

Georgia Carroll County-

In the name of God amen I James M Bridges of said State and County being on the dawn of life and knowing that I must before a great while depart from this world deem it right both as respects myself and family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me

Item First— I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it as I hope for eternal salvation through the Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whose religion I have professed and as I humbly trust enjoyed for sixteen years

Item Second— I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid as soon as my Executors here in after named can make arrangements to do so

Item Third— I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Matilda with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet and love for twenty five years the whole of my estate during her life time or widowhood for the purpose of raising and educating our children and taking care of her mother (Lucy Presley) she will be at liberty to sell and by as circumstances may demand give off to our children that shall marry or become of age after my death as have done for the older ones by making them as near equal as possible if the situation of my estate will admit of it

Item Fourth— I desire and direct that after the death of my wife or if she should marry my other Executors herein after named shall sell the whole of my estate if my mother in law (Lucy Presley) should be living make

provisions for her support - her lifetime - divide what is left equally between my children by each one rendering in an account of what they have had heretofore

Item Fifth - I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Matilda Executrix and my son F^r M^r Bridges and my son in law J W Sims Executors to this my last will and testament this May 28th 1859 James M Bridges (L.S.)

Signed sealed declared and published by James M Bridges as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in presence of said testator and of each other this May 28th 1859

George W Burson
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