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State of Georgia) In the name of God Amen

Early County) I Elisha Delaplace of the State and County
Sovereign being of advanced age but of sound
and disposing mind am writing knowing that I cannot long
depart from this life deem it right and proper both as regards
my family and myself that I should make a disposition of my
property both which a kind Providence has blessed me with.
I do therefore make this my last will and testament revoking
all others by me heretofore made

- 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent
and Christian like manner Suitable to my Christian and
Condition in life my Soul I trust shall return to rest with
God who gave it, as I hope for Salvation through the
Merits and Atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ
- 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without
delay by my Executors herein mentioned and appointed
- 3rd I give and bequeath by my beloved wife Mary Jane of
one hundred and thirty three Acres of land situate
a part of lot of land in the hundred and twenty
(226) area known as the same place in the 6th Section
of Early County together with all the right and appurtenances
thereunto belonging also fifty nine
and a half Acres of land on the west side of said
a part of lot of land number 225 in the 6th Section of said County
together with all the produce I may have received growing or
standing in the field also two Horses or Mules and one head
of Cattle Such as the gray Sleigh from my whole Stock also
my Buggy, Wagon, Saddle and harness farming utensils
and all the contents thereof. I give and bequeath also the same
and all the money and notes I may have at my death
all of the above specified property is this the third Section of
bequeathed to my Daughter Mary Ann Delaplace & Saper at the
death of my wife Mary on the following Conditions viz
that the said Mary Ann Delaplace & Saper shall never again
live in a State of Cohabitation with William & Saper but should
the said Mary Ann Delaplace & Saper live together as man
and wife either before or after the death of my wife Mary then the
said property to be equally divided equally among my other
children

4th) I give and bequeath one share to Mrs Emily Douglass wife of
Jesse Douglass and her three youngest children a certain
piece of land in the 6th District of Early County and known in the
plan of said District as lot number (367) containing two hundred
and fifty acres more or less

5th) I give and bequeath one share to my Daughter Mrs Concordia Ann
Haddock wife of William Haddock my three house and lot, dwelling
and lot, and the lot which the Black Smith Shop is situated
all of said fifty being in Dawson and known as the
Douglass Farm property

6th) I give bequeath and devise to my Sons William Henry, John
Drake and James Elisha Douglass and my Daughter
Mrs Amanda Sykes and Mrs John Benjamin Sykes
and my three grand children viz. Mr. Jesse Perry and Lora
and Washington Perkins all the stock and other property
which I have not disposed of in some previous Section
said property to be equally divided between the heirs above mentioned
the William children to inherit one share

7th) I hereby appoint my Sons John Drake and James Elisha Douglass
my Executors of this my last will and testament without Security
This the 10th day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen
Hundred and Eighty one Elisha Douglass E.S.
Signed Sealed and published and
declared by the abovesaid Elisha Douglass as his last will and
testament in presence of us who at his request in presence of each
other have Subscribed our names as witnesses hereto this day
and year above written

G. D. Oliver
H. S. Shuffield
J. C. McVair

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James B Jones
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