

State of Georgia }
 Bryan County } In the Name of God
 Bryan County } On the ¹⁸th day of January
 I John M. Sherman of said State & County
 being of advanced age but of sound and
 disposing mind aged memory knowing
 that I must shortly depart this life, doon
 it right & proper both as respects my
 family and myself, that I should make a
 disposition of the property of which I am
 possessed, make this my last will and
 testament hereby revoking all others hereto
 fore made by me.

I am 1st giving, bequeath and devise to my
 beloved wife Eliza & my five sons namely
 Claudius, Wm. ^{said} Jenkins, George W. and Nathaniel
 W. Sherman all of them real estate consisting
 of my plantation and lands in the county
 aforesaid, the remainder of my property
 of every kind to be equally divided between
 my wife Eliza and all my children by
 her, &t being my wish and intent
 that at my death they should inherit the
 whole of my property except my lands
 which the title is left to have any Sherman
 after 2nd & it is my wish and desire that the
 property devised to my wife Eliza is to be
 first, shall be her only until her death
 or marriage in which event the same
 given to her shall revert to my five sons
 named in Item 1st first,

Item 2nd I give, already given some prop-
 erty by way of advancements to each of
 my children by my first wife. It is my
 wish and intention that they should have
 nothing farther from my estate they all
 being raised and provided for.

Part the property I may have at my death
Should all become the property of my children
by my present wife and my wife with the
conditions mentioned in item second.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my
friend James Williams Executor on this my
last will and testament

John M. Sherman 

Signed Sealed declared and published by John
M. Sherman as his last will and testament
in the presence of Louis Hestler at his special
Inquiries and request and in the presence of
Dael O'Fer. This February 18th

John L. Southwell
P. B. Brown
D. O'Fer

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Probated and Admited to Record
September 3d 1883

Recorded September 5th 1883

P. Brown

Ordinary, and
Profficio Clerk?

Examined and found
Correct
May 2nd 1884

W. George
Thompson
Com.