

George Morrisons last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen  
I George Morrison of the County of  
Camden and State of Georgia being  
very Sick and weak in Body and of  
perfect Mind and memory thanks be  
to God am in a free Calling with a clear  
conscience of my Soul and know-  
ing that it is a blessing for all men  
once to die do make and Ordain  
that my last Will and Testament that  
is to pay principally to my wife  
and to be paid in my debt in the  
hand of Almighty God that gave it  
and my body I commend to the  
Earth to be buried in decent Christian  
Burial at the Discretion of my Executors  
without doubting but at the general  
Resurrection I shall receive the same  
again by the mighty Power of God  
And as touching such worldly Goods  
Whereunto I have pleased God to bless  
me in this life I give devise and  
dispose of the same in the following  
manner and form  
First it is my Will that all my  
Just debts should be paid out of  
my Estate  
Secondly that I do give and bequeath  
to my Nephew George Morrison Junior  
Two negro Slaves named Sedjaz and  
Brutus also all my Stock of Hens  
Cattle and Hogs  
Thirdly I give and bequeath to my

beloved Brother John Morrison the following  
negro Slaves namely a Man named  
David, Ephraim, John, and Henry with  
all their increase to have and to  
hold said negroes during his life  
and after his death to be equally  
divided among his Children  
Fourthly I give and bequeath unto  
my Nephew Equations Morrison  
(city recorder) One Chart of land on  
St Johns River East of Hudson containing  
Two Hundred and fifty acres  
one other tract on St Johns River  
containing one Hundred and fifty acres  
and I do hereby utterly disclaim  
revoke and disannul all and every  
other former Testament Wills Legacies  
Bequests by me in any ways the fore-  
named Will and bequeath and give  
and confirming this said no other  
to be my last Will and Testament  
In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this third  
day of January in the year of our  
Lord One thousand eight hundred  
and Twenty Four  
In presence of  
Hugh Brown, Thos. Galt, George Morrison  
J. Radcliff

half or equal part of said real and residue of my said estate, I give, devise and bequeath unto my Executors hereinafter named, and to the survivors of them, and his or their Successors in succession in the trust, in trust nevertheless to have and to hold the said one-half or equal part of the real and residue of my estate, and to collect the rents, income, issues and profits thereof, and to pay over the net proceeds of said rents, income, issues and profits to my Wife Mary, M<sup>r</sup>s. Tompkins, for her sole and separate use and behoof, for and during the term of her natural life, and from and after her death of further trust to divide the said one-half or equal part of the said real and residue of my estate equally between my Children, Share and Share alike, to them their heirs and assigns forever, And I hereby give to and invest my Executors as Trustees aforesaid, and the survivors of them, and their Successors in the trust, with full power and authority to sell the Capital of said Trust Estate or any part thereof either at public or private sale, or to exchange the same at any time and from time to time without any order of Court: whenever in their or his judgment it shall be to the advantage of said Trust Estate, and

to reinvest the proceeds of said sale, or exchange, upon the same uses and trusts, but to which reinvestment the purchaser or purchasers shall not be bound to look, The reinvestment to be in such Stock, Bonds, Securities or other property real or personal, as the said Trustees, or the survivor of them, or his or their Successors in the trust shall deem most advantageous to the said Trust Estate, and not exclusively in such securities as are prescribed by the laws of this State for investments by trustees. And the other half or equal part of the said real and residue of my estate, I give, devise and bequeath unto my Children to be equally divided between them Share and Share alike, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item Fourth,  
If at the time of my death I shall be single and present, and be in the actual occupation with my family of a home or residence, I direct and desire that my said wife shall have the use of such home or residence for and during the term of her natural life. And from and after her death, the said home or residence shall be divided between my Children, Share and Share alike, to them their heirs and assigns forever, and such home for any wife her or her children of the half or equal part of the real and residue of my estate.

and bequeathed in trust for her use  
for life, and in addition thereto  
the above said property devised and  
bequeathed to my wife and for her use  
being expressly on line of dowry, and  
years support.

Item Fifth

I hereby nominate and appoint my  
Brother, Robert Tompkins, and my  
Son, Robert Tompkins, Jr. as the  
Executors of this my last Will and  
Testament, and at expressly desire  
that my said Son shall or may  
qualify as such Executor even though  
he may not have attained the age  
of twenty one years. And I hereby  
authorize and empower my said  
Executors to sell either at public or  
private sale without any order of  
Court, such parts or portions of my  
said Estate as may not be desirable  
in kind for the purpose of this bequest  
in the execution of this my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal on the third  
day of March, in the year of our  
Lord, One thousand eight hundred and  
Ninety

John Tompkins (S)  
Signed, sealed, published and declared  
by the testator the said John Tompkins  
at and for his last will and  
Testament in presence of us who  
at his request and in his presence

and in the presence of each other have  
subscribed our names as witnesses here  
on the day and year last above written.

Daniel J. Long  
J. R. Bachlitt  
J. H. Rudolph

State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary May Term 1894  
Camden County }

The Will of John Tompkins late of  
said County deceased being produced in open  
Court by Robert Tompkins, Jr. one of the  
Executors, who has filed this petition to prove  
the same and one of the witnesses to said  
Will, J. R. Bachlitt having subscribed the  
following affidavit: to wit: I, said Will,  
J. R. Bachlitt, being sworn, depose and say that I saw  
John Tompkins sign and publish the  
will as his last will and testament, and  
that he signed the same as a witness thereto, and  
that he saw Daniel J. Long and J. H. Rudolph  
also sign the same as witnesses. he further swears  
that he is as well as well as R. C. Wright and  
J. S. President saw the within named John  
Tompkins sign and publish his last will to  
said will, hereto attached, and that they the  
above named witnesses subscribed each of said  
papers, as witnesses thereto, at the special instance  
of John Tompkins, in his presence and in the presence  
of each other, and that the said John Tompkins  
signed both of said papers, freely and voluntarily  
and at the time of such signing he was of sound  
and disposing mind and of legal age and  
was not under any undue influence or coercion  
at the time of signing the same.

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## Codicil to the last Will &amp; Testament of

John Tompkins  
 State of Georgia  
 County of Camden Whereas John Tompkins did  
 on the Third (3<sup>d</sup>) day of March

Ann Domini Eighteen hundred and  
 ninety (1890) sign seal declare and  
 publish my last Will and Testament in  
 the presence of David J. King, J. R. Basklett  
 and J. R. Basklett also signed the said  
 Will and Testament as Witnesses,  
 and whereas, I am desirous of adding  
 and changing a certain bequest therein  
 made so that the same conform to  
 my present circumstances, which by  
 change of fortune under the operation  
 of said Will have been somewhat  
 altered, I therefore do make and  
 publish this Codicil to said Will and  
 Testament.

First, I do hereby do modify and amend  
 the third item of my said Will and Testament  
 and each of the several bequests therein  
 made, so that in the event the income  
 from that half of my said Estate, which  
 is therein required to be devoted to the  
 support of my beloved Wife, Mary M.  
 Tompkins, shall prove insufficient  
 to provide for her, a good support  
 reasonably suited to her condition in  
 life. The Executors of my said Will shall  
 have authority, and they are hereby  
 required to devise by sale or otherwise  
 so much of the Corpus of that half of  
 my said Estate as may be required

by them for her use as may be necessary  
 to said purpose, the residue of said  
 half of my said Estate remaining in the  
 hands of my said Executors at the date  
 of the death of my said Wife, to be  
 disposed of in accordance with the plan  
 of distribution in said Third item of my  
 said Will provided,  
 second, that the further appointment and appoint  
 my Son in Law Julius King, Condoneator  
 with the Executors named in said Original  
 Will and Testament, conferring upon him  
 hereby the same powers, authorities and  
 discretions as would have been conferred  
 upon him had he been named as Executor  
 in said Original Will and Testament  
 this first day of June 1893

John Tompkins (Jr.)  
 Signed sealed and published by  
 John Tompkins as a Codicil to his  
 Will and Testament of the Third (3<sup>d</sup>) day  
 of March Eighteen hundred and ninety (1890)  
 in the presence of the undersigned  
 who do hereby our names, seals in  
 the presence of the Testator and at his  
 special instance and request and in  
 the presence of each other.  
 This first day of June 1893

J. R. Basklett } Witnesses  
 A. C. Wright }  
 R. S. Bland } Witnesses

Court of Ordinary May Term 1894

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1894

Georgia  
Camden County } at this term of the Court Cam-  
den County J. R. Backholt one of the Subscrib-  
ers to the Codicil and Will of John

Lumpkin deceased and makes oath as follows

I, J. R. Backholt do swear that

I, as well as Daniel J. Long and J. P. Rudolph

saw the within named John Lumpkin sign

and publish the within paper as his last

will and Testament, and that I, as well as

A. C. Wright and R. S. Stevens saw the

within named John Lumpkin also sign

and publish his Codicil to said will

(hereto attached). That I subscribed each

of said papers as a witness thereto, as

the special instance and request of the

said John Lumpkin and in his presence

as did also Daniel J. Long to the original

will and A. C. Wright and R. S. Stevens

to the Codicil, that the said John Lumpkin

signed both of said papers freely and

voluntarily, and was at the time of said

signing of sound and disposing mind

and memory

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day

of May 1894

J. J. Vucelle

Ordinary

J. R. Backholt

Examined and recorded this 9<sup>th</sup> day of

May 1894

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