

Last will of John Lane deceased

1<sup>st</sup> I humbly desire and beseech that my body be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came.

I now Item: I give bequests and devise to my beloved  
wife Mary I desire and direct that all my  
just debts be paid, if any there should be, without  
delay by my Executor hereinafter appointed as I am  
unwilling my creditors should be delayed in their  
rights especially as there is no necessity for delay  
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Item: I give bequests and devise to my beloved wife Mary with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet for a great many years all my property that I may die possessed with both real and personal whatsoever it may be or wheresoever it may be to remain hers and to be under her control during our natural life or widowhood and at her death or intermarriage to be equally divided between my son Thomas and <sup>and</sup> my daughter Elizabeth Aldred wife of ~~John Aldred~~ Aldred in the following manner to wit each to be sold or in any other manner that they may agree upon. I gave one half to my son Thomas Lurer and I give the other half to my daughter Elizabeth Aldred for her sole and separate use for and during her natural life free and exempt from the debts and liabilities

of her present or future husband  
and on her deceased, on such child or  
children as she may leave, and I  
appoint my truly and worthy friend  
William G. Johnson trustee of the property  
herein given and bequeathed to my  
daughter Elizabeth Aldred wife of William  
Aldred and her children.

4<sup>th</sup> Item I hereby constitute and appoint  
my beloved son Thomas Lard  
Executor of this my Last will and  
testament this 9<sup>th</sup> of April 1853

John Land Jr

Signed Sealed ~~delivered~~ and delivered and  
published by John Land as his last  
will and Testament in the presence  
of us the subscribers who subscribe our  
names hereunto in the presence of said  
testator at his special instance and  
request and of each other

This April 9<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Allen Moat  
Thomas J. Hammitt  
Jeremiah Smith

State of Georgia & court of Ordinary for  
Glascock County Said County June Term  
1853

Personally appeared in open court at this  
regular term Allen Moat one of the subscribers  
named to the within will and who being duly and legally sworn  
says on oath that he saw John Land  
sign seal and deliver and publish the  
within instrument of writing as his last  
will and testament while he was  
of disposing mind and memory and  
that he subscribed the same as a witness  
with Thomas J. Hammitt and Jeremiah  
Smith in said John Land at his request

- and in his presence and in the presence  
of each other and that the sum was  
executed voluntarily by the said John  
Sand on the day it purports to have  
been done  
Sworn to and subscribed  
before me in open court } Allen Moul  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 1868  
Cahaba Kitchens

Ordinary