

thereto. It is therefore ordered at this regular term of the Court of Ordinary in December 1874 that the Same be admitted to record Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1874  
J B Hill Ordinary

State of Georgia  
Chattooga County In the name of God: Amen  
I, Thomas J. Hill of Said State and County being of advanced age, and 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 with which a kind Providence has blessed me, to therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me—

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life.

My Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter appointed, as I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed in their rights—

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give, bequeath and devise to my beloved wife, Mary Lot of Land number Two Hundred and three in the Fourteenth district of a fourth Section of Chattooga County, whereon I now live containing One Hundred Acres of which is cleared and in cultivation about Thirty Acres, with all the rights, members and appurtenances to said lot of Land in anywise belonging free from all Charges whatever, to her own proper use benefit and behoof during her life or widowhood.

I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife in the same manner the farming tools used on and belonging to said Plantation, with my Horses, Cattle and Hogs, together with Household and Kitchen furniture—

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I will that at the death of my beloved wife, Mary, that all my property then left be equally divided between my three Children

John A Loden, Caroline E S Ruff & Harriet A Lane, after  
John A Loden has two feather beds, the worth of one Cow and  
Calf and one Twelve dollar Saddle, Caroline E S Ruff has  
the two feather beds, the worth of the one Cow and Calf and one  
Twelve dollar Saddle to make them equal with what Harriet  
A Lane has already received -

I do hereby also appoint my son John A Loden  
Executor of this my last will and Testament -

(Signed) Thomas Loden

Signed Sealed and published by Thomas Loden as his  
last will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers  
who Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of Said Testator  
at his request, this January 14<sup>th</sup> 1873

Thomas S Johnston  
James P Johnston  
John D Weaver

Chattooga Court of Ordinary

March Term 1<sup>st</sup> day 1875

The within last will and Testament of Thomas Loden  
late of this County deceased, having on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February  
last, been produced for probate and the same being proved  
up on the oath of Scott Johnston one of the three Subscribing  
witnesses to said will; It is therefore ordered at this reg-  
ular term of the Court of Ordinary that the same be recor-  
ded as the last will and testament of Thomas Loden  
deceased; And that Letters testamentary do issue to  
John A Loden named Executor in said will. March 1<sup>st</sup>  
1875

J B Hill Ordinary

Georgia  
Chattooga County In the name of God Amen  
I James D. Harris of the State and  
County aforesaid being of Sound mind and  
disposing memory, and knowing the uncertainty  
of life and the Certainty of death, do therefore make  
this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking all  
others heretofore made by me -  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> I will and direct that my