

of Georgia in the name of God Amen.
I, Joseph Cunningham of said state
being of advanced age & knowing that I must shortly de-
part this life, I have at length & after much a struggle my
family & myself, that I should make a distribution of the
property which I think a kind Providence has blessed me.
I therefore make this my last will & testament. In the first place I make
my wife my executor & I desire &
bequeath that my body be buried in a decent & Christian like
manner suitable to my circumstances in life. My said
last will shall return to rest with God who gave it as I
trust for eternal salvation through the merit & atonement of
our blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, whose religion I have
professed & as I truly trust enjoyed for forty years.
I desire & direct that my just debts be paid without
delay by my executor herein after appointed, as I am un-
willing my creditors should be delayed in their rights es-
pecially as there is no necessity for delay. 3rd I have, I
give, bequeath & direct to my beloved wife Elizabeth
whom I have lived in the strictest quiet for four years
a lot of land joining on the south of the branch of the waters of
Angola River containing twenty acres more or less, with
all the right & members & appurtenances to said lot of land in
anywise belonging free from all charges & limitations whatever
to her own proper use, benefit & behoof, for & during her natural
life & widowhood only. and after the death or intermar-
riage of my beloved wife Elizabeth with another husband
I desire & direct that the before mentioned tract or
parcel of land to my two sons to wit Joseph Benjamin
Cunningham & James K Paer Cunningham to be equally
divided between them when the youngest to wit, Jas K
Paer shall arrive at the age of 21 yrs. I also desire &
bequeath to my beloved wife for the mutual sup-
port of herself & my two sons Joseph Benjamin & Jas K Paer
the following property to wit. One young horse. Five
head of neat cattle. One head of hogs, with all of my
plantation tools of every kind whatever, with all of my
bedroom & kitchen furniture of every description & at the
charge of my beloved wife or at the intermarriage
of her with another husband I desire & bequeath
to my two sons Jos Benjamin & Jas K Paer the above
mentioned property if there be any remain to be

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...of the very large will & ...
the date being 15th 1860.
Signed, sealed & published } Joseph L. Cunningham
by Joe Cunningham as his }
last will & testament, in the presence of ...
subscribers, who subscribed our names ...
the former of said betator at his special ...
& request & speech acters. This day of Dec 1860
(Signed) Lewis Bots. Obed Brown. Henry ...

Georgia } Annually came in to a few ...
Hart C. } Lewis Bots, who being duly sworn ...
that he saw Joseph Cunningham sign the ...
will. That at the time of signing the said ...
said Joseph published & delivered it to be his last ...
will & testament. That defendant together with Obed ...
& Henry Causee whose names on that subscribed ...
as witnesses. Hart County Wills (1847-1862)
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...of the said betator at ...
date thereof. That betator at the time of signing ...
the same was in the opinion of defendant of his ...
& disposing mind. } Lewis Bots.
... & subscribed in open }
Court. This July 1 1861. J. B. Lodge Esq.
Rendered July 6 1861. J. B. Lodge Esq.

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen
Hart County } I D^m A Garret of said ...
and county being of sound & disposing mind ...
my, knowing that the duration of life is ...
uncertain and more uncertain where ...
the kindness of Camp life upon the ...
upon which I expect shortly to be ...
possessed of a small estate, I deem it ...
I should dispose of it by will. I do therefore ...
this my last will & testament. I hereby ...
after I am dead for my ...
that all my just debts ...