

State of Georgia, County of Gordon, I Elias Putman of said County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world deem it right and proper both as respects myself and family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me I therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me

Item first I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition my soul I trust shall return to rest with God to whom as I hope for eternal salvation through the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - whom Religion I have professed and as I humbly trust enjoyed for upwards of thirty years

Item second I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors herein after named as I am desiring my creditors should be delayed of their rights expediency as there is no necessity for delay

Item third I give and devise to my beloved wife Lety with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet and love for upwards of twenty years all that part of lot of land number ninety five in the twenty fourth (24) district and third section of originally Cherokee but now Gordon County that lays on the south side of the Oostanaulee River the same containing ninety Acres of land more or less including my dwelling house and other out buildings stands and about twenty five Acres cleared and in cultivation with all the rights appurtenances and appurtenances to said part of lot of land in any wise appertaining or belonging free from all charge or limitation whatever to her own proper benefit and behoof during her natural life time then to be divided equally between her seven youngest children to wit Rebecca A. Leona Sally C. Leona Eliza B. Palestine and Martha Putman And should she have any more children by me my desire is that they share an equal part with the above last named seven children

Item fourth I give and bequeath to my beloved wife for and during her natural life time all my cattle and my two brood mares and my entire stock of hogs with all my house hold and kitchen furniture for the use of her and her children and after her death to be divided equally to the last above named seven children

Item fifth I devise to my son Posey all that other part of Lot of land numbered ninety five that lays north of the Oostemoulee River in the twenty fourth district and third section of originally Cherokee but now Gordon County the same containing seventy acres more or less with all the right members and appurtenances to some part of a Lot of land in anywise appurtenant and belonging for ever over and above the half of Lot number sixty six that adjoins it on the north side that I devised to my said son Posey M Hartsofne

Item sixth I devise and bequeath to my grand son Elias Putman the one half all that part of Lot of land numbered ninety four (94) twenty fourth district and third (3) section of now Gordon County that lays north of the Oostemoulee River for the purpose of raising up the children of my said son A P Putman

Item seventh I devise and bequeath to my son William Monroe the other half interest of the said Lot of Land that lays north of the Oostemoulee River numbered ninety four twenty fourth district third section of now Gordon County

Item eight I devise and bequeath to my son Elias Benson Putman all of that lays south of the Oostemoulee River and Lot number one hundred and seven containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less both side by side in the twenty fourth (24) district and 3 third section of originally Cherokee but now Gordon Co. with all rights and members and appurtenances to some Lot and the price of a Lot of land in anywise appurtenant and belonging for ever the last mentioned lands to be used for the support of my seven youngest children until the son Elias B Putman comes to the age of twenty one

years ~~the~~ ^{my} ~~will~~ ^{testament} to place him in full
possession of the said lot and part of a lot of
land here stated

Now make I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Betty
executrix and my son P. H. Putman and
my worthy friend Jacob Carpenter executors
of this my last will and testament with full
directions to see that my two negro men Mark
and Henry work on the place to support my wife
and children &c To sell all my other property not
herein mentioned and after paying all my debts
to then make an equal division of the balance
to my children so as to make them equal shares
in all my estate this 25th day of May 1858
witnessed before signed by me

Thomas Putman
Signed sealed declared and published by
Thomas Putman as his last will and testament
in the presence of us the subscribing witnesses
who subscribed our names hereto in the presence
of said testator and of each other this 25th day
of May 1858

Jacob Carpenter
P. H. Putman
William Camp
J. H. Harrison

State of Georgia & by the name of God Amen
Gordon County 3^d 18 day of January 1868 of
said State and County being of lawfull
age but of sound and disposing mind and
memory knowing that I must shortly depart
this life according to right and proper belief
affects my family and myself that I should
make a disposition of the property with which a
kind providence has blessed me
I do therefore make this my last will and Testament
hereby revoking and annulling all others by me
heretofore made

Item 1 I desire and direct that my body be buried in
a decent and Christian like manner suit-
able to my circumstances and condition
in life my soul I trust shall return to
rest with the God who gave it as I hope