

Last Will and Testament of Mary P. Pate Recorder

State of Georgia Harris County

I, Mary Pate, being sensible of the uncertainty of human life do make and ordain hereby my last will & Testament as follows:

In as much as my son, Joseph B. Pate is naturally entitled to one half of my earthly effects; and my two Grand Children John Joseph and Bernice Lawrence are naturally entitled to the other half as my daughter I do hereby devise, that should the said Joseph B. Pate die, leaving no child, the part of my effects naturally falling to him shall be inherited & enjoyed by my said Grand Children John Joseph and Bernice Lawrence hereby revoking all former Wills & bequests I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Joseph B. Pate as Executor of this my last Will

Witness and acknowledged in the presence of us this 7th day of March 1861

test M. C. Harley

Mary P. Pate (S)

W. E. Harley

S. J. Whalley

Georgia } Court of Ordinary April Term
Harris County } 1861

Personally appeared in open Court Joseph B. Pate named and appointed in a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary P. Pate late of said County deceased and produced said paper writing and also personally came Matthew C. Harley one of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing, who being duly sworn depose & testify that he saw the said Testatrix Mary P. Pate sign, seal, deliver and publish the said paper writing now presented in open Court as her last Will & Testament, freely, voluntarily and of her own accord without any compulsion or undue influence whatever, that at the time of the Execution of said Will said Testatrix was of sound & disposing mind & memory, that deponent signed said Will as a witness in the presence of the Testatrix and at her request and in the presence of the other witnesses & that he saw W. E. Harley & S. J. Whalley the other witnesses sign said Will in the presence of the Testatrix and at her request.

Given to and Subscribed in open Court this April 1st 1861

Geo. W. Mullins Ordinary

M. C. Harley