

late of George & William Ward of the State and County  
Carroll County, I the said a Farmer by occupation being of advanced  
age and knowing that ere long I must depart  
this life deem it right and proper both as respects myself and  
family that I should make a disposition of the property  
which a benevolent 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> I desire and direct that all my just debts be  
paid after my dissolution before any distribution of  
my property  
Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I desire that the payments of my debts  
aforesaid be done out of my Estate by my Executor  
herein after appointed and that he distribute the  
remainder of my Estate as herein after directed.  
Item 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 J. Ward, Mary Jane, Martha, Amelia Frances  
Watkins. And devised Howard W. Ward, the residue  
of my Estate both real and personal by my  
said wife at her death to be sold by my Executor herein  
after appointed and the proceeds of such sale to be equally  
divided by said Executor between said four named children  
Item 6<sup>th</sup> Whereas it is true that one of my children  
aforesaid to wit Thomas J. Ward aforesaid has a  
Guardian under his control the Estate of his four  
children to wit Sarah E. Camp, Ida Luann Ward  
Ada Howard Ward, Martha Allen Ward which Estate  
has never been entirely wound up and settled as  
such Guardian said Thomas J. Ward is under bond

WILL OF WILLIAM A. WORD

and son which bond I am securely therefore it is  
 hereby distinctly and expressly understood that the said  
 Thomas J. Word is to have no part of my Estate before given  
 devised 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 encumbered 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 hereafter appointed  
 is hereby authorized and required to deliver to the said  
 Thomas J. Word his Pro Rata Share of my estate  
 aforesaid to wit an equal portion with my other three  
 children aforesaid

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint my son  
 in law Moses S. 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 Ad 1881  
 Eighteen hundred and eighty one.

William Word P.S.

The said William Word at his residence in the  
 County of Carroll and State of Georgia on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
 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 hereto  
 written our names as subscribing witnesses  
 This January 6<sup>th</sup> 1881.

J. A. Brown witness  
 Lindsay Holland witness  
 J. F. Camp witness

Georgia We J. A. Brown and Lindsay Holland  
 Carroll County do solemnly swear that this  
 writing is the last will and  
 Testament of William A. Word the within named  
 Testator That the above written instrument was  
 subscribed by the said William Word in our  
 presence and acknowledged by him to each of us  
 and he at the same time published and declared  
 the above instrument subscribed to be his last will  
 and testament and we at the testators request

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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.

Sworn to before me January the 16th 1881 D. N. Brown <sup>Notary Public</sup>  
R. L. Richards <sup>Subscribed</sup>  
Ordinary <sup>Sworn</sup>  
Carroll County

State of Georgia I, W. D. Watkins, do solemnly swear  
Carroll County, that this writing contains the  
true last will of William Ward  
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 the sixteenth 16th, 1881

R. L. Richards