

Georgia Newton County In the name of God Amen
I William Sims of said County & State
being well in body but of feeble disposing mind and
memory, deem it right and proper to make a disposition
of the property which I have heretofore made in
my own way at this my last will and tes-
tament, hereby revoking all former wills heretofore made
by me.

Item 1st It is my will that my body be buried in
a decent and Christian like manner, suitable to my common
views in life.

Item 2nd It is my will that all my just debts be
paid by my Executors as soon after my death as possible.

Item 3rd It is my will that my Wife Deliza remain
on my plantation during her natural life & unredeemed
and that she receive a liberal support off of the pro-
ceeds of said plantation, and that she retain and keep
as much of the household & kitchen furniture as she may
deem or need.

Item 4th It is my will that my son in law John
M Brown take charge of my entire estate and carry on
the plantation, as came as if I were still in life, and that
he keep all the stock and farming tools on said plantation
to carry on the same or so much thereof as may be necessary
& if there is more than he seems necessary he is to sell
the same and apply the proceeds to the payment of my debts
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Item 5th It is my will that all the surplus
that may be made over and above a support for my Wife
is to be appropriated to the payment of a certain debt
owing by me to William Greer of Henry County Ga
the principal of said debt is sixteen hundred dollars
with interest.

Item 6th It is my will and desire that my
son Thomas M Sims live on my plantation where he now
lives and that he pay an annual rent of five bags of
cotton therefor until the principal and interest of the
above note is paid off from the proceeds of said planta-
tion and the above named rent.

Item 7th It is my will and desire that my son
in law John M Brown receive a reasonable compen-
sation for his services in carrying out this my last

will & testament to be judged of by the ordinary of said County
receiving from my estate all that my wife may again that she
she may desire and the care of four hundred dollars in money
and that he be in lieu of dower.

Item 8th It is my will that at the death or marriage of
my Wife that all of my estate be equally between my son Thomas
& my daughter John M Brown share and a share alike,
and the share that may be going to my son Thomas M Sims is
hereby given to John M Brown in trust for the sole use and
benefit of the said Thomas M Sims during his natural life &
after his death to his children in fee.

Item 10th I hereby constitute and appoint my daughter John
M Brown Executor of this my last will and testament this
16th May 1866

William Sims *(Sims)*

Signed sealed published and attested by William Sims
to be and contain his last will and testament who sub-
scribed the same in the presence of the subscribers who
subscribed the same in the presence of the testator and
of each other this 16th May 1866

Samuel J Chesnut
J D Chesnut
A M Evans

Georgia Newton County May 21st 1866

Court of Ordinary in vacation

In vacation personally appeared Samuel J Chesnut and
A M Evans two of the subscribing witnesses to the within
will who being duly sworn depose and say that they
witnessed the within will as witnesses and saw J D
Chesnut do so likewise that they saw William Sims
the testator sign seal & publish the same as his last
will and testament & that at the time of the signing
sealing and publishing the same the said William
Sims in the opinion of deponents was of sound disposing
mind and memory & that he executed the same freely
and without compulsion so far as they know or
believe that the signed the same as above in
the presence of the testator & of each other

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together with said D. P. Shumate as witnesses Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th May 1869
 S. J. Shumate
 Wm. D. Luckie
 Crainy

Georgia
 Newton County } I do solemnly swear that this will
 within namea Nathan Shumate deceased so far as I know
 or believe and that I will well and truly execute the
 same in accordance with the law of this State. So
 help me God
 Sworn to & subscribed
 before me June 5th 1869
 Wm. D. Luckie
 Crainy

Admitted to record June Term 1869
 Wm. D. Luckie Crainy