

Will of John H. Ponder

Tenn 1894

Proven in Court in
State of Georgia. In the name of God Amen

I John H. Ponder of said County and State being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs, while I live, do hereby declare my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made, and first I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body I desire to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner and my worldly estate I dispose of as follows:

Item 1st I will devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary A. Ponder for and during her natural life all my property both real and personal including and money plus mortgages, accounts, and other there in which that I may have at my decease, and at the death of the said Mary A. Ponder it is my will and desire that said property shall be sold and the proceeds divided equally, three and three alike among the following beneficiaries to wit: one fourth to each of my sons Lemmie H. Ponder and Thos. M. Ponder and Albert Ponder, also one fourth of the proceeds of said property to each of my daughters Eliza Ponder, Eliza Rogers and Mattie Ponder and the other one fourth to the Children of my deceased son John H. Ponder.

Item 2 It is my will and desire that my said wife Mary A. Ponder shall not in any manner manage or dispose of said life Estate or any part thereof and at my death I desire her to have a "Mortgage" or "Mortgage" but at my grave the same to cost not less than Fifteen Dollars.

Item 3 I hereby nominate and appoint my said sons J. H. Ponder and Thos. M. Ponder Executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said John H. Ponder to this my last will and testament bearing of the foregoing two pages and three I am and a part of my said sons have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of April 1894.

John H. Ponder (sd)
The above and foregoing testament over his day signed sealed published and declared by said John H. Ponder as his last will and testament in the presence of one who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each of us hereunto subscribed our names at Atlanta this April 13th 1894

Howard A. Morris
E. J. Green
Charles Thomas Noton