

Subscribed the same as witnesses and saw
James L. Gillispie do so likewise -
Given to & subscribed the
3rd day of Nov^r 1845 in open Court
The said J. C. O. { Nathan Gurney
Thomas A. Smith
mark

Recorded the 3rd day of Nov^r 1845

The State of Georgia

In the name of god amen
I Matthew B. Hooper senr of the County
of Franklⁱ being of sound mind and
disposing memory taking into consider-
ation that it is appointed for all men
once to die do make and ordain this
my last will and testament

- First I desire that I may be decently
buried at the discretion of my ex-
ecutors herein after named
- Secondly I desire that my debts and funeral
expenses be paid out of my
estate
- Thirdly I desire that my beloved wife
Elizabeth Hooper may keep use and
enjoy all my Estate for and during
her natural life
- Fourthly After the death of my wife I desire
that my executor ~~or executor~~ or the
acting executor or executor shall
deliver or sell all or any part and
divide the proceeds thereof between my
children to wit John B. Hooper

Justine Beall Johnson & Hooper Charles
 I Hooper Richard Hooper Elizabeth
 Butler and the heirs of Martha F. Edwards
 to wit Mr Russel Edwards and Richard
 Matthew Edwards her children who shall
 represent their mother and be entitled
 to an equal share with ^{my} other children
 named

My other children not named have been
 provided for heretofore

^{and} Fifthly If my wife should desire to
 leave the place where I may
 leave her at my death my
 executors are authorized to sell
 & dispose of my land or other
 Estate in such manner as may
 be necessary to enable her to go
 or live where she may choose

Finally I appoint John W Hooper Charles
 I Hooper Richard Hooper and
 Benjamin F. Hooper executors of
 this my last will & Testament
 and they or any part or any one
 who may act as such are empowered
 to do all the acts and exercise all
 the discretion vested in my executor
 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand & seal this
 day of _____ In the year of our
 Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and forty

Begun sealed & executed Matthew B Hooper
 in the presence of us November 19th 1842
 the day and date above
 written signed in presence of the Testator

Test Joshua Ward
John H Ward

Georgia } Personally appeared in
Franklin County } open court at January
Term 1846 John H Ward
who being duly sworn deposes and
saith that he saw the within named
Matthew B Hooper sign & seal the
foregoing will for the purpose therein
mentioned when in his proper mind
that he deponent subscribed the same
as a witness and saw Joshua Ward
do so like wise sworn to in open court
12th January 1846 John H Ward

Witness C.C.C.
By J. Durup

Georgia } In the name of god
Franklin County } Amen I Jonathan I
} Says of the county and
state aforesaid being feeble and weak
of body of sound mind and memory
disposing memory and knowing that
it is appointed ~~over~~ for all men^{men} to die
do make and ordain the following my
last will and testament that is to say
First of all I recommend my soul to
god who gave it and my body to the
earth from whence it came to be buried
in decent Christian burial at the