

The last Will and Testament of Lewis B Wood
Gibbs County Wm 1861-1865
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With County & State, being in feeble health but of sound
(and disposing Mind and Memory, do make, ordain,
publish and declare the following to be my last Will
(and testament

1st after the payment of My just debts, I give and
bequeath to My affectionate Mother Mrs Dougin
Wood, of Fredericksburg Virginia, The sum of Five
hundred dollars to be paid over to her by My Executor
hereinafter named as soon as can be done conveniently,
as a small token of My regard and affection, and in
discharge, to some small extent, of the Many obligations
I owe her -

2nd I give and bequeath to My beloved wife Martha
Ann, all the household Furniture of every kind, I
May have; also the Piano Forte I bought for her for
her own use & benefit forever over and above what I May
hereinafter bequeath to her -

3rd the balance of My Effects of whatever kind I May
have, and which now consists of Notes and Money, I
give and bequeath to My beloved Wife Martha Ann, and
to My son Lewis Bowen Wood, share and share alike,
to be equally divided between them, My wife to receive her
half as soon as it can be collected and divided, for her
own use and benefit; - and My sons portion or half to
be taken charge of by My friend Preslin P Bowdrie,
whom I hereby nominate and appoint testamentary
guardian of My said son Lewis B. Wood during his
Minority, the income of which I wish appropriated
to his Maintenance and Education, hoping it May,
with good & proper Management, be sufficient for that
purpose, - and should My said friend P. B. Bowdrie,
from death or other cause, not discharge said trusts, then
& in that Event, that a guardian be appointed for
My son as provided by laws of Georgia -

I hereby nominate and appoint My beloved wife
Martha Ann Wood Execatrix, and My friend P. B.
Bowdrie Executor of this My last Will and
testament, with full power to carry the same into effect
in witness of which I have hereunto set My hand
and affixed My seal this Eighth day of
October 1865 - Lewis B. Wood

Signed, sealed, published and declared

in presence of my each signing
in presence of each other

Witness
Fred M. W. Sims
C. B. Martin

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Before me Philamon Tracy Ordinary in & for the
County aforesaid, ^{have} ~~came~~ this day came Frederick Wilson
O. W. Nottingham & C. G. Oliver, the three subscribing witnesses
to the within last will & testament of Lewis B. Wood
decd, who being duly sworn depose & say: that they
acknowledged the within signatures as their own - that
they signed the said will in the presence of Lewis
B. Wood & in the presence of each other, & at the
request of said Wood - that testator was of sound
mind & memory, and that to the best of their knowledge,
he signed the within paper, freely, voluntarily & of his
own accord -

Now therefore be it ordered and adjudged that
the within last will & testament of Lewis B. Wood
be considered duly approved, and it is hereby
admitted to record & probate.

Signed November 6th - 1858

Phil Tracy
Ordinary