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G. W. (GEORGE) HALLMARK, DEC'D.

HOUSTON CO. DEED RECORDS

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Will of G W Hallmark

THE STATE OF TEXAS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA &
COUNTY OF HOUSTON.

KNOW ALL MEN TO WHOM THESE
PRESENTS SHALL COME, That I, George Hallmark though weak in
body, yet strong in mind, and of good understanding do con-
stitute this as my last will and testament and desire that it
should be equally received by all as such.

In the first place I resign my soul to God who giveth.

Secondly I wish all my just debts to be paid, if any I have.

Thirdly, I bequeath to my two youngest children, Richard M
Hallmark Ephram L B Hallmark and Alexander C Hallmark, three neg-
roes, Solomon, Charity and little Tom, he being the youngest
negro I have and that they shall work for the use, benefit and
support of the said three children until they shall be of age
or the youngest one marryes, at which time they shall be equally
divided among them.

Fourthly, I bequeath to them the said three children, three
good feather beds with all my household furniture.

Fifthly, I bequeath unto my three youngest children three
cows and calves to each one, together with a horse worth eighty
dollars and my plantation and all the land pertaining, amounting
to eleven hundred & thirty six acres and that the said plantation

shall be rented to the best advantage and the proceeds be for their use, benefit tuition and after they shall become of age, or the youngest one marryes then for it to be divided among them, the said Richard, Ephram and Alexander.

Fithly, I bequeath to the rest of my children, Polly Box, ^{1804-1880 - Rynewm Cemetery} Wilham C Hallmark, George W Hallmark, Svanna, Rosa, John B Hallmark, James M Hallmark, Alphed Hallmark, Aveline Halmark (Stidham and Matthew D F Hallmark) together with Stillwell Box's six children who out of their part shall put in six hundred and forty dollars, which if they do, they shall be entitled to an equal share of property which said six hundred and forty dollars together with seven negroes, Peggy, big Tom, Harriett, Charles, Simeon, Elizabeth and July, together with all the rest of my land and headright and a half league due me by Hillary Crabb if obtained to be divided equally among the above mentioned children by Stillwell Boxes complying with the above aforesaid restrictions.

Seventhly, I wish all all the moneys due me if they can be collected together with all the rest of my personal property, cattle, hogs, horses &c to be equally divided among all my children and I do hereby before these presents constitute and appoint George W Hallmark and Mathew D P Hallmark as Executors to carry out the full wish in this will expressed, and do all the business of said estate and that they are hereby empowered to transact all business sell & receive make conveyances &c and the Probate Court shall have nothing at all to do with said estate. They are also empowered to make an inventory of the property of said Estate and receive ten per cent for their trouble W C Hallmark.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, I have hereunto affix my hand and

seal acknowledgeing a scrawll for a seal on this the the sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Geo Hallmark (Scrawll)

This September the 24 1852.

Signed in presence of us;

W H Kennedy

E B James

STATE OF TEXAS

HOUSTON COUNTY

COUNTY COURT pertaining to estates of deceased persons Octo 25th 1852 personally appeared in open court William H Kennedy one of the subscribing witnesses to the above and foregoing last will & testament of George Hallmark, decd, who after being duly sworn upon his oath, saith that he was personally present and saw the said Hallmark sign, seal and publish the same as his last will and testament and so far as affiant knows & believes said Hallmark was at the time of making said last will and testament of sound mind and disposing memory, and that the other witness, E B James, subscribed the same in his presence and that affiant and the other witness, E B James, subscribed and attested the same at the request of the testator and in his presence.

Wm H Kennedy

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 25th day of October A D 1852.

J H Gillespie, Clk Co Ct

By J M Hall, Deputy.

FILED for record 25th October 1852 at 4 o'clock P M.

J H Gillespie, C C C.

STATE OF TEXAS

HOUSTON COUNTY

I, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the last will and testament of George Hallmark decd, together with the certificate of Probate of the same as appears of record in my office in Book I, pages 574, 575 & 576.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office at Crockett this 10th day of November A D 1852.

J H Gillespie, C C C.

By J M Hall, Deputy.

FILED for record Feb 4 1871 at 10 o'clock A M.

S M Thompson, Dpty Clk.