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supported out of my estate, and after the death of my said wife, that my said daughter Mary R. shall receive an equal share of my estate.

And I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Executrix, and my son Robert C. Ridgway, Executor to carry into effect this my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of May 1840.

Signed and acknowledged before us

Joseph Sewell
James Brawner
W. A. Christian

James Ridgway

Georgia } Court of ordinary November adjourned Term 1840
Elbert County } Personally came into open Court. Joseph Sewell
Isa Christian and James Brawner and being sworn saith that they saw James Ridgway sign seal and deliver the above and foregoing instrument of writing as his last will and Testament, and that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator and at the request of the testator and that they believe the testator was of sound mind at the time he executed the same.

Sworn to in open Court this 3^d of
November 1840.
Attest W. B. Nelms, c.c.o.

Joseph Sewell
James Brawner
W. A. Christian

Georgia } Court of ordinary November adjourned Term 1840
Elbert County } the within last will and Testament of James
Ridgway deceased having been proven in open Court upon the oaths of Joseph Sewell, Isa Christian and James Brawner. It is ordered by the Court that the same be admitted to Record.

Attest W. B. Nelms, c.c.o.
Recorded the 3^d day of November 1840. W. B. Nelms, c.c.o.

JAMES N. BROWN'S WILL 1841.

Georgia } In the name of God Amen.

Elbert County } I, James N. Brown of the State and County aforesaid being old & infirm in body, but of sound mind & memory do hereby declare this to be my last will and Testament.

hereby revoking all other wills by me made

Item 1st I resign my body to the earth from whence it came, and my soul into the hands of God who gave it

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid

Item 3rd It is my will that immediately after my death that the whole of my estate be equally divided between my sons Benjamin Brown or his legal heirs, Henry B. Brown or his legal heirs, James N. Brown or his legal heirs, John Brown or his legal heirs, James Bridges Trustee for my daughter Lucy Presley and her children, Jesse M. Fortson and Edmund M. Sater Trustee for my daughter Milly Presley and her children the children or their legal representatives of Joseph Bawner Sr. and Mary his wife (both deceased) and Henry Bawner (who married my daughter Belia) or their legal representatives

Item 4th I hereby constitute and appoint Benjamin Brown and Lincoln N. Brown my executors to carry into effect this my last will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18 day of December 1840.

Jest Shelton Oliver
Jesse M. Fortson

James N. Brown
mark

Georgia } Court of ordinary March Term 1841.
Elbert County } Res. &c. came into open Court Shelton Oliver and Jesse M. Fortson and being sworn saith that they saw James N. Brown sign & seal by making his mark the within instrument of writing as his last will and Testament and that he was as we believe at the time he signed this same of sound mind and disposing memory, and that they signed the same as witnesses to the same at the request of the testator sworn to in open Court this 1st March 1841.

Shelton Oliver
Jesse M. Fortson

Attest Wm. B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Georgia } Court of ordinary March Term 1841.
Elbert County } It is ordered by the Court that the within will be Recorded the same having been proven on the oaths of Shelton Oliver and Jesse M. Fortson

Attest Wm. B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Recorded the 1st March 1841. Wm. B. Nelson, c.c.o.