

but I will the proceeds for the benefit and support of herself and remaining unmarried children also that she is authorized to hire any person where she shall meet a person to live with her and attend to her business, and any other business she may wish to be paid out of any funds in hand coming in from the farm or otherwise.

Item 2d It is further my ^{will} desire that after the death of my beloved wife and the marriage or death of my true natural son John to wit, Martha J. Lewis C. Pearce that she best may of my lot of land No 2 be laid off by a line running from North to South which portion or most part of said lot by death unto my son Alexander C. Pearce it shall be held to his debt in any way and if sold by deed of execution then and in that case the right homestead rights in his legal heirs or heirs which he or she may for and can receive at law giving them the benefits thereof and the last part of said lot of land with the three acres more or less on which my house now stands with all the appurtenances together with all my personal property be sold to the best advantage and the proceeds be equally divided between my other four children if living if not between those that are to wit W. C. Pearce, John C. Simmons, M. J. Lewis C. Pearce.

Item 3d It is further my will and desire that all the debts which were incurred from the sales of my medicines at home or abroad after paying my just debts to be paid over to my beloved wife to use as she may think best for the benefit and comfort of herself and single children, and I further wish every one of my children to compound papers and send my liver most warm wishes in my name as she shall still living.

Item 4th It is my will and desire and I do hereby appoint my son William C. Pearce executor of this my last will and testament this 20th day of August 1884.

Signed, sealed and delivered after declaring and publishing by himself Thomas Pearce as his last will and testament in presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names here in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and in presence of each other this 11th day of October 1884 all the blessed words and intimations done before and by the testator's own hand.

Thomas Pearce

William C. Simmons

G. G. C. Gibson

William C. Pearce

W. C. Pearce

Court of Ordinary

Sept Term 1885

The last will and testament of Thos. Pearce having been produced in Open Court and proven upon the oath of G. G. C. Gibson W. C. C. Gibson and W. C. Simmons his Executors that the same be admitted to record.

V. H. Williams Clerk

Georgia

Chattooga County

Under the name of Geo. A. Brown

I John H. C. Brown of sound mind and memory

do make this my last will and testament revoking all others

Item 1st It is my desire to be solemnly buried

Item 2d I desire that my executors have power to

my just debts as soon as practicable

Item 2. I hereby appoint John M. Myers and Andrew Gerbier Executors of my last will and testament and I desire and direct that my wife Delilah Hood & the following children to wit John Edley Hood Charles Robert Hood Martha Emily Hood Sarah Caroline Hood Josiah Hood Joseph Hood Mary Jane Hood and Jesse Hood shall remain upon my farm use and cultivate the same so far as the same may now be necessary for a ample support for them to their own proper use benefit and behoof during the lifetime of my wife Delilah Hood & until she no more and at her death or marriage I direct that my land and whatever estate be sold and equally divided between my wife and all my children each having an equal share of the said estate and I include in this provision my three sons who do not live with me to wit William Tobias and Andrew Gerbier Hood and James Sartin Hood. These I desire to have an equal share of my estate when a division of my estate shall be made but I direct as they are my grown sons and that they shall have no portion of that made upon the farm but that they shall continue to work and support themselves as they think best and whatever is made upon the farm even and above a support for my wife and the children mentioned as now living with her shall be taken just & equally divided between my wife and children when a division may be made (if my wife should be living) if not then equally divided between the children including my eldest son who do not live with me.

Item 3. I desire to be understood in the last item as giving my wife a child share & equal portion with each child

Item 4. I will that whatever money I may have on hand at my death be taken charge of by my wife Delilah Hood and kept for my children until the first division mentioned in the fourth to them and divided as directed.

Item 5. I will that whatever may be due my estate either by note or account shall be kept by my wife Delilah Hood for the benefit of my children and divided as directed. In witness whereof I John Hood to this my will have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day 1851

John Hood

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said John Hood as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribing witnesses who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses here.

Thomas A. Harty
H. G. C. Edmundson
W. L. Thompson

Court of Ordinary

June Term 1851

The within last will and Testament of John Hood does hereby being produced in chambers on the 24th day of May last and proven upon the oaths of T. A. Harty H. G. C. Edmundson and W. L. Thompson it is ordered that the same be admitted to record.

V. Havelock Clerk