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of this state - So help me God  
I witnessed this 7<sup>th</sup> Decr 1850 Wm B. Readwell  
At Rockbridge Co.

State of Virginia, In the name of God  
Bacone County, Amer - I William A.

Bruton of the County

and State aforesaid being fully informed  
of the certainty of death and  
of the uncertainty of the time thereof  
being feeble in body and wasted in flesh  
and strength yet of sound and clear  
mind memory and discretion am  
in order to dispose of the property with  
which a bountiful Providence has blessed  
me do make ordain and establish  
this as my last Will & Testament  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> In a reasonable time after my  
death I wish my body buried in the  
family burial ground near the graves  
of my deceased parents in a becoming  
and Christianlike manner

Item 2<sup>d</sup> It is my will that all money  
due me be collected without unnecessary  
delay after my death and that  
all my just debts be paid including  
my burial expenses -

Item 3<sup>o</sup> It is my will that my Executor  
shall appropriate as much of my money  
as shall be necessary to enclose the family  
burial ground with suitable wooden railing

and to erect a marble slab to my memory

Item 4<sup>e</sup> I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved  
Brother Thomas J. Bruton my Gold Watch

- Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my Will that in case my said brother Thomas J. Branton should die without making legal disposition of said Watch then and in that case it shall revert to and become the property of my younger brother George A Branton.
- Item 6<sup>th</sup> I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved brother George A Branton the sum of One thousand and dollars (\$1000)
- Item 7<sup>th</sup> It is my Will and I do direct that the residue of my estate be equally divided between my beloved sisters Sarah R and Mary R Branton.
- Item 8<sup>th</sup> It is my Will and I do desire that in the event of the death of all of the herein before mentioned legatees before giving legal direction to the legacy to which they are entitled by this instrument, then and in that case I do desire that the foregoing bequest shall be disposed of as follows - To my cousin George A Hall five Hundred dollars (\$500) To the Baptist Home Mission Five Hundred dollars (\$500) To the destitute orphans of the County of Decatur One thousand Dollars (\$1000) this includes all under ten years of age and then the residue to go to my uncle Patrick A McGriff and his heirs In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of December AD 1863

William A. Branton (S)

Signed sealed declared and published by the said W A Branton as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers and signed by us as witnesses in presence of the Testator of each other this December 14<sup>th</sup> 1863  
 P A McGriff *George A. Branton*

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Georgia Court of Ordy At Chambaug  
Deature County } Feby 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Present H.W Beach Ordy

Bremally appears P.A. Mccliff the Wmctur  
wominated & apppointed in the last Will  
& Testament of W.A. Branton late of said  
County dead appprodced said Will & Testa-  
ment for probate record and also brought  
Anne Smith one of the subscibing Wit-  
ness thence who being duly sworn says  
that he saw William A. Branton sign and  
declar & publish the within instrument  
as his last Will & Testament stck at  
the execution thereof the said Branton  
was of sound & disposing mind & memory  
& did the same freely voluntarily & of his  
own accord & that defendant signed the  
same as a Witness in the presence of  
testator & at his special instance request  
& saw Andrew J. Smith and Patrick A. Mccliff  
the other subscibing Witnesses sign the  
same at the like instance request  
Signed Subscribed before  
me this Feby 12<sup>th</sup> 1864 } Anne Smith  
H.W Beach Ordy,

Georgia Court of Ordy Tech Tern  
Deature County } March 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

Present H.W Beach Ordy

It appearing to the Court that the within  
last Will & Testament was propounded for  
probate by P.A. Mccliff the Executive Officer  
named & sworn in common form on the oaths  
of Anne Smith one of the witnesses thereto It is  
Ordered (there being no objection) that the same  
be recorded

H.W Beach Ordy