

John B. Boyd
Redman T. Reese
Marion J. Dudley

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W. H. Black Ordinary

State of Georgia

Gordon County

Before me came John B. Boyd
Redman T. Reese and Marion J. Dudley named as witnesses to the within writing purporting to be Abraham Tate's last will, and being duly sworn, said that they and the signed by Abraham Tate, and in his presence, and in presence of each other, did attest as witnesses the within writing as his Abraham Tate's last will; that the same was signed and published by Abraham Tate in the presence as his last will; that he was at the time of said attestation and signing by himself of sound and disposing mind and memory; that he signed the within paper voluntarily.

Subscribed and sworn to before me October 1st 1888.

W. H. Black Ordinary

Recorded this Oct-15-# 1888

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G. M. Balding Exr.

of State of Georgia Gordon County

G. M. Balding In the name of God, Amen.

I, G. M. Balding of above State

County being of advanced age and feeble

health but of sound mind and memory, and

being it just and proper that I dispose of the

property which a kind Providence has blessed

with I therefore make this my last will and

testament signing and sealing my name

thereby.

son John L. Balding, during his natural life.

Item Sixth. I will and desire that each of my daughters, Susanna Smith, Lavintha J. Walden, Missouri Kent and Queen V. Douglass be allowed to retain possession of the land on which they are now living, the same having been given them by me, and that the land of each one be valued, and that one of them be made equal to one another from the sale of the balance of my land not specifically given to my wife and son John L. Balding or any other legatee of this will. And if the sale of the balance of land does not make up the share of each one of the said girls equal to the share from the balance of my property sold, such equal share is to be made up to each one of my daughters.

Item Seventh. My Executor is also to be allowed to sell all balance of my estate both real and personal in such manner as seems to be best, either at public or private sale; and after collecting the proceeds and having made the distributions as above directed, to give all of my estate to my legal heirs an equal share, share and share alike to each one. And I also direct that no order of any Court of any kind be needed for the sale above mentioned.

Item Eighth. To my son John L. Balding, I give and bequeath the following property, ten acres of land bought by me from Jesse B. Thornbrough lying west of my shop, and said land adjoining the land of my daughter Queen V. Douglass. I also give him a number of Blacksmith tools complete, which he is to select from my shop tools, and one hand saw which he is to select from my logs and also one Car which he is to select. And he is to have all the balance given his mother at her death.

Item Ninth. To my daughter Queen V. Douglass, I give one Car with my wife and my son John L. Balding having received the same and I also give her a number of the property as mentioned in the foregoing.

Item Tenth. I also give to my son John L. Balding, one Car with my wife and my son John L. Balding having received the same and I also give him a number of the property as mentioned in the foregoing.

Question - I also direct that the land which I have given to her
 I also direct that the land which I have given to her
 for and from her, the sum of one hundred and
 twenty five dollars to his free from any further
 payment. But I also will and desire that he give to
 my wife sixty dollars which he now owes me and
 for which I have no note.

Item - I also will and direct that fifteen dollars which
 W. H. Keall owes me, be not collected of him, but to
 keep that much for his wife, my daughter Miss Anna
 Keall and her children, besides the amount I have
 given her already.

Item - I also will and direct that all my shop ac-
 counts and accounts of all sorts be given to my
 wife Amy Balding and son John L. Balding together
 for purchase of such articles as they need, and no
 charge is to be made against either of them in
 future accounts - I mean the accounts for
 this year 1886.

Item - I hereby nominate and appoint my son
 Francis B. Balding as Executor of this my last
 will and testament, and ask of him a full discharge
 of him a full and faithful discharge of his duty to
 the above.

Item - As I omitted in proper place to give my wife
 provisions that I may have on hand at date of
 my death, I hereby direct that provisions and feed
 of all sorts, are to be given to her for her own
 use, free from any charge, also all farm tools
 needed for her own use for farming.

Item - I will and desire that twenty acres of
 land running east and west adjoining the land
 given my wife's land given to my son John L.
 Balding so as to give him one half of this lot of
 land at the death of his mother.

In witness of which I have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed my seal this Oct 20th 1886.

B. M. Balding. [Signature]

Wherefore the witnesses have hereunto set
 their hands and affixed their seals this 20th day of
 October 1886.

W. H. Keall. [Signature]

Given to and subscribed before me J. H. [illegible]
1888. W. H. Black

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W. H. Beck, Chairman.

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Thomas ^{his} x Weall
man

First I recommend my soul to God who gave it
my body to be buried in a Christian like manner.
And as to this worlds goods as God has been free
to bless me with I will to be disposed of in
the following manner

the following manner. First if I shall owe any debts, I will that they be paid and my other personal expenses and my ready money. And should I fail to have me on hand to pay said debts and expenses, that I call for out of my said property.