

State of Georgia In the Name of God Amen
 Clatsie County I Michael A Edwards
 that County and State aforesaid being of sound
 mind and disposing memory do hereby declare
 publish and declare that to be my last Will
 and Testament

Item 1st I wish all my just debts paid
 Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah
 C. Edwards wife of Michael W. Edwards the several
 lot with its improvements lying within the Corporate
 Limits of the City of Athens in North Georgia Dis-
 trict the said County wherein the said Michael
 A. Edwards lives in Death for the use of my said
 daughter Sarah C. Edwards and her Children born
 and hereafter born to go to said Children after
 her death and request the proper Court to appoint
 a competent Trustee for my said daughter Sarah
 C. Edwards said Child from and including Richard
 W. Edwards as I do not wish him to manage or
 control the same, and I add to this bequest, all
 Bed & Bed Clothings previously given,

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Eliza-
 beth Edwards, the balance and residue of my Estate Real
 personal and Mixed for and during her natural
 life or widowhood for her benefit and support
 and for the benefit and support of my unmarried
 Children, and at her death I marriage to be
 equally divided amongst and between my four
 Children Susan C. Edwards, Eliza Edwards, Mary
 Edwards and John Hanson (Edwards) share and
 share alike and the Child or Children of each
 as may die before my Wife, the Child or Children
 to take the share that the Father or mother
 would be entitled to if he or she (at the marriage
 of either of my Children) were to die
 intestate or my Wife to give to such Child
 as Bed and Bed Clothings last do not im-
 mediately order it.

Item 4th My Son Michael A. Edwards has as
 much as an equal share of my Estate
 therefore if living I give him in charge
 I do not wish this first Child of my
 Wife Mary Jane Shirts or any other Child
 to receive any portion of my Estate

Item 5th I hereby nominate constitute and appoint
 my Wife Elizabeth Edwards, Executor of my
 last Will and Testament, executing her
 said managing duties after she collects what
 is due me.

In Witness Whereof I the said

Richard I Edwards, Thru Testaments Lib. 222
 Thru and affixed my seal this tenth (10th)
 day of May 1874. Thru and Thru
 (1874)

Richard I Edwards

Signed sealed acknowledged
 published and declared to be the
 last Will & Testament of Richard
 I Edwards in our presence who
 each sign the same in the presence
 of each other and of the Dictator

W. H. Rogers

J. N. Church

John Calvin Johnson

George J. Church of Ordinary Regular
 Clerk County Court 4th Aug. 1874
 Personally appeared in open Court Rufus
 H. Rogers one of the undersigned Ministers to
 the within of the Will of Richard I
 Edwards late of said County deceased who
 in Court said that he did read and declare
 sign and seal said Will and heard him
 acknowledge the same to be his last Will
 and Testament, that he did so fully volun-
 tarily of his own free Will and accord
 without any compulsion or persuasion as the
 fact of any other person or persons whether
 that at the time of his solemn said Testa-
 ment of sound and disposing mind and memory
 that he at Court J. N. Church and John
 Calvin Johnson all signed said Will as
 Witnesses in the presence of each other and of
 the Dictator and at this (signed)
 Thru to and subscribed
 in open Court W. H. Rogers
 and J. N. Church Ordinary

Whereupon It is Ordered and decreed by the
 Court that said Will is duly proved in
 certain form of law to be the true last
 Will and Testament of said Richard
 I Edwards late of said County the same of the
 probate thereof to be returned in terms of
 the Law. As at Court Ordinary
 Regular Court 4th August 1874

Recorded 7th Aug. 1874