

Francis left a considerable estate consisting of land and slaves, together with personal property and credits due. Salome Causey Brian, his wife, filed a petition with the 11th Judicial District Court in Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, asking that she be appointed administrator of the estate. The request filed at the Caldwell Parish courthouse reads:

State of Louisiana, 11th Judicial District Caldwell Parish, Louisiana April 27, 1860

Salome R. Brian, wife of Francis Brian, deceased of Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, appears before this court with an application and request that her application be duly advertised and that the issue and order directing the Parish recorder of Caldwell Parish to make a full and exact inventory and appraisement to be made of all the property composing said succession and estate of Francis Brian, deceased, and also be appointed trustee of her minor children.

The request was approved and an order was issued by the Eleventh Judicial District Court, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, on September 25, 1860. The estate of Francis Brian was sold at public auction on November 30, 1860. The record of the sale is recorded in the Caldwell Parish Courthouse in Columbia, Louisiana. The record reads as follows:

State of Louisiana, Parish of Caldwell

Be it remembered that I, Joseph D. Banks, Sheriff of the Parish of Caldwell in the State of Louisiana duly commissioned and sworn in the pursuance of an order of sale issued out of the honorable Eleventh Judicial district of fourth of Louisiana in and for the said Parish of Caldwell, Louisiana. Beginning date the 25th of September, 1860, in the matter of the succession of Francis Brian late of said parish of Caldwell, deceased. Directing me said sheriff to advertise and sell according to law the property real and personal composing the estate and succession of the said Francis Brian, deceased, in order to defect a partition among the heirs to said estate and succession on the following terms and conditions, to wit: the plantation, cattle and hogs to be sold for cash, and the slaves and the balance of the personal property to be sold on a credit of one, two and three years from the date of sale with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the date of sale until paid to be secured by special mortgage and personal security on the sales and personal property and in accordance to said order of sale. I said Sheriff proceeded to advertise said property for sale on the terms and conditions above set forth and mentioned on the day of September 1860 proceeded to advertise the same by positing four written notices of the same, one at the courthouse door in the town of Columbia and three other public places in the Parish of Caldwell to take place at the late residence. Francis Brian died in said Parish on the 30th day of November and 1st day of December whereupon I the said sheriff proceeded to the late residence of said Francis Brian deceased and offered said property for sale on the terms and conditions herein before stated when the following named persons become the purchaser at the last and highest bidder of the following described property assessed to their respective names, and for the price thereto assessed on. Mrs. Salome R. Brian purchased the following described tract of land with improvements thereon to wit, lot NS, one and two of Section number 15 in Township N15, Range N3 East containing fifty-four acres of 52/100 and the south most corner of same section, township and

range containing one hundred and five 94/100 acres, also a tract of land purchased by Jacob Humble registered and received by the board of trustees of the Pine Grove Academy and containing one hundred and six acres more or less of the sum of thirty two hundred dollars, \$3,200.00.

Negro boy, Eli 950.00
Negro woman, Sara and her four children: Joe, Lizen, George and Molly, 3,100.00
One mule 125.00
One bay mare 105.00
One dun mare 140.00
Two bedstead 10.00
One secretary 10.00
One rifle gun 20.00
Six chairs 7.00
One center table 9.00
One sofa 25.00
Two wash stands 2.50
One wardrobe 12.00
One scythe 2.50
Twelve chairs 7.00
Two dining tables 2.00
One sofa 5.00
One large looking glass 3.00
One lot books 40.00
One clock 25.00
One grind stone 2.50
400 bushes corn 460.00
500 pounds fodder 25.00
5 shoveplows 11.75
One lot plow gears 4.00
One shovel 1.00
Three cows and calves 44.00
One bay horse 125.00
Amounting to the sum of 9,454.25

Mrs. Martha Humble (Francis' daughter), wife of John Humble, aided and authorized by her husband, purchased the following property:

Negro boy, Austin 725.00
Negro man, Harry 640.00
Amounting to the sum of 1,365.00

John N. Nixon purchased the following property:

One secretary 10.00
One rifle gun 20.00
Six chairs 7.00
Amounting to the sum of 37.00

John N. Fouts purchased the following property:

One lot of iron 1.00

One cow and calf 15.00

Amounting to the sum of 16.00

James M. Brian (Francis' son) purchased the following property:

One negro man, Woods 2,170.00

One lot of hoes 5.00

Two plows 3.00

Two sweeps 4.00

Two hammers 2.00

Three iron wedges 2.00

Three single trees 1.50

One lot carpenter's tools 9.25

Amounting to the sum of \$2,198.75

Benjamin F. Brian (Francis' son) purchased the following property:

Negro man, Ellis 1,625.00

Negro man, Sam 1,710.00

One yoke oxen 75.00

One wash pot 2.75

One lot tools 3.50

Two side harness 7.00

One forge 1.00

One white cow and calf 30.50

Amounting to the sum of 3,454.75

Mrs. Mary Stringer (Francis' daughter), wife of Joseph J. Stringer, aided and assisted by her husband, purchased the following property:

Negro woman Betsy and four children: Benjamin, Ambrose, Elzy and John 2,300.00

Negro boy Eli 775.00

Amounting to the sum of 3,087.00

J.J. Stringer purchased:

Two yokes oxen 80.00

Mrs. Lynda Meredith (Francis' daughter), wife of William B. Meredith, aided and authorized by her husband, purchased the following:

Negro boy, Bill 1,210.00

William McQuarters purchased the following:

28 head hogs 72.50

Two bedstead 12.50

One cow and calf 17.00

One cow and calf 15.00

One lot cattle 26.00

Amounting to the sum of 143.00

Nathaniel Brian (Francis' son) purchased the following:

One cow and calf 7.50

One cow and calf 15.00

Amounting to the sum of 22.50

W. M. White purchased the following:

One mule 125.00

Jacob Webb purchased the following

One gray mule 145.00

15 head sheep 42.00

Amounting to the sum of 332.00

G. B. Thomas purchased the following:

15 head sheep 42.00

Two bedstead 14.00

Amounting to the sum of 56.00

Philip H. Thomas purchased the following:

One yoke of oxen 30.00

F. M. Hamilton purchased the following:

One bureau 16.50

One coupling chair 2.00

Amounting to the sum of 18.50

Lewis M. Davis purchased:

One chair 2.00

Emmanuel Rogillio purchased:

One buggy 65.00

Total amounting to \$21,806.30