

Georgia 3 J. Thomas L. Carpenter, of Bartow County, and State,
Bartow County, 3 being very feeble in health, and knowing the
uncertainty of this life, and the certainty of death,
do hereby make, ordain & publish this my last
will and testament.

Item 1. I recommend my soul to God, who gave it,
and desire that my body be decently buried.

Item 2. I desire that enough of my personal property
be used to pay all my just debts.

Item 3. The land where I live, my negro man Cyrus,
my negro woman Sally, and her two children,
together with my other property, of every kind, as
well as what money and notes I have, I will and
bequeath to my wife Elizabeth for her life.

her life or widowhood, for the use of herself and my son Alfred C. and my daughter Eliza J. except one bay horse, which I will and bequeath to my son Alfred C.

Item 4. At the death of my wife, or at her intermarriage, I will and bequeath to my son Alfred C. and my daughter Eliza J. a sum, each, equal to what each of my other children have already had, and then the balance to be equally divided among all of my children including the two youngest.

Item 5. I hereby appoint my son in Law Samuel Radgett Executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and subscribed my name, in presence of Daniel R. Cunnys, Russel H. Cannon, and John Patterson and in the presence of each other, this the 19th day of March, A.D. 1854.

Daniel R. Cunnys
John Patterson
R. H. Cannon

Thos. S. Carpenter

George B. Before me, personally came Samuel Radgett, Executor of the last will and testament of Thos. S. Carpenter, late of said County deceased, and produced before me the last will and testament of said Thomas S. Carpenter deceased, and the witnesses of said will, to wit, Russel H. Cannon, Daniel R. Cunnys, and John Patterson, which witnesses being duly sworn, depose and say that the said Thomas S. Carpenter, the Testator, sign, seal, declare and publish the instrument now presenting as his last will and testament, freely, voluntarily and of his own accord, and without any compulsion or influence whatever, that at the time of the execution of said will, said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, that depose signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the Testator, and at his special instance and request, and in the presence of each other. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this May 3rd 1854.

R. H. Cannon
D. R. Cunnys
John Patterson

Thomas A. Ford,
Ordinary.

State of Georgia, I Samuel Badger, do solemnly
Swear that the writing contains the
true last will of the within named Thomas S. Carpenter,
deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will
well and truly execute the same, by paying first the
debts, and then the legacies contained in the said
will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereto
extend and the law charge me; and that I will
make a true and perfect inventory of all such
goods and chattels. So help me God.
Sworn to and subscribed before me in open
Court, the 5th day of June, 1854.

Thomas A. Wood, Ordinary Samuel Badger
Recorded 10th July 1854 Thos. A. Wood.
Ordinary.

State of Georgia, In the name of God, amen.
Cap. County, I William Gardin, of the County and State
aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, though in
feeble health of body, and knowing that it is appointed unto
all men once to die, and feeling it to be my duty, as well as
the best interest of my family, to make a disposition of
the property with which a kind Providence hath blessed me;
do make and constitute this my last will and Testament,
hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore
made.

Item 1st I direct that after my death, my body be buried in
a decent and Christian-like manner, my soul I bequeath
to God who gave it.

Item 2d I direct that all my just debts be paid by my
Executor, hereinafter named with as little delay as
possible practical to which end I direct that the
proceeds of the crop of the present year after the
support of my family be appropriated to that
purpose, and that my negroes be hired out for the
ensuing year, and my stock sold, the proceeds of all
which, together with the debt due to me, at the
time of my decease, will, as I trust, be a fund
sufficient to the discharge of my debts; but if it
should not, then it is my desire that my Executor
shall sell and dispose of such part of my