

State of Georgia  
 Newton County I do hereby name of my last will and testament  
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 being in a low state of health but former mind and am  
 and a high lot as respects my family and myself that I  
 should make a disposition of the property with which I  
 and Providence has blessed me on therefore make this  
 my last will and testament hereby appointing all other  
 hereby make by me  
 I item I desire and direct that my body be buried  
 in a decent and Christian like manner by my Executors  
 and my soul shall return to God who gave it

I item I desire and direct that all my just debts  
 shall be paid without delay by my Executors herein after  
 appointed as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed  
 in their rights

I item I give bequeath and devise to my beloved  
 Wife Nancy Lot of land number three hundred and  
 seventeen containing two and fifty acres and fifty three  
 acres of lot number three hundred and sixteen in the  
 fourth district of originally Walton but now Newton County  
 I also give and bequeath to my beloved Wife all my  
 household and kitchen furniture and one well mare  
 six years old three cows and calves such as she may  
 choose from my stock of cattle and one yoke of oxen and  
 cart such as she may choose from oxen twenty head  
 of sheep such as she may choose from my stock of  
 sheep twelve months provision for the family also my  
 fuzzy Mazon blacksmith tools cotton gin and thrasher  
 and farming tools sufficient to carry on her farm I also give  
 and bequeath to my beloved Wife my negro man Will about  
 fifty years of age and Welf his wife about forty years  
 of age and Martha about sixteen years of age and Sam  
 about fifteen years of age and four hundred dollars in  
 current money all of which I give during her natural  
 life or widow hood only

I do hereby name and bequeath to my son John one hundred dollars the  
 same being his full share of all my estate

I item I desire and direct that all the balance of my negroes (negs)  
 Mary Sam Lot Lewis Hannah and Mary and her two children George and Jeff  
 and Miley Miley and Emily and Mary and Mary Miley  
 and be divided into four parcels as nearly equal as can be seen by my ap-  
 praisers and to be drawn for my daughter Jane three children (negs) Sarah  
 one share my son William to have one share my son William to have  
 to have one share and my son-in-law Thomas to have one share  
 said parcels of negroes to be appraised by my appraisers and be  
 made equal in money one with another out of any money arising from  
 the proceeds of the sale of my other property or any money belonging to my  
 estate not otherwise disposed of

I item I desire and direct that all my other property including  
 lands and stock of every description and all other property belong-  
 ing to me that is not otherwise disposed of to be sold and the proceeds  
 of said sale together with all my ready money notes accounts  
 and effects of every description not otherwise disposed of to be  
 divided into four equal parts my daughter Jane three children  
 of Humphries Charles B Humphries and William  
 one share my son-in-law Thomas to have one share my son William to have  
 my son-in-law John B. Ragsdale to have one share

I item I desire and direct that all the property given  
 to my beloved Wife after her title ceases or comes to said  
 property to be sold by my Executors and the proceeds arising  
 from said sale to be divided into four equal parts and  
 be disposed of as directed in the fifth and sixth items  
 of this Will

I item I hereby constitute and appoint my son  
 William Lucas and my son-in-law John B. Ragsdale  
 my Executors of this my last Will and Testament  
 this January the 1<sup>st</sup> 1855 Charles Lucas J<sup>r</sup>



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 Request reader to be made and witness in the presence of me  
 before as his last Will and Testament in the presence of me  
 the subscribers who do here by our names do to in the presence  
 of said testator at his age and instance and request of  
 said testator  
 Alexander Gordon  
 Calvin F. Chandler  
 Theophilus Ligonier  
 R. B. Nichols

Georgia  
 Newton County } In open Court before me M. D. Lusk  
 do hereby certify that the said Alexander Gordon  
 son of Calvin F. Chandler and Theophilus Ligonier of R. B. Nichols  
 and being duly sworn depose and say that they subscribed  
 the within Will as witnesses, and that they saw Charles  
 Lewis the testator sign the same, and that they saw Charles  
 as his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of  
 the said signing and publication the said Charles Lewis  
 in the opinion of deponent was of sound and disposing  
 mind and memory & that he executed the same freely  
 & without compulsion so far as they know or believe  
 and that they subscribed the same in the presence of  
 the testator & of each other  
 Given to & subscribed before  
 me this 3<sup>d</sup> day of April 1855  
 M. D. Lusk Clerk

Alex. R. Gordon  
 Calvin F. Chandler  
 Theophilus Ligonier  
 R. B. Nichols

Proven in solemn form and admitted to  
 record at April term 1855  
 M. D. Lusk Clerk