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State of Georgia } Be it remembered that I Dawson Lloyd Thomas Senr of
Putnam County } in said State and county, being desirous
of disposing of my worldly affairs while in health and possessing the
in body and mind, but of advanced age and knowing the
great uncertainty of life, and the absolute certainty of death,
do therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby
revoking all other heretofore made by me

Item 1 Being at this time entirely free from the bondage
of debt the benefit of all masters as far as regards temporal
matters - and intending to remain thus free the balance of my
life, whether long or short, as a valuable legacy, by way of
parting advice to my children I all connected with them by
marriage, that they imitate my example and keep clear of
debt if they wish to preserve a serene mind and an un-
ruffled temper

2 Should my beloved Wife Mary Thomas survive me, it
is my wish that she take charge of all my effects, both real
and personal, and do with them and by them as she may
think proper and in case that she may have the entire control
over them, it is necessary that she act, and I hereby appoint her
to act as my Executrix during her life

3 At the death of my wife, should she survive me, or at my
death, should she be the survivor it is my wish that my four
sons Henry P. Thomas, Lovick P. Thomas, Wesley W. Thomas and
Dawson L. Thomas jr take charge of all the property in the
possession of my wife, or in my possession as the case may
be and dispose of it as they may think best, and I hereby
appoint them my executors for that purpose

Dawson Lloyd Thomas Sr

Signed sealed declared and
published this March 7th 1851
in the presence of
James Rogers Anderson
Mm Galloway
R. L. Bessent

Putnam County } Personally appeared in open Court James R. Anderson
William Galloway & Peter L. Bessent the subscribing
witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn on oath & in the
that they saw Dawson L. Thomas Senr sign sign published & declare
that this instrument contained his last will & testament and that they
signed the same as witnesses in his presence & at the request of said
testator that at the time of signing the same he was of sound and disposing
mind & memory & that he executed the same of his own free will
to far as we know & believe
Sworn to & subscribed in open
Court this 6th June 1853
Mm D. Lucas
Clerk

James R. Anderson
Mm Galloway
R. L. Bessent

Hamilton & wife June Term 1853
Mm D. Lucas
Clerk