

Joshua W. Lovitt Will

State of Georgia Berrien County—
In the name of God Amen—

I Joshua W. Lovitt Son of said State and County
being of advanced age and knowing I must
shortly depart this life deem it wise and
proper both as respects my family and myself
that I should make a disposition of the
property with which a kind Providence
has blessed me do therefore make this my
last will and testament hereby revoking
all others heretofore made by me.

1st Item— I desire and direct that my body
be buried in a decent and Christian like
manner suitable to my situation and
circumstances in life my soul I trust
shall return to rest with God who gave
as I hope for eternal salvation through
the merits and atonement of the blessed
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whose religion
I have professed and as I humbly trust have
enjoyed for thirty years!

2nd Item— I desire and direct that all
my just debts be paid without delay by my
executor hereafter appointed as I am not
willing my creditors should be delayed in
their rights as there is no necessity for
delay!

3rd Item— I give bequeath and devise
to my beloved wife Nancy Lovitt during
years support if I should be called suddenly
off and that her sweet home be taken
up for another year which support
I desire shall be reasonable to be borne after
by my Executor hereafter appointed

and I desire further that she shall have all of the stock of hogs swartea with a swallow fork and under tie in one ear and under tie in the other which mare I bequeath to my said wife Nancy, and I also bequeath to my said wife one new Reel for Reeling thread I make this bequest to my said Wife Nancy for her present Comfort and Support and to provide as much as possible for her future Comfort although our Union was entered into upon a Marriage Contract this property is bequeathed to her own use and behoof with full power to dispose of the same at any time.

4th Item— I give bequeath and devise to my Son in Law Franklin Ray as trustee for the sole use and benefit of my Daughter Sarah Ann Ray Wife of the said Franklin Ray and her Children or any future Children she may have by the said Franklin Ray Two Hundred and forty five Acres of Land part of Lot Three Hundred and twenty six in the Ninth Dist. of Originally Brown County but now Berrien it being the place where I now live to hold in trust for my said daughter Sarah Ann Ray and her said Children during her life and to her said Children after her death. And I further devise and bequeath to my said Son in Law Franklin Ray my bay Mare Nance Bridle and Saddle four plough hoes stock and traces with all their rights members and appurtenances to the said Lot of Land in any wise belonging free from all charges or limitations whatever to his own use benefit and behoof for the said Sarah Ann Ray and her Children for ever

5th Item — I give and bequeath and devise to my daughters Annis and Nancy one share each to be delivered by my executor here named.

6th Item — I give bequeath and devise to my Son Joshua W. Lovitt Jr. three hundred and ninety Acres of Land part of Lot number Three hundred and sixty five (365) in the ninth dist. of said County of Berrien with all the rights members and appurtenances to said Lot of Land in any wise belonging to his own use benefit and behoof in trust now or in trust for his Children by his present wife or any future wife forever in fee simple.

7th Item — I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Patience Lessey One hundred Acres of Land off of Lot of Land Three Hundred and sixty five (365) in the ninth dist. of said County of Berrien to be laid off in the North West corner of said Lot in shape and form to have and to hold with all the rights members and appurtenances to same belonging forever in fee simple and I further desire that my said daughter shall have my Bay filly about one year old.

8th Item — I give bequeath and devise to my Son Joshua W. Lovitt Jr. and my Son in Law Franklin Ray and my daughter Annis and Nancy Lovitt one cow and Lamb each to make them equal with my other Children.

9th Item — I desire that all the remaining portion of my personal Estate be sold and the Money divided equally between William M. Lovitt my Son and my Son

and my daughters Mary Ann Glavin Annie
Loritt and Nancy Porter

10th Item - My Son in law Franklin Ray
is to pay all my just debts out of his own
property without interfering in the least with
any devise made in the foregoing Will or
any money arising from the sale of my personal
property appointed to be sold and divided and
I hereby appoint him the said Franklin Ray
the Executor of this my last will and Testam-
ent
Joshua W. Loritt JS

Signed sealed and published by Joshua W. Loritt Sr.
at his last Will and Testament in the presence
of us the subscribers who subscribed our names
hereto in the presence of the testator at his
special instance and request and of each
other this April 11th 1864

Martin Shaw
H. O. Peeples
William Rampier

State of Georgia } In person appeared before
Berrien County } me B. H. Lindsey a Justice
of the peace in and for said County Martin
Shaw H. O. Peeples and William Rampier
who being duly sworn say that this writing
contains the last request and disposition of
the Estate both real and personal of
Joshua W. Loritt deceased late of said
County and is just and true in all its
parts

Sworn to and subscribed } Martin Shaw
before me this May 23rd 1864 } H. O. Peeples
B. H. Lindsey J. P. } William Rampier
William E. Connelley Ordj.

Recorded July 14th 1864