

John George William Ward of the State and County
County I affirm a Farmer by occupation being of advanced
aged and knowing that ere long I must depart
this life I deem it right and proper both as respects myself and
family that I should make a disposition of the property
which a divine Providence has blessed me do therefore
and hereby make this my last will whereby I give devise and
bequeath all my Estate both Personal and Real
Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a
decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circum-
stances and condition in life.
Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be
paid after my dissolution before any distribution of
my property.
Item 3rd I desire that the payments of my debts
aforesaid be done out of my Estate by my Executor
whom I have appointed and that he distribute the
remainder of my Estate as herein after directed.
Item 4th I give devise and bequeath to my beloved
wife Elizabeth Ward all of my Estate both Real and
Personal which I may be seized and possessed of
at my death to enjoy and use for and during her
natural life only.
Item 5th It is hereby expressly understood that upon
the death of my said Wife Elizabeth that I give devise
and bequeath to each of my four children to wit
Thomas Ward Mary Jane Thomas and Sarah
Ward all the residue of my Estate both Real and Personal
of my Estate both Real and Personal
said Mary at her death to be sold by my Executor, whom
I have appointed and the proceeds of such sale to be equally
divided by said Executor between said four named children
Item 6th Whereas it is true that one of my children
aforesaid to wit Thomas Ward aforesaid has a
Guardian under his control the Estate of my four
children to wit Sarah & Camp & do Thomas Ward
said Howard Ward Martha Allen Ward which Estate
has more than entirely consumed up and settled as
such I have been and Thomas Ward as Guardian

and ~~rather~~ which bond runs security therefore it is
hereby distinctly and expressly understood that the said
Thomas J. Word is to have no part of my estate before given
and bequeathed until he has made a final and
legitimate settlement of the estate of his said children
whereby none of my estate herein before given devised
and bequeathed during my life nor after my death may
be liable or incumbered in the event of a breach of said
bond upon the part of the said Thomas J. Word or any other
default or miscarriage of the said Thomas J. Word, but should
the said Thomas J. Word make a final and legitimate
settlement of his said children's estate and thereby relieve
me and all my estate before given devised and bequeathed
from all liability in consequence of said bond then
and in that event my executor hereinafter appointed
is hereby authorized and required to deliver to the said
Thomas J. Word his Pro Patria share of my estate
above said to wit an equal portion with my other three
children aforesaid.

Item 7th I hereby constitute and appoint my son
in law Moses & Watkins Executor of this my last
will and testament. In testimony whereof I have
signed sealed published and declared this instrument
my last will at my residence in said County
this the Sixth day of January A.D. 1881
Eighteen Hundred and Eighty one.
Wm Word

The said William Word at his residence in the
County of Carroll and State of Georgia on the 6th
day of January A.D. 1881 signed & sealed this
instrument and published and declared the same
as and for his last will and we at his request
and in the presence of each other have here
written our names as subscribing witnesses
This January 6th 1881.
J. A. Brown witness
Wm. H. Holland witness
E. Camp witness

Georgia } We J. A. Brown and Lindsey Holland
Carroll County } do solemnly swear that the
contents of the last will and
testament of William Word the within named
is the above written instrument and
Word in our
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and in his presents signed our names our respective
places of residence and in his presents of the Testator
and in the presence of each other.
Shown to before me January the 16th 1881
J. H. Brown, Justice
D. H. Richards
Ordinary
Lindsey Holmes
Barred County

State of Georgia, M. D. Nathan, of Columbia River
County, do hereby certify that this writing contains the
True Last will of William Wood
The within named deceased so far as I know
or believe and that I will well and truly execute
the same in accordance with the Law of
this State to help me God Sworn to and
Subscribed before me This December 10th 1881

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