; but upon this special proviso that she from the profits arising therefrom and the residue of my personal estate after the payment of my Just debts, do raise, maintain, support, and Educate, all my Children but should it be so founde that the profits so arising, shall prove insufficient to Complete my son William H. Briggs Education (as I intend or wish him to have a pretty liberal education as hereafter mentioned) then in that case I do hereby direct and authorize my executors to sell either some small Corner of my lands or one or two negroes to raise money sufficient for that particular purpose and no other, and for my executors to make a legal Conveyance to the purchaser or purchasers to such property so sold in fee, and the money so arising from such sale; that my executors pay the same over to my sons Guardian hereafter appointed; But should it so turn out that that my wife should Marry, then in that case my will and desire is and I do hereby direct, that she in future after that period, shall only enjoy the use and labour of the one third part of my Negroes, except one negro boy hereafter ~~mentioned~~, and the use of but one third of my lands during her natural life, and one third of the then personal estate to dispose as she pleases: and the other two thirds of my estate personal Negroes, and lands at the time of her marriage, I do hereby give and bequeath unto my Children (to wit) Nancy, Fanny, William Henry Martha Luisa, and Elizabeth Meriah, except one Negro Boy hereafter specially given to my son William Henry; to be as to the Negroes and lands, hired and rented out for the maintenance and support of all my said Children until my son William Henry shall arrive to the age of twenty one years and then at that time I do hereby direct and authorize my executors to sell those lands either in a body together or in lots, as they may adjudge for the best and either at public or private sale, and to make legal Conveyance to the purchaser or purchasers in fee; but it is to be understood that this general Gift to all my Children is not to hinder or prevent the sale of property before mentioned for the support and education of my said son William Henry; The above property to my said Children equally and to their heirs forever. — — —

After the death of my loving wife the Negroes as she shall have received in the year of her marriage as her thirds, as well as her thirds of my Lands, I give and bequeath unto all my Children before mentioned equally and the Lands Contained in such thirds, I do hereby direct to be sold by my executors immediately after her death but if that event should happen before my son William Henry shall arrive to the age of twenty one years, then in that case such