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J. T. Hendrix, Edward T. Cloze and myself, together  
with the consent of J. T. Hendrix the above named partner;  
And invest the proceeds of my interest or such part  
thereof as they may deem best in a place convenient for  
the benefit of my family thereafter to dispose of such  
Land or place as they may think best according to  
the circumstances that may arise -

I desire that my perishable property and real  
estate be managed as above prescribed and never to be  
administered upon as my estate -

Whereunto I have authorized my Brother Edward T.  
Cloze to sign my name. May 1<sup>st</sup> 1842

Witnessed by  
W D Stummer  
Hiles H. Hammom  
E C W Cloze

Whereas on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August last  
the within last will & testament of Gideon W Cloze  
deceased was produced in open Court for probate;  
and the same being proven upon the oaths of Miles  
H Hammom and W D Stummer two of the Subscribing  
Witnesses - It is therefore ordered by this regular  
Term of the Court of Ordinary in September that  
the Same be admitted to Record, this Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1842  
J B Hill Ordinary

Georgia  
Chattooga County - I W E Coleman being at  
time in feeble health, but  
of sound and disposing mind and memory, deem  
it right and proper that I should make a disposi-  
tion of the property with which a kind  
Providence has blessed me. I therefore make  
publick and declare the following as my last  
will and testament, hereby revoking all others  
heretofore made by me -

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire and direct that all my just debts  
be paid as soon after my death as possible -

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I desire that all my property of every kind  
together with all effects that I may own at my  
death and now in the hands of my three eldest sons  
to wit W A, J T & Lincay Coleman who are at  
this time using said property in Rail Road  
building in the State of Alabama. Be kept  
together by my executors herein after appointed

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and used as now used for the term of five years. And at the end of which time it is my desire that either one or more of my six children herein after named or lack of them that be in life or their lawful representatives may by right demand of my executors payment in full of his or her distributive share of my estate. Counting in said division all profits that may accrue in the mean time—  
Item 8<sup>th</sup>

Should any one of my said children so live—  
S. C. B. Tucker wife of Dr. G. A. R. Tucker, W. A. Coleman, John A. Coleman, Linge Coleman, Nannie Coleman, and Benjamin B. Coleman. Should wish to withdraw from the Concern before the five years shall have expired (one or more of them) an event I should regret they may do so upon the following conditions. First giving my executors twelve months notice of such desire—

At the end of which time that my executors pay said one or more of said children the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and annually thereafter up to the end of the said five years such installments as will not materially interfere with the carrying on said business—  
Item 9<sup>th</sup>

I desire that my executors render to some one of my children that may not be engaged in the management or control of said property a full and complete inventory of all such property or effects as soon as possible after my death, and will suggest my son in law Dr. G. A. R. Tucker as the one to receive the same—  
Item 10<sup>th</sup>

It is my desire that no charge be made against my Daughter J. E. B. Tucker for gifts or advances made by me to her before the late war. And in consideration of the great trouble, care and kindness to me in my afflictions of my said Daughter and her Husband.

It is my will and I so direct that no charge be made against her for certain advances made to her Husband since the war. And will here state that all I desire counted against her in the final division of estate is Seven Hundred Dollars recently loaned Dr. G. A. R. Tucker her Husband, and even this amount without interest as long as I may live.

Item 11<sup>th</sup> I hereby will desire that at the end of the five years the time herein set for a final division of my estate. What I now own as well as the income ad valorem profits arising therefrom

from its employment be equally divided  
between my six Children be good quarrned  
or their Lawful Representatives Share and  
Share alike

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I desire that my executors see  
that ample provision is made respect so far  
as may be in their power and commensurate  
with their means for the comfort and well  
being of my Daughter Hennie so long  
as she may remain single or until  
she shall marry at the age of twenty one  
years. And should she marry before the time  
set for a final division of my Estate  
it is my will should she recd it that my  
executors give her such assistance as may  
be in their power without the twelve months  
spoken of

Item 8<sup>th</sup> And should events occur that  
is impossible for me to know at this time  
that may render the carrying on of the business  
I spoken of impracticable then in that case  
I leave the said business in discontinuance  
of the same with my executors they being  
the judges of the situation - And at  
the end of the five years should it be the desire  
of those concerned to continue said business  
it is my will and pleasure that they should  
do so, my executors settling in full with  
such as may mat -

Item 9<sup>th</sup> All the time of Division  
the same may be made by drawing out in  
stacks and lots the share of each one, the same  
having been loted off and valued by  
disinterested person each lot being made  
equal

Item 10<sup>th</sup> It is my desire that my  
executors shall not be required to give  
Security, make annual Returns of their actions  
and doings, make application for leave to  
sell property or to Advertise the same as is  
required by Law of Administrators and  
executors but the whole and entire man-  
agement and control together with the  
consequences being left with them I  
having full faith and confidence  
in their carrying out this my last will  
testament. And will here state all that  
I desire my executors shall do by way  
of careful qualification is that they Settled  
this my last will for probate

aged if possible have the same duly power set up  
but no Inventory or Appraisement recorded except as  
as before mentioned

Item 11<sup>th</sup> The Care Maintenance and Education  
of my Son Benjamin B Coleman who is at this time  
a minor. I Commit to my Executors expecting them  
to give him from time to time such aid, Chancery  
and encouragement as they think he may need -  
And I hereby request him to be governed by their  
Council and advise during the remaining years  
of his minority -

I hereby appoint my three Sons or such one  
or more of them as I may be willing to qualify  
as such Executors of this my last Will and  
testament to wit W.L. J. and George Coleman  
Signed Sealed Published and declared to

be my last Will and testament this January 8<sup>th</sup> 1873  
in presence of

Benjamin Branner  
John Branner  
Sam Hawkins

Wm C Coleman Esq<sup>rd</sup>

Count of Ordinary

April Term 1873

Whereas on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March last the within  
last will and testament of William C Coleman  
deceased was produced in open Court for Probate  
and the same being proven upon the oaths of  
Benjamin Branner, Jr & Branner & Sam Hawkins

It is therefore ordered at this regular  
Term of the Court of Ordinary that the Same  
be admitted to record This April 7<sup>th</sup> 1873

J. B. Hill Ordinary

Georgia In the name of God Amen  
Chattooga County

I Robert M Wright of  
Said State and County being of advanced  
age, and knowing that I must before a great while depart from  
this world deem it right and proper both as respects my-  
self and family that I should a disposition of the property  
with which a kind providence has blessed me, I therefore  
make this my last Will and testament hereby revoking  
and annulling all others hereto fore 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 -

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I desire and direct that all my just debts be  
paid as soon as possible without delay by Executor hereinafter  
named as I am unwilling my Creditors should be  
delayed of their rights -