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Georgia }
Newton County } I, William F. Davis of said State & county
to make this as my last will and testament that if my
letter understand I offer the following explanation to my belo
Thomas B. Williams & I believed I have given a liberal
which I consider equal to an advancement to them of one th
dollars each and as my will is to equalize the gains of my children
from me as far as possible I emphatically show children who have
but did no education with money for the advantage which they other
have already had over them with this explanation I proceed to devise
bequeath as follows
That should I die without making any advance to my son John
and my daughter Margaret more than I have advanced unto
it is my will and desire that each of them receive one thousand dolla
out of my estate and then should my wife not survive me the
the balance of my estate be equally divided among all my children
but as I may hereafter between this time & my death make advances to
my children according to this statute of which I shall keep an accou
It is desire that each child to whom such advances may be made
charge with the same at the division with what thereon at the
of five per cent from the time received but it shall be at the
of either child to return these advances before my death in which
course he will receive the greater dividend out of my estate
desire should my wife survive me then it is my will and desire th
after satisfying the bequeath above mentioned to John & Margaret
(all the rest and residue of my estate shall go to my wife who is to manage
done at her direction and receive the increase thereof so long as she lives
at her death it is to be divided among my children upon the principle
mentioned in the last clause of this will that is to say she is to be at liberty
to make advances to the children as she may think proper keeping an
account thereof and there with five per cent upon them, as well as those
made by me if not returned before her death are to be deducted from the
childs portion at the division above mentioned;
Lastly the forgoing bequest of one thousand dollars to John B is made
upon the stipulation that he will not owing to the affection of his eyes
in education such as his brothers have received; if however providence may
order it that I may put him upon an good footing with his brothers
regard, I of course do not intend him to receive the entire thousand dollars
bequeathed to him.
Lastly I appoint my wife Mary & my sons Thomas & William H. executors of
my last will and testament
In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

the 22nd day of March 1868 signed sealed and published in the
presence of us who subscribe in the
presence of each other
Ebenezer Hearth
Solomon Fellows
Columbus D. Pace

W. F. Davis Seal

Georgia }
Newton County } At chambers of the court of Ordinary come
Columbus D. Pace duly sworn
Ebenezer Hearth & Saml. Fellows
that he saw Wm F. Davis sign & publish the foregoing as his
last will & testament which of sound mind and disposing memory
that he witnessed the same for him at his request and in his
presence & in the presence of Ebenezer Hearth & Solomon Fellows
who also witnessed the same in his presence & subscribed the
same as witnesses
purports to be executed voluntary by him on the day of in
sworn to & subscribed before
me at chambers Sept. 7th 1868

J. W. Bummers
Ordinary

Columbus D. Pace

Georgia }
Newton County }
I do solemnly swore that this writing contains
the true last will and testament of Wm F. Davis deceased so
far as I know or believe & that I will well & truly execute
the same in accordance with the laws of the State
So help me God
Sworn to & subscribed before
me Sept 7th 1868

W. F. Davis

J. W. Bummers
Ordinary