

Item 1) I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Irene Cothren all my Land amounting to Three hundred & twenty five acres whereon I now live also three negroes to wit Oliver. Elbau. & Parthana also all my household & Kitchen furniture in fact every thing that I may be possessed of now including stock of every kind now my will & desire further is that my wife keeps up her farm and give to each child such education as she thinks in her judgment that she can bear after raising and supporting them and in the event that my wife should marry or die my will is that all that she may be seized in possessions of shall then be sold and equally divided between the several distributive legates share and share alike namely first my wife Irene Cothren. Elizabeth. J. Speer. Matilda. J. Speer's. Thomas. J. Cothren. Lucinda. C. Card. William. A. Cothren. Ezekial. Cothren. Robert. R. Cothren Sarah. R. Cothren. Nancy. A. Cothren. and John. J. Cothren. Now I am owing some Six hundred dollars to the minor heirs of William Stallworth now if it should be necessary to sell any portion of my estate to pay off those minors I vest the power in my Executors hereafter named to sell so much as will pay off those Legates as they may become of age and giving them a lawful receipt for the same as the Law requires.

Lastly I appoint my wife Irene Cothren my sole Executor to this my last will & Testament hereby revoking any former will by me made Signed sealed published and declared for and as the last Will and Testament of Jesse. H. Cothren at his request and in the presence of each other. This Nov. 27th 1863.

Attest. Thos. J. Atkinson,
John. M. F. Davis.
James. Speer's,

Jesse. H. Cothren. (Seal)

I Jesse. H. Cothren now say that I have given my four children that are married off a bed and furniture to wit James. Speer's wife Wm. J. Spear's wife Richard Card's wife & Thomas. J. Cothren's wife now my will is that my six last children be made equal with my first four children as grow of age or marry off and that my Executors who are appointed in the foregoing part attend to this my desire and that my friend Thos. J. Atkinson do assist my representatives in this my last Will and the will be fully carried out as was written on the 27th day of November Last. This 28th of Dec^r 1863.

I now sign this in the presence of John. M. F. Davis. Henry. Peck's. and Thos. J. Atkinson as the witnesses

Attest Thos. J. Atkinson,
John. M. F. Davis! Henry. Peck

Jesse. H. Cothren (Seal)

Georgia } Court of Ordinary March Term 1864
 Henry Co } March 7th

Into open court came this day personally one of the Executors of Jesse H. Cothren, who propounded for probate in common form of saw a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Jesse H. Cothren late of said County deceased & introduced Thos. P. Atkinson John M. F. Davis & James Speers into open court who being duly sworn depose & saith that they saw Jesse H. Cothren sign read publish & declare the foregoing instrument as his last Will & Testament freely & voluntarily of his own accord & without any compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of the execution of said last Will & Testament said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory that deponents signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his special instance & request & in the presence of each other

Sworn to in open court before me March 7th 1864

Q. R. Noble Ordry

Georgia } Court of Ordinary

Henry Co } Term

March 10th 1864

Into open court this day came one of the Executors of Jesse H. Cothren late of said County deceased & propounded for probate in common form of saw a paper purporting to be a codicil to the last Will & Testament of Jesse H. Cothren deceased and introduced Thos. P. Atkinson John M. F. Davis & James Speers into open court who being duly sworn saith that they saw Jesse H. Cothren publish & declare the foregoing instrument as a codicil to his last Will & Testament freely & voluntarily of his own accord & without any compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of the execution of said Codicil said Jesse H. Cothren was of sound disposing mind & memory that deponents signed said Will as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his special instance & request & in the presence of each other & saw Jesse H. Cothren sign likewise..

Sworn to & subscribed before me Q. R. Noble Ordry..

Thos. P. Atkinson,
 John M. F. Davis,
 James Speers,

Georgia } Court of Ordinary
 Henry Co } Term March 1st 1864.

Into open court personally came Jesse Cothren one of the Executors named in the foregoing Will & Testament who being duly sworn depose & saith that the

foregoing writings contain the last Will & Testament of
Jesse H. ~~Cowther~~ late of said County dec'd and the Codicil
attached thereto as far as she know or believes & that she will
well & truly execute the same by paying first the debts &
then the legacies contained in said Will and Codicil so far
as his goods & chattles will therunto extend & the Law charge me
that I will make a true & perfect inventory of said goods & chattles.
Sworn to in open court
This March 7th 1864 }
J. R. Nolan Clerk }
Jesse H. Cowther

Georgia: } In the name of God Amen. I Allen, Rafe of
Henry County } said State & County being now ready to enter
the War between the Confederate States & the Northern States
in favor of & on the part of the Confederate States of America
and in consequence of the disaster of War do hereby Will &
bequeath that if I should fall in battle or die naturally that
my wife Margrett Rafe shall be my Executrix on said Will &
that she shall cause all my just debts to be paid as soon
as circumstances will permit & that my wife Margrett Rafe
shall be my sole & alone heir during her lifetime with full
control of & possession of all my effects both real & personal
what so ever I may die Seized & possessed of at the time of my
death to serve & be served in all respects as I would be subject
to my self if alive & that my said wife raise & school my child-
dren heirs of our now living & at her death all and what
soever is left of my Estate to be equally divided among my seven
children viz W. A. Rafe, Nancy A. Rafe, W. H. Rafe, J. M.
Rafe, Wm. S. Rafe, C. W. Rafe, Mary Rafe, by my wife
with out any Ordinary interferences whatever or Court charges
my said wife Margrett Rafe will have this recorded and
by and all power I have or would have if alive is hereby
given to my wife to sell use or dispose of in any shape
after my debts is paid as above mentioned without any sale
publicly by order of any court whatever in testimony whereof I
hereunto set my hand & seal July 4th 1863
Cordy. Daniel.
Alexander. Simons.
Jas. W. Sowell.

Georgia } Before me J. R. Nolan Ordinary in and
Henry Co } for said County personally came before
me Margrett Rafe the Executrix of the last Will &