

In the name of God Amen. I William W. Skinner of the County of Burke and State of Georgia, being in bad health but sound mind & memory and wishing to dispose of my worldly effects as seems best to me do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

Firstly It is my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid. Secondly I leave all the property that I may be possessed of to my Mother Mary Pope for her use and benefit and at her death what is remaining of my Est not made use of I give to my brother Jesse Skinner.

Thirdly I wish it to be distinctly understood, that I want my Mother Mary Pope to have the full use and benefit of all the property I may be possessed of to use in any manner she may think proper & the amount left at her death is to give to my Brother Jesse as specified in the second section.

Fourthly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Mother Mary Pope my Executor, who will I trust execute this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Fourth day of December One thousand Eight hundred & fifty six.

In Presence

John A. Rosier

R. W. Bates

E. A. Gordon

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William W. Skinner (S)

Appeared in open Court John A. Rosier, Robert W. Bates & E. A. Gordon, who being duly sworn, say that they were present and did see William W. Skinner, sign, seal, publish, and declare the annexed paper writing, to be his last will & testament, that the Testator signed said will in the presence of deponents, who signed the same in the presence of the testator & of each other & that testator was at the time of signing sound and disposing mind & memory.

Sworn to in open Court
1st June 1857.

Edward Gurlick Ordinary

John A. Rosier
Elijah A. Gordon
Robert W. Bates

The last will & testament of William W. Skinner, have been this day presented for proof & proven, in due form of Law. It is on motion ordered that the same be admitted to record & that Letters Testamentary and a warrant of Appraisement do issue in terms of the Law.

Recorded 8th Day of January 1859.