

In the name of God amen! I, John L. Ward of the County of Carroll
and State of Georgia, being of sound and disposing mind
and memory, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs
while I have strength so to do, do make and publish this
my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills
by me at any time heretofore made.

And first I commit my soul to God who gave it and
my body I desire to be buried in the family burial ground,
and my worldly estate I dispose of as follows,
Items (1st)

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son,
John L. Ward, my Executor
Items 2nd

My will and desire is that the said, Andrew J. Ward
shall pay all my just debts, and that after the pay-
ment of the same, I will and bequeath, that my said
executor, shall hold in trust, for the benefit of my
beloved wife, Sarah (Ward) and my daughter Mary Jane
Ward, for and during the natural life of my said wife,
all my personal property consisting of one horse, cows,
open and wagon, hogs, household and kitchen furniture,
farming implements, money and notes, and all other
property to which I may have any claim or title
whatsoever

Items 3rd) In the event of the marriage of my said
daughter Mary Jane Ward before the death of my said
wife Sarah Ward, my will and desire is that my
said executor, shall out of the trust fund, hereby cre-
ated, give to my said daughter, such an amount as

shall make her equal with the other children, to whom I have heretofore advanced. And said amount my said executor, may advance, either in money or such articles of necessity, as she may then require, and in the event my said daughter should survive my said wife unmarried, my will and desire is that my said property, to the amount above specified, shall be an amount proportional to the several amounts heretofore advanced, to my other children, shall be held by my said executor in trust for the benefit of my said daughter. At the death of my wife, my will and desire is that her share shall go to my said executor, as compensation for his care and trouble.

I will and desire that if my said daughter should die unmarried or without issue, her share shall also go to my said son and executor as compensation for his care and trouble. In witness whereof, I, the said John L. Ward to this my will, have set my hand and seal. This February 13th 1877

Signed, sealed and published by the above named John L. Ward, as his last will and testament, in presence of us, who, at his request, in presence of each other have subscribed our names as hereto.

Wm. Mc. Anderson

of Lewis & County, Geo.

B. F. Wright

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Mary E. Brown

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January Term 1880, of Circuit Court of Arkansas.
 Court sits open Court at the regular term of the Court B. F. Wright one of the witnesses to John Ward's will and being duly sworn depose that he saw John Ward sign and published the within as his last will and testament while he was of sound and disposing mind that he witnessed the same for him at his request and in presence of the other two witnesses and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed.

B. F. Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 5th day of January 1880

George Carroll County; I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will and testament of the within named John Ward deceased so far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State so help me God.

John Ward

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of Jan'y 1880
 J. H. Anderson, J. P. or ordinary