

Georgia Z. J. William Gordon of the County and State of  
 Georgia, being mindful of the uncertainty of life  
 and being fickle in body but of sound mind and memory  
 do make and constitute this as my last will and testament.  
 I witness to my wife Mary Gordon and her children that she  
 has or may have by me I hereby will and bequeath the follow-  
 ing property to all of the plantation where I now live being  
 Oct Mat (175) two hundred and ninety five (318) in the 35<sup>th</sup> District  
 Section and four negroes viz. Harriet, Eddie, Bob & Harry  
 and all of my horses, mules, cattle, hogs and stock of every  
 description all of my house hold furniture all of my farming  
 tools of every description, my waggon and all my gear and  
 all vehicles whatever belonging to the farm and all of the  
 crops of every description that may be on hand, all of the above  
 mentioned property I leave in the hands of W. F. Mary to be used  
 by her at her discretion for the support and education of my  
 children by her to be so kept together until her youngest child  
 shall arrive at the age of twenty one years or more and then  
 the above mentioned property to be divided equally between my wife  
 and children by her shall and share alike here in case of the  
 death or marriage of wife before my youngest child by her  
 shall be twenty one years old or marry then the above mentioned  
 property to be divided equally between my wife if married and  
 her children each child receiving an equal share with my wife  
 And if my wife sees fit she can settle and pay each child its  
 portion of the property aforesaid as they arrive at the age  
 of twenty one or more And in case my wife shall not use the  
 property aforesaid for the support and education of my  
 children as aforesaid directed then it shall be the duty of my ex-  
 ecutors to make such fact known to the Court of Ordinary and  
 the Court is satisfied of said fact shall order my executors here-  
 in after named to take possession of the aforesaid property  
 and apply it as before directed.

Sirs, I desire that following named negroes David, George  
 an mulky Charlotte a woman, Minerva a woman Rosetta a girl but  
 a boy, Lucy a boy George a boy and a girl child of Minerva about  
 two months old to be sold by my executors herein after named and of  
 an paying all my just debts out of the money arising from the  
 sale by said executors, the balance to be equally between my children  
 my first wife herein after named having reference to the amount  
 I have heretofore paid to each of them, David, George, to the children of said  
 wife.

hundred ~~D~~ and ~~Seventy~~ <sup>Seventy</sup> five Dollars. Mary A. Compton to whom I have paid fifty Dollars. Elbert D. Gordon to whom I have paid sixty five Dollars. Elizabeth Ann Henson to whom I have paid one hundred and twenty eight dollars. William T. Gordon to whom I have paid one hundred and fifty dollars. Martha Wood to whom I have paid fifty Dollars, and in the event any of my last mentioned children shall die without issue then their portion of said estate to be equally divided between my last mentioned children living.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> And if my wife Mary or any of her children should die then their portion shall descend equally to their whole brothers and brothers living.

Item 4. I appoint my friend William C. Wofford sole executor of this my last will and testament. This March 20<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Wm Gordon

Signed Sealed, Declared and published by William Gordon as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers who Subscribed our names here to in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and of each other this March 20<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Wm T. Wofford

A. G. Gammon  
James Peden

State of Georgia

Bartow County Before me Thomas A. Ward Ordinary of said County personally came William C. Wofford Executor of the last will and testament of William Gordon late of said County deceased and two of the witnesses of said will, namely, William T. Wofford and James Peden which witness living duly sworn deposed and say that they saw William Gordon the testator sign, seal and declare and publish the instrument now presented as his last will and testament freely and voluntarily and of his own accord and without any compulsion or influence whatever; that at the time of the execution of the said will, said testator was of sound mind and memory. That defendants signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the testator same at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other. They further swear that they saw A. G. Gammon who is now deceased also sign said will as a witness deposed to and subscribed before me this 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1852.

William T. Wofford  
James Peden

Thomas A. Ward

Georgia I William C. Watty  
Bartow County, writing contained his true last will of the within  
named William Gordon 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 then unto stand and the law charges me and that  
I will make a true and perfect inventory of all the goods  
such goods and chattels. So Help. God.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court, the 11<sup>th</sup>  
day of October 1852.

Attest  
Thomas A. Ward O.C.C.

William C. Watty

Recorded 15<sup>th</sup> October 1852

Thomas A. Ward O.C.C.

Cass County, State of Georgia; October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1852

I Nathaniel Lyon, do make this as my last Will  
& Testament.

I give & bequeath all my property, real  
& personal, to my only full sister, Mary Ann Walker  
W. H. Helton  
A. J. Meems  
John Helton

Nat<sup>h</sup> N<sup>t</sup> Lyon  
mark

State of Georgia Before me, Thos A. Ward, Ordinary for said  
Cass County, personally came W. H. Helton, and  
A. J. Meems, (in vacation) two of the subscribing witnesses  
to the foregoing instrument or Testament, who being sworn,  
say that they saw the Testator Nathaniel Lyon, sign seal,  
dictate and publish the foregoing 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 the said will, said  
testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory,  
that he placed his signed said will as witnesses in the  
presence of each other sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1852. Thos A. Ward, & William H. Helton  
Ordinary Andrew J. Meems.