

the State of Alabama, by the name of God Amen
Chattooga County & I, Samuel J. Force of Said State & County

being of advanced age but of sound and
disposing mind and memory, knowing that I must shortly
depart this life; deem it right and proper both as respects
my family and myself that I should make a disposition
of the property ~~which~~ which a kind Providence has blessed
me with; I do therefore make this my last will and testament
hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore
made. First, I desire and direct that my body be buried
in a decent and Christian-like manner suitable to my cir-
cumstances and condition in life. My soul I trust shall
return to God who gave it, as I hope for salvation through
the merits and atonement of the Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

Secondly, I desire and direct that all my just debts
be paid without delay by my executors and trustees here-
inafter named and appointed.

Thirdly, I will bequeath and devise to my beloved
wife Catharine M. Force all of my effects that I possess
both real and personal, with full that appertains thereto
consisting of Lands in Said State & now De Kalb County
and lands lying in Chattooga County Georgia in my
name. Stock of all description, farming implements, house-
hold & kitchen furniture, for my use and benefit during
her natural life; And after her death if any effects
are to be equally distributed among my lawful children.

Fourthly, I hereby constitute and appoint my
wife, Catharine M. Force my legal executrix and John
B. Blaife of Said State and County my executrix who
are legally authorized to dispose of any of Said effects
by private or public sale or in any way as in their
judgement may seem best to the interest of Said estate
and comfort of my wife the Said Catharine M. Force.

And any act of my Said representatives will be as
legal as if done by my self in life; So as to give
no trouble or expense but of Said effects of this
My last will and testament

This 30th day of May 1868 Samuel J. Force

Signed, Sealed, delivered and published by Samuel
J. Force as his last will and testament in presence of us the
undersigned who Subscribed our names hereto in
presence of Said Testator at his special instance
and request and in the presence of each other
This 30th day of May 1868

J. R. Dorsey *Seal*
James McAllough *Seal*
John Corwin *Seal*

The State of Alabama / Office of Judge of Probate said
Cherokee County, County

I James H. Leath judge of said
Court hereby certify that the foregoing pages contain
a true and correct copy of an instrument purporting
to be the last will and testament of Samuel J. Force Esq.
on record in my office in Book of Wills Pages 78 and 79
Given under my hand and Seal of Office
on this 15th day of March A.D. 1876.

James H. Leath
Judge of Probate Court
Cherokee Co. Alabama

State of Georgia / In the name of God Amen
Chattanooga County, I John W. Penn, of the State
and County aforesaid, being
of sound mind and disposing memory, and being
desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I
have strength to do, do make and publish this
my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills
by me heretofore made, and first I commit my soul
to God who gave it, my body I desire to be buried in
the family burial ground, and my worldly estate
I dispose of as follows -

I item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Nancy L. Penn during her natural life the
Home place, consisting of two lots of Land known
as the Penny place, and at her death the same
to go to my son James C. Penn as his entire portion
of my real estate, and I desire that my son James
C. shall remain with, and take care of his Mother
so long as she may live -

I item 2nd I will and bequeath to my three
Daughters, to wit, Mary E., Lucy A. & Annie M. Penn
all the balance of my real estate except my stock
in the Union Manufacturing Company, to be
equally divided between them according to value
and should it ever become necessary to divide
said lands, I desire my executors hereinafter
appointed to value and make the division
or else to appoint disinterested freeholders to val-
ue and make said division for them; But they each one
of my said Daughters are to take said lands sub-
ject to the following limitations and restrictions
that is during life with remainder to the heirs
of their body at their death in fee, and not to be
subject to the debts of any future Husband; If
should any one of my said Daughters die before
marrying them in that event