

Georgia January 11 1862

Chattooga County

In the name of God I William H Clements in my natural mind will and bequeath first that all my personal property be sold except such portion of the same as may be excepted for the use of my family by my executors

And I will that all my just debts be paid &c & I will that my landed estate be sold at public sale in the town of Hammondsville Chattooga County Ga at the discretion of my executors

And I will & bequeath all of my personal and real estate to my wife Nancy C Clements & Mary Ann Elizabeth my daughter and William Richard my son and for any other <sup>children</sup> that may be born of my wife by me And I will that should my wife Nancy C Clements marry again that my property shall in that case be equally divided between my wife Nancy C Clements and my living children

I do furthermore will order direct and appoint Richard Willbourn and Nancy C Clements my executors to proof of a will of mine submitted by name William H Clements

Witness my hand  
J. A. Hamilton  
J. E. Conly  
W. H. Clements } Court of Ordinary

July Term 1862

The within last will and testament of William H Clements herein been produced before Court at the regular term and proven upon the oaths of J. A. Hamilton J. E. Conly and W. H. Clements it is ordered that the said will be admitted to record & that the heirs be notified to attend Court

State of Georgia In the name of God I  
Chattooga County I John A. being of sound and disposing mind and memory and having first read and depose that I do hereby certify that the within last will and testament last recited and annexed are all the last will and testament of the said deceased

And I do depose and declare that my duty to him is a true and Christian like manner with all the circumstances in law  
I do depose and declare that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors hereafter named and appointed

And I do give and bequeath to my wife Nancy C a child share of my property during my natural life and when she dies the said child share shall be paid to my wife Nancy C and if she marries again it is my will that she have only one hundred dollars of my property to be paid her by my executors. It is my will that my wife live on the farm consisting of lots of land number one hundred and fifty three and one hundred and seventy two during her widowhood or until my youngest child because of age and help by my wife Mary Ann and all the balance of my property together in the form of a support and education my children and when the youngest child because of age it is my will to make an equal division of the above said property between my children share and share alike

And I do give and bequeath to my two eldest daughters Serrontine and Martha each lot of land number one hundred and fifty four and the south half of lot number one hundred and fifty five

the sixth district and fourth section in addition to an equal share with the balance of my children to wit. Matthew, Jonathan, Martha Jane, Sarah C. Barrett, J. Henry J. and Annina at the first division I have the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars of gift to the sixth half of lot of land number one hundred and fifty three to my eldest son Matthew which is also in addition to an equal share with the balance of my children at the first distribution

testify & hereby constitute and appoint my friend John S. Alexander Esquire of the county of Wilkes to be my executor

J. Lewis

Signed sealed &

debated and published by John J. Arch as his true will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of our clerks this August 27 1862

J. Lewis

W. H. Thurston

A. G. Edmondson

Will of J. Lewis

April 1862

The within last will and testament of J. Lewis deceased having been produced at the office of the clerk and proved upon the oath of the testator and those who were present at the time the said will was last made to be true

W. H. Thurston  
A. G. Edmondson

Went to the County of Wilkes Georgia to wit Philip G. Harris  
I put my last will and testament in writing being of sound  
mind and disposing mind in my last testamentary disposition and  
wrote the same in my own hand and signed it  
I do hereby appoint my wife to be my executrix  
I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend John S. Alexander  
Esquire to be my executor and sole trustee and I appoint to constitute them  
with attorney at law to be my executors either jointly or separately as to them or  
either of them my own property and as my said executors either singly or either of  
them shall be at liberty to sell my property at either public or private sale  
or give or either of them shall think proper and they or either of them are  
authorized and empowered to make title to any of my said property either  
either by legal instrument or by deed and effectually and soundly to myself or  
to either and personally acting They or either of them shall be authorized to sell  
out all the real and personal estate of my said deceased to be paid due to pay off all  
debts due to be become due against me and settle and transmit to my heirs  
do more to do and acting for myself I further grant power to my said  
wife to give to all or any of my children such property or money as she may  
deem proper when they or any of them shall marry or arrive at the age of twenty  
years provided all my children shall be made equal in the valuation they receive  
either in cash or property at a fair valuation whatever property or money I  
have given heretofore or may hereafter give to any of my children shall be con-  
sidered against such child or children at the price or by the amount paid  
and charged by me If my said wife should at any time marry then &  
from that time she shall cease to be executrix or trustee