

Will of James M. Pate of Clayton County, deceased

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James M. Pate of Clayton County, Ga. do hereby certify that I am the said James M. Pate, deceased, and that I have written this will by myself.

In the name of God, Amen

I, James M. Pate, of the State and County aforesaid, getting along in years, and in feeble health, knowing that I must soon die, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, my heart right and proper both as respects my wife and children and myself, that I should make a disposition of the property with 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 decent manner suitable to my circumstances in life, trusting that my soul shall return to God who gave it, as I hope for salvation through the atonement of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I desire, if owing anything, that my just debts be paid.

I bequeath to my wife all my land, one hundred acres, more or less, and stock during her lifetime.

I desire, if James M. Pate, my youngest son, if he stays with his Mother on the farm, and helps take care of said stock and farm, until he is twenty one (21) years old to have one hundred dollars \$100, or a mule or horse equivalent to \$100.

I appoint my wife, and William M. Pate, my oldest son as Executors to this my last will, and testament.

I desire for them to dispose of the stock, as they may think best for the benefit of the farm.

At his death I desire that the land, and everything be equally divided between my three sons, William M. Pate, Robert C. Pate, and James M. Pate, Junior.

This the 22nd day of October 1888.

James M. Pate

Signed, declared, and published by James M. Pate as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers, who subscribe our names here in the presence of said testator, at his instance and request, and of each other; he signing in our presence, and we signing in his presence.

J. E. Dodd

J. F. Lempert

J. H. Lusk