

Will of Sarah Howard

Georgia, In the name of God, Amen,
Dougherty County, I, Sarah Howard of the County of Lee & State

aforesaid being advanced in years, but of sound
and disposing mind and memory, do make, ordain,
publish and declare this as my Last Will and Testa-
ment, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made

Item 1st - It is my Will that after my death, my body be
buried in a decent and Christianlike manner, &
that all of my just debts be paid.

Item 2nd - It is my Will that all of my property both
Real and Personal, after my death be equally di-
vided between my Children, to-wit: John R. Jones
Aaron M. Jones, and my daughter Susan Ann
Daniel, share and share alike, except my Gold
Watch, my said Son Aaron now has, which I
desire my said Son Aaron to have and use for
and during his life, and at his death, then I
desire it to go to my Grand Son Joseph Payne, Son
of my said daughter Susan Ann, and except the
bequest to my half sister Mrs. Louisa Mercer,
herein after mentioned, -

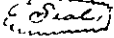
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Item 3rd - It is my Will and desire that the share of
Property which may come or fall to my daugh-
ter Susan Ann Daniel, widow, and by the second
Item of this Will shall go to and rest in her for
the joint use, benefit and maintenance of herself
and Children for and during her natural life,
free from the debts, contracts or liabilities of any
kind or Character whatever, of her present or any
future husband, and at her death to be equally
divided, share and share alike between such
children as the said Susan Ann may leave
living at her death, and the Representatives of
such Children; said Representatives taking
the share of their deceased parents -

Item 4th - It is my Will and desire that in the event of
my death before the death of my half sister,
Mrs. Louisa Mercer, formerly Louisa Payne,
my Executors herein after named shall in their discre-

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either set apart and lay off ten acres of my Land for a suitable home for my said half sister, said Louannia Mercer, or purchase ten acres of Land elsewhere for her, and which ten acres of land I give to my said Half-Sister for and during her life for the joint use and benefit of herself and children, but in no event to be subject to the debts contracts or liabilities of their present or any future husband, and at her death, to such child or children as she may leave living, at the time, share and share alike, and their representatives, said Representatives taking the share of their deceased parent as provided however, that if the said Louannia, should be divorced from her present husband, and shall be married to another husband at my death, then she is not to be entitled to or have said Land or any benefit, under this my Will,

This 5th I hereby nominate, appoint and constitute Willis A. Jones, of Lee County, in said State the Executor of this my Will, — Sarah Howard, 

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the above named Sarah Howard, to be her Last Will and Testament, in our presence, and in the presence of each other have hereto Signed our names as witnesses thereto,

May 28th 1861.

John A. Davis,
A. J. Wright,
L. P. D. Thomas,

Georgia, County of Lee, February Term 1873,
In open Court, Personally came A. J. Wright one of the witnesses to the within Will, who on oath says that the within Will was Signed, Sealed, declared and Published by Sarah Howard, when in life, in the presence of deponent, John A. Davis, and L. P. D. Thomas as witnesses, and that deponent as a witness, signed the said Will in the presence of

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me witnesses in the presence of Statute & of deponent and of each other, & that said witnesses signed as such at the special instance & request of said Statute & that at the time of making & executing said Will the said Sarah Howard, was of sound mind and memory, sworn to & subscribed

before me in open Court, July, 17th 1873. E. D. Watson Ordinary, G. J. Wright

Lee County, Georgia,
Court of Ordinary July, Term 1873.

It appearing to the Court, that Willis A. Jones of said County, has produced in Court a paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Sarah Howard late of said County, deceased, and upon oath, states that he received said paper which is the whole foregoing from the hands of Mrs. Sarah Howard, while in life, as her Last Will and Testament, and that the same has been in his possession, custody, and control since, unopened and unaltered, and that Mrs. Sarah Howard departed this life in said County, which was at the time the County of her Residence, on the 12th day of July, 1875; and having produced said Will in open Court, has proceeded to prove the same in Common Law upon the evidence of one of the subscribing witnesses, to-wit: G. J. Wright, It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court, at this, the Regular Term of the same, that said Will is hereby declared proven in Common Law, and that the same be admitted to Record in this Court, in Term of the Law, and it is further ordered, that as said Willis A. Jones appears in said Will as sole Executor, Letters of Executorship do issue to said Willis A. Jones, in terms of the Law. - July, 17th 1873.

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