

Will of Thomas J. Avera, dec'd,

Georgia. In the name of God, Amen, --
 Lee County I, Thomas J. Avera, of the County and State of
 said, being in feeble health, but sound and disposing
 Mind and Memory do make and publish this my
 Last Will and Testament, --

1st I have sold the Stock of Goods now owned by
 me to my Brother D. C. Avera, he to pay my
 Executor the Cash Price of the same, and my
 brother is to have the use of the Store-House as
 long as he wants it, --

2nd It is my Will that my beloved Wife keep my
 property together, and use her best discretion in
 renting out the same, from year to year, for the
 benefit of her and my children, to keep, raise,
 and educate them, out of the Rents, and profits
 of the property, and such collections as may
 be made out of my notes and accounts, --

3rd = I hereby appoint my beloved wife Harriet, and
 my brother D. C. Avera, the Executors of my
 Will, and also as Guardians of my children,
 without Bond or Security. It is my Will
 that my property all be kept together till my
 youngest child becomes of age, and then to be
 sold or divided as the heirs think best; to be
 divided share and share alike, between my
 Wife and each of my children, making four
 shares of the property. -- It is my Will that
 my nephew Jeff Avera, be educated and
 maintained with my children till he reaches
 the age of Twenty-One, -- Witness my
 hand and Seal, this 17th day of January 1874,
 Signed, Sealed and declared by Thomas J. Avera,
 as his Last Will and Testament, in presence of
 us, who signed the same in his presence as
 Witnesses at his request, and in the presence
 of each other.

W. J. Sears,

Ch. W. Thomsen,

(over)

T. J. Avera

W. J. Sears

Will of Thomas J. Overa, Probated, Court of,
 Georgia, To the Ordinary of said County Shelby, June 1874,
 Lee County, The petition of D. G. Overa, & Harriet Overa,
 Respectfully sheweth that Thomas J. Overa, late of
 said County, departed this life Testator on the 18th
 day of January, 1874, leaving a Will & appointing
 your petitioners as Executors of the same, which
 said Will they have by profession and prop
 that, the same be proved in Solemn Form of
 Law, and filed in the Office of said Court.
 A. W. Harwick, Pet'r, atty.

The Court of Ordinary February, June 1874.
 Whereas D. G. Overa, & Harriet Overa, shew by their peti-
 tion that Thomas J. Overa, late of said County, did
 Testate on the 18th day of January, 1874; and appointed
 by Will them as Executors of his Last Will and
 Testament; and whereas, said petitioners, now bring
 said Will, and offer the same for proof in Solemn
 Form of Law, ^{Lee County Wills} having introduced W. J. Sears,
 1854-1891 ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} who being duly sworn, that he saw
 the Testator sign said Will in his presence, &
 in the presence of the other Witnesses, that said
 Witnesses signed the same at his request,
 and in the presence of the other witnesses, C. H.
 Wooten and A. W. Harwick; therefore ordered
 that said Will be admitted to Probate in
 Solemn Form of Law, and that Letters of Execu-
 torship do issue to said petitioners; It is further
 ordered that a warrant of appraisement be
 issued, to H. Whitaker, L. H. Kannon, W. D. Hall,
 M. S. Johnson, and W. S. Jennings, to make a
 true appraisement of the Goods & Chattels, Rights
 and Credits of said deceased in terms of the Law.
 Witness my Hand and Seal, this 16th day of
 February, 1874. -

E. D. Watson,
 Ordinary

Recorded February 20th 1874.

James Morgan, Clerk
 Ordinary