

J. Johnston

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John M. Hef. Ordinary

State of Georgia  
 County of Chattooga  
 I, John M. Morton, of said State & County  
 being of sound mind and memory,  
 and considering the uncertainty of this  
 life, do therefore, make publish and declare  
 this to be my last will and testament; that is  
 to say, First, after my burial expences, and  
 all (my) my lawful debts are paid and disch-  
 arged, the residue of my estate, I give, bequeath  
 and dispose of as follows, To wit:

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I give and bequeath to my three sisters Ida E. Baily  
 Lura McGorrough, and Emily A. Morton, each a third  
 interest in my farm on Chattooga River, in the Con-  
 nty aforesaid. Containing two hundred and fifty-  
 eight acres more or less, being lot number fifty eight  
 (58) and part of lot number (57) eighty seven, in  
 the sixth District and fourth section, to be held by  
 said legatees, in jointure until partition of said  
 farm be made which may be done by the consent  
 of as many as may own two thirds of said farm  
 which farm I value to the legatees herein named  
 at forty five hundred dollars (\$45,000) &  
 is to be held under the following conditions  
 and restrictions viz: That in the event either  
 of my said sisters die leaving no heir of her body  
 her interest in my estate, aforesaid goes to her  
 surviving sister or sisters of blood, or if there be  
 no surviving sister, then to their heirs at law  
 per stirpe; but if either of them die, leaving an  
 heir of her body, her said interest in my estate  
 vests in such living heir, for ever, but in the event  
 of a partition of said farm, and all or any part  
 thereof be sold or exchanged by any legatee, herein  
 named, and said legatee die, leaving no heir of  
 her body, then the value of the property, willed her  
 by me, as valued in this will - is to be charged  
 against her estate, and paid equally to the surviving  
 legatees, or legatees of this will, or if either be dead,

then to the living legatees and to the heirs of the deceased  
in any per ships. Provided the estate of said deceased  
should not be so impoverished by the bequest of this  
provision of my will, as not to leave of it a sufficient  
amount for decency and becomingly entombing  
his grave.

(Item 2)

It is my will and desire that Lura M and Emily  
A represent pay into the estate of said John E. each  
one hundred dollars (\$100) so soon as their interest in  
my estate, makes said amount - This in consideration  
of her unfortunate condition

(Item 3)

It is my further will and desire, that should  
my son John Thomas R. Morton, at any time  
be in want of the necessaries and comforts of  
his life, that my said sisters (or their heirs per their  
testament) equably to his maintenance and comfort  
of my said estate, so long as he lives with either  
of them.

(Item 4)

Should any legatee of my last will and testament  
alienate or attempt to alienate, all or any part of the  
property bequeathed by her under my said will, or prop-  
erty subsequently substituted for it, as by said will  
or otherwise, by gift, grant, or assignment, or in any way  
except for its market value, to any person or per-  
son benevolent corporations excepted, such legatee for-  
feits the entire amount with her, the forfeited prop-  
erty, to go first to the other legatees of this will,  
equally and if either be dead, to the surviving legatee,  
and to the heirs of the deceased; Per stripes. But if  
on any account, they or either of them fail to accept  
it then the unaccepted property, only is to go to Chatham  
County (County Georgia) to be turned by  
Spartan County into, M. S. Curney, if it be not  
already Churney, as soon as practicable, by pub-  
lic sale, duly advertised, the proceeds to be placed  
in the Treasury of said County, and expended  
with the County, &c. Should any legatee succeed  
as above in alienating said property, such gift,  
grant, or assignment is totally void and the forfeiture  
complete.

(Item 5)

All personal property of which I may die seignior I  
bequeath to my sisters before named to be divided  
equally and equitably between them

(Item 6)

I hereby constitute and appoint, Joseph T. Hamilton  
William H. (son) and M. C. Scott all of Chattooga  
County, executors of this my last will and testa-  
ment. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed  
my name the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord  
One thousand eight hundred and sixty eight

The above written instrument now subscribed by  
The said Joel W. Morton, in our presence, and a certificate  
deposited by him to each of us; he at the same time  
published and declared it to be his last will and  
testament, and we at the testator's request, and in  
his presence have signed our names as witnesses here  
unto, and written opposite our names our respective  
places of residence.

Williams Dry Subsigna P. 1890  
W. C. Hamilton Subsigna 40  
W. D. Dry Subsigna 40

Georgia Chattahoochee Co. I Joel Walker Perry, a resident of  
County, I said county being advanced in age,  
but of sound mind and disposing memory,  
make public and declare this my last will and  
testament  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire to be buried in a plain and  
decent manner, and that my executors pay all  
my just debts as soon as possible after my  
death,  
Item 2<sup>nd</sup> My beloved daughter, Martha & Philips  
having received, three hundred dollars of my estate  
I desire that my beloved wife, Elizabeth Perry, Henry  
J. Germaine, H and John P. Perry, each have three  
hundred dollars worth of property out of my estate  
which will make them three and three alike, I desire  
that after this amount of three hundred dollars  
having been paid that the remainder be equally divided  
to three my beloved wife, Elizabeth, Henry J. Germaine,  
H and John P. Perry - except twenty three dollars  
which I desire paid to my son, Edward P. Perry  
which will make them equal with my wife,  
Elizabeth, Martha & Philips, Henry J, Germaine & my  
John P. Perry  
Item 3<sup>rd</sup> Having every confidence in my two sons,  
Henry J. Germaine, H P. Perry, I hereby appoint & constitute  
them my sole executors, I do hereby declare this my last  
will and testament  
Witness my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1875

Joel Walker <sup>his</sup> Perry  
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Attesty Shropshire,  
W. E. Deal,  
H. H. Lawrie  
J. P. Johnston