

Georgia In the name of God Amen
Chattooga County I James W Thomas of said
State and County being of
advanced age and knowing that I must shortly
depart from this world deem it right and proper
both as respects myself, and my 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 1st I desire and direct that my body
be buried in a decent and a 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—

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my
just debts be paid without delay by my Executors
hereinafter named, as I am unwilling my creditors
should be delayed of their rights especially as
there is no necessity for delay—

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my wife
Anna Thomas and my Six Children (viz)
Joseph W Thomas, Yessie W Thomas, Noah W
Thomas, Lamantha J Thomas, George J Thomas, &
Sarah E Thomas all my property both real
and personal in the 3rd District and fourth Section
of said County and State above mentioned to have
and to hold said property together until my
youngest child becomes of age, unless the will
of said Land should not make a support for them
in that event I desire that my Executors should
dispose of a portion of said property for the
benefit of said children either publicly or
privately as seemeth best—

Item 4th I further direct that when my
youngest child becomes of age that my property
both real and personal be equally divided between
my Six Children—

Item 5th I desire that my wife Anna
Thomas have reserved for her a reasonable
support should she live until after my youngest
child becomes of age—

Item 6th I desire that the Homestead
have its effect upon certain debts against
me

Item 7th I constitute and appoint my
beloved wife Anna Thomas Executrix and
my beloved Son Joseph J Thomas Executor

To this my last will and testament this March 4th 1871
James M Thomas

Signed Sealed declared and published by James M Thomas
as his last will and testament in the presence of us
the Subscribers who Subscribed our names hereto in the
presence of said Testator and of each other.
This March 4th 1871

Russell J Lowry
John W Sullivan
Stephen Sullivan

Court of Ordinary

Whereas on the 30th day of July last the last will
and testament of James M Thomas late of this County
deceased was prolated for probate and the same being
proven upon the oath of Stephen Sullivan one of the
Subscribing witnesses to said will. It is therefore
Ordered at this regular Term of the Court of Ordinary
for August that the same be admitted to record
this August 4th 1873
J B Hill Ordinary

Georgia In the name of God Amen
Chattooga County I Seaborn Harp of the State and
County aforesaid being of Sound mind
and capable of disposing in mind and memory and being
desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have
Strength So to do make and publish this my last will
and Testament hereby revoking all former wills
made by me and 1st I Commit my Soul to God
who gave it and my body I desire to be buried
decently. And my worldly estate I dispose of
as follows- I will that my two Sons have the
real estate that I now possess viz Benjamin
J Harp & Daniel Franklin to have the Stock
and Tools now on the place. and they are bound to pay
all my honest debts and take care of their mother
and three Sisters viz. Mary R, Lourenia E, Amanda L
until they marry or of choice move some place else.
And my two Sons further agree to pay my former
Daughters viz Sarah J Baatwright, Mary R, Lourenia
& H. Amanda L Fifteen Dollars apiece at their mother's
death.

In witness whereof I the Said Seaborn Harp
To this my last will set my hand and Seal
this 6th day of July 1873