

George H. [unclear] that I do hereby make
County & publish and declare the following
as my last will and Testament.

Item 1. If any just debt should be found to exist against me
after my death I want and direct my executor to pay the
same as soon as possible.

Item 2. I give and bequeath all my property and effects of whatever
sort and kind the same may be to my wife for and during
her life or widowhood to be held used and managed by her
during her natural life or widowhood for the benefit and
use of herself and my two youngest daughters to wit
Marlisa and Frances as long as my said daughters live
single and stay with their mother upon the death or
marriage of my said wife my will and desire is and
I hereby give and bequeath and direct my property
of all and every sort and kind to be disposed of as follows
whereas I have given to my son James a horse worth
one hundred dollars and to my son in law Mitchell Dawson
a horse or mare worth one hundred and thirty three dollars and
to my son in law James Drake the sum of twenty five
dollars Now as perfect equality among my children is
my object intention and desire I do hereby will and direct
that the amounts therefore given to the above named sons
and sons in law be charged against them in distribu-
ting my said property and that enough be paid to them
in addition to make each one equal to my son in law
Mitchell Dawson and that the sum of one hundred
and thirty three dollars be paid to each one of my other
children who have received nothing except except
my son in law James Underwood who is hereinafter
provided for to wit Dobey Bennett Marlisa and
Frances and after my my children are made equal
as above intended and designed my will and desire is that
the balance of my property be equally divided among and
between my above named children and sons in law
except the said James Underwood to whom I give five
dollars and nothing more out of my estate.

Then the purpose of making the above distribution of
my property and estate upon the death or marriage of my
said wife I do hereby authorize and empower the executor
of my said property and effects an estate by the

and ~~unpublished~~ ~~document~~ ~~with~~ the will
 annexed as public out cry after thirty days public
 notice in the neighborhood and at the Court
 house in door of the County without any order
 of the Court of Ordinary for that purpose and I do
 hereby approve my wife Lettie Execlup of my last
 will and Testament and authorize her under and
 by the Content and direction of the Court of Ordinary
 of the County to sell any surplus State's produce
 or effects that may be on hand or accumulate and to
 appropriate the proceeds to the benefit of her self
 and my said daughters Martizia and Thomas if
 they are single and living with her said wife so
 to be made public or privately upon such notice
 and terms as the Ordinary may direct and without
 any order of sale obtained according to the Statute
 in such Case made and provided

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal on this 17th day of July 1862

A. L. Bennett

Signed Sealed published and declared by
 the said A. L. Bennett as his last will and
 Testament in the presence of each one of us
 who attest the same as witnesses in the presence
 of said A. L. Bennett and in the presence of
 each other and at his special instance and request
 this July 17th 1862

Wm. A. Dabney
 Joseph M. Mearns
 S. B. Nichols

Gordon Court of Ordinary
 in vacation July 26th 1862

The above or within instrument having been
 produced in open Court by the wife Lettie Bennett
 as the last will and Testament of A. L. Bennett
 decreed for probate in Common form of law and
 one of the witnesses to said will to wit Wm. A.
 Dabney being duly sworn in vacation do hereby
 and faith that he saw said A. L. Bennett sign
 seal publish and declare the above or within
 instrument as his last will and Testament

freely Voluntary and without any Compulsion or
 influence whatsoever that he signed said will as
 witness in the presence of said Testator at his official
 instance and request and in the presence of each other
 and that John Malone and A B Echols the other two
 witnesses to said will was also present and witnesses as
 above stated and said A L Bennett was of sound and
 disposing mind when he signed said will

M H Dabney
 sworn to and subscribed before me this July 26th 1875
 J M Neel Ordinary

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen
 Gordon County I Wilson Ad Cox of said State and
 County being of advanced age but of sound and
 disposing mind and memory knowing that I must
 shortly depart this life deem it right and proper
 both as regards myself and family that I should make
 a disposition of the property which a kind providence
 has blessed me I do therefore make this my last will and
 Testament hereby revoking and annulling others by me
 heretofore made

First I desire and direct that my body be in a decent
 and Christian like manner Suttally to my Circum-
 stances and Condition in life My soul I trust will
 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

Secondly I desire that all my just debts be paid without delay
 by my Executor herein after appointed and made

Thirdly I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Louisa
 all my property to be hers during her natural and after
 death to be distributed among my children as herein
 after mentioned

Fourthly I give bequeath and devise to my eight children
 Catherine Dillard Caroline Smith Wilson Ad Cox
 Andrew Ad Cox Mary Dillard Emily Ad Cox Louisa
 Ad Cox and George Ad Cox