

legally authorized to administer the power
 of the State and the rights of the said deceased,
 according to the laws and equity of the said
 State and Territory, and according to law,
 and they are hereby required to render a
 true and perfect inventory of all and singular
 the goods, chattels and credits of the said
 deceased, and of his debts and claims to the
 court according to law, and to render
 a true and correct account to the said
 court of his doings and doings, giving
 and every year until their administration
 be fully completed,
 Under the Honorable John Mills, one
 of the Judges of said Court of Probate,
 the second day of September 1857.
 William Miller Secy

Business to Court of Probate
 December Term 1853
 It appearing to the court that the August
 will of James Dadd, together with the later
 and second thereof has been destroyed, by
 the burning of the Court House, and it
 further appearing that the foregoing is a
 true copy of said will, and also the copies
 of the testamentary executed to Martha Dadd
 as Executrix and James B. Dadd as Executor
 It is therefore on motion of Wm. L. Dadd,
 ordered by the court that the foregoing copy
 will and letters testamentary with all the other
 thereof be and the same is hereby established
 in lieu of said destroyed originals and
 that the same be entered of record and
 kept as free as such. James L. Rankin
 Secretary

Record Day 21st 1853
 James L. Rankin Secretary

George I do solemnly swear that the writing
 signed and sealed contains the true and correct
 facts and events as far as shown in relation to the
 facts and events and truly I swear the same in accordance
 with the laws of this State to help and aid
 before me and witnessed
 before me on 21st 1853
 James L. Rankin Secretary

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen
 I, William L. Rankin, of the
 County and State aforesaid, being now deceased
 in age, and knowing the uncertainty of life,
 do hereby make this my last will and testament
 First and foremost I commend my
 soul to God, the great Author of my being
 and by whose grace I hope for eternal
 salvation when I cease to live upon the
 earth. And for such goods and effects as a
 merciful Providence has blessed me with and from
 all and to be stored up, I hereby dispose of in
 manner as follows following

Item 1st I will that all my just debts of any sort
 be paid by my Executors hereinafter named
 out of my well-to-do estate.

Item 2nd I will that if I have I desire that my
 body shall be buried at the grave yard at
 Bethesda Church where I have worshipped
 for many years, and by the side of my
 beloved companion the wife of my earlier
 years and the Mother of my children who
 has preceded me to the Spirit world
 some 17 or 18 years or more

Item 3rd I will and desire to my unmarried
 children (my) Margaret E. Sarah E. Amanda
 L. Wilcox P. Eliza J. and Benjamin
 A. Rankin. my