

State of Georgia, On the County of Fulton, State of Georgia
Fulton County, & Alexander G. Foster of the State aforesaid being in feeble health but of sound disposing mind doth make and declare that I doth shortly die doth make this my last Will & Testament.

In the first place desirous that my body be decently buried. My Soul committed to the hands of the Almighty God who gave it, trusting for salvation in the merits of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

And with regard to my property with which a kind Providence has blessed me I make the following dispositions.

Item 1st I will that all my just debts be paid.

Item 2nd I give to my beloved wife Penelope Francis, the full possession & full & unreserved control of all my property both real and personal during her widowhood or life, upon condition that she shall maintain & educate my minor children until they arrive at the age of twenty one years according to the circumstances of my estate, and as the children shall respectively come of age or marry then my desire is that an amount of property shall be given to each one of them, equal to the amount which I have already advanced to my two sons Theophilus Sterling & Eugene H. which is twenty four hundred dollars, each of them provided that should any of them arrive at age or marry at a season of the year when it would be inconvenient to distribute said property then a reasonable be allowed to make such arrangement.

My further will is that the property which is given to my daughter either upon her marriage or before a final distribution is to be in trust for her sole and separate use free from the control of her husband, And my said wife is hereby empowered to give to an agent in trust for one or more of my son his property provided she may think proper, And upon the marriage of my wife upon her death undivided distribution of all my property to be made amongst my wife & all my children my wife having a third part & each child having of an equal portion, taking into account the property determined at its value at the time of determination, And in the event of the marriage of my wife I desire that her husband shall have no control whatever of the personal property of my children either by guardianship or any other way.

Item 3^d I do hereby authorise and empower my said wife to buy sell or exchange property at her discretion when it shall be deemed for the interest of my estate & when there may be surplus funds to best.

Item 4th I will that the property herein given to my wife in lieu of dower, And I further will that my Executor hereinafter appointed do advise, counsel & assist my wife in the management of said estate and further desire that my wife be relieved from bearing the annual taxes of the same.

of Ordinary, And I do also will that if my wife should have a posthumous Child or Children that it or they have an equal portion with the rest of my Children.

Attest, I do hereby appoint my wife Parthenia Francis & my son Eugenius H. Executive Executor of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke all other Wills by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 2nd day of August 1854.

The interlineations made before signing,
Signed Sealed Acknowledged.

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Declared in the presence of us
by us in the presence of the Testator
of each other.

The within clause of this will relative to the portion given to my daughter the Meaning is, That it shall not be subject to the Sale, debts, or Contracts of her husband.

The within clause relative to the Marriage or death of my wife the Meaning is that my estate shall then be managed by the herein after named Executor.

The words "An Agent in trust for" interlined in the 20th line on the 2^d page before assigned this day and date above written.

Francis A. Lippman
H. M. Newton
R. H. May.

J. Lester G.

We Parthenia H. Lester & Eugenius H. Lippman Executors do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will and Testament of the testator named Alexander H. Lester deceased and that we will faithfully execute the same by first paying the debts and then the executors contained in said will, as far as the goods & chattels unto them into esteem and the law requires, and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods chattels to help us God. Sworn to in Open Court this twenty second of September 1854.

Attest,

J. Lester G.
E. Lippman G.

C. S. Mead, Ord

Recorded, Sept 25 1854