

Last Will & Testament of R. A. Dickerson
Georgia
Dougherty County

In the Name of God Amen
This is to Make Known, and
I declare that I Rodger L.
Dickerson being in sound mind & of disposing
memory doth hereby make this my last Will
and Testament hereby revoking all others by
me made

Item 1st.

I desire that my Executor as soon after my
death as possible from the sale of crops & other
means I may have shall pay all my just
debts

Item 2^d

I have heretofore advanced to each of my
sons John D. & Richard A. in lands Negro
stock &c. amounting to the sum of eight
thousand Dollars each, which said property
I hereby convey to them in fee for the purpose
of making my wife Catharine & my son William
L. Equal with my said sons. I do hereby give
to my said wife Catharine & to her heirs & assigns of her power
in trust for the use of her in fee forever the
following property to wit: Isaac a Negro man
about thirty years old and his wife Sarah
Louisa a Negro Woman about thirty five years old
Malissa a girl about twelve years old Sally
a girl about fourteen years old, also
three choice mules, ten head of cattle twenty
head of ^{stock} hogs, provisions for negroes stock for
one year, also my Carriage & Match Horses, which
property I estimate to be worth eight thousand
Dollars. I also give to my son William L. his
wheat & figures for ever in fee the following property
Parker a Negro man about thirty years old
Dodd a boy about fifteen years old
Sally a Woman about thirty years old & her
two children Lavina about six years old
& Jim about one year old, Elizabeth a woman
about 21 years old & her child Augustus
about one year old, also three mules on
my Plantation in Mitchell County or their
heirs in case of their death also ten head

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of cattle 20 head stock hog & one yearling
known & stock, which are perhaps I also have
Eight thousand Dollars

Item 5th

I wish my Plantation lying East of Flint River
the first District of Dougherty County to be divided
into two parcels by a line as follows, beginning
the southwest corner of lot number 98 & the line
East corner of 199 thence North on the line to the
Flint River all the land lying West of that. I do
hereby give to my Wife Catherine during her life
with remainder over to my children as hereinafter
provided. The Eastern portion of said plantation
I do hereby give to my son William. In testimony
hereof I have hereunto set my hand

Item 6th

I give and devise my Plantation in Mitchell
County known as the Shown Place also a lot of
land supposed to be 285 in the 11th Dist of
County purchased by me of Vernon M. London
also the undivided two thirds of lot of land
Catherine & I own in the 11th District of
County belonging to said lot to my son John
to be held by him as hereinafter provided

Item 7th

I give my settlement of land lying between
River and Muchala Creek part of it being in
County and part of it in the first District
Dougherty County to my son Richard M. who
enjoyed by him as hereinafter provided. A
lot of land, No 75 on which he now lives
the North half of No 74 adjoining. This I
do give to the said Richard his heirs and assigns

Item 8th

The Whole of the balance of my estate both
personal I wish to be equally divided between
my wife my son John S. Richard and William
& share alike that part or share to which
any be entitled as well as the land to be
devoted to her to be enjoyed by her with
with remainder over to my children
that part or share to which
William

Clawes of this Will Excepting such as are given to them in fee they shall hold in trust for the support of themselves their wives and for the support and Education of their Children. not to be subject to their liabilities or contracts. and at their death to vest in their Children respectively. That part or share which my son Richard A. may be entitled to in this & foregoing Clauses of my will (except such as is given to him in fee) I desire shall be held by my Executor in Trust for the support of the said Richard A. & his wife & for the support and Education of his Children during his life with remainders over to his Children in fee. not subject to his debt liabilities or contracts in any way whatever. My Executor shall have the discretionary power to entrust him with the management of the same whenever they feel satisfied of his being steady and provident.

Item 7th

Should either of my boys die without living children ^{surviving} the whole of the property herein conveyed Except such as is given to him in fee shall be divided Equally between my ^{surviving} Children. Should either of them ^{survive} a wife and no children. then the wife to have a life time living estate in the same with remainders over as hereinbefore stated.

Item 8th

After my death my property is not to be divided until the growing crop shall be gathered.

Item 9th

I give to my Executor discretionary power to sell my property Either at public or private Sale & on such time as they may think best for my Estate.

Item 10th

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Catherine. My son John E. My friend David A. Mason Executors of this my last Will & Testament.

Saml Wilmot Wheeler of S.

have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
this 29th day of April 1868

Rodger S. Dickinson

Signed Sealed & published by the Testator he being
in sound mind in our presence subscribed by us
his presence in the presence of each other and at his
request this 29th day of April 1868

John William Fears
Marcellus E. Vason
John A. Davis
Nedham W. Collier

Georgia
Dougherty County Before me Joseph M. Crook Notary
in & for said County. In open Court
Came John S. Dickinson one of the
Executors of the last Will and Testament of Rodger
S. Dickinson Decedent and produced before me the
last Will & Testament of Rodger S. Dickinson late
of said County and the Witnesses of said Will
(Viz) Marcellus E. Vason John A. Davis Nedham
W. Collier who being duly sworn depose and
say that they saw Rodger S. Dickinson the
Testator Signed Sealed Declared and published
instrument now presented as his last Will &
Testament freely voluntarily and of his own
accord and without any compulsion or
influence whatever that at the time of the
execution of said Will said Testator was of
sound disposing mind and memory &
deposants signed said Will as witnesses in
presence of Testator at his special request
and request & in the presence of each of

Nedham W. Collier
Marcellus E. Vason
John A. Davis

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this
June 1868

Witness
My hand & seal