

Will of William T. Sadler, -

Georgia: In the name of God, Amen, -

Lee County, I, William T. Sadler, of said County and State, being mindful of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament, -

Item 1st = Relying confidently on the merits and atonement of my Saviour, I commit my Soul to God, who gave it, and I direct that my body after death, be decently buried in accordance with my Circumstances in life. - Item 2nd = I hereby direct that my present Crops of Cotton, and the Stock of Goods in the Store, on my Mill-place, be sold for the purpose of paying my just debts, & for the benefit of my wife and Children and mother, & desire that the proceeds be so applied, and that the provision-Crops, & other Crops growing, other than Cotton Crops, be sold to supplement the money arising from the sale of the stock of Goods, in the Store & the other Crops, in providing support for my said wife and Children, & mother, and in carrying on the business of their Farms hereinafter mentioned, -

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Item 3rd = I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Emma Dale my Gold Watch, as her separate property; Likewise to my Son William Theophilus, I will & bequeath with my Silver Watch to be his separate property, my Bay Mare, Maggie, & my Buggy. I Will and bequeath to my beloved wife and Children jointly, -

Item 4th = My Mill-place containing about Six Hundred acres more or less, with the stock thereon, and the Store-House, being property that came to me in right of my first wife, I Will and bequeath to my five beloved Children, Emma Dale, William Theophilus, John Murry, Fizzie Gentles, & Anna Dempsie, to be enjoyed by them in common, share and share alike. Likewise my place with improvements, and stock thereon, containing Six Acres, & I

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I give and bequeath to my five Children, first named, to-wit: Emma D. William J. John M. - Dizzie G. - and Anna J. Sadler, in Common share and share alike. This place is known as the "pretty pond" place, & come to me also in right of my first wife, and being already due to my said Children, is named here also, in the event the Reed above, should ever be deemed insufficient, to convey it absolutely to them: -

Item 5th - My Home-place, on which I now live, and the neighboring places, being all the land down, not heretofore devised; and containing, in all seven hundred acres; more or less, I direct to be kept together with the stock, improvements & furniture, as a home for my wife, children & my mother, all to be equally interested therein while they enjoy it in Common. My Mother's interest to continue during her Natural life, & on her death, I direct to pass in my before named Children. My wife's interest to continue during her widowhood as long as she remains unmarried, and a Step-Mother to my Children. The Children's interest to vest in them absolutely and in fee simple. Likewise my Estate in & right away in the lands of my late Father's Estate, and owned by my mother during her lifetime remained over to me at her death. I will & bequeath to my said wife and children in the same manner and upon the same terms, as I do the Home-place, first before named. That is to say, to be held and enjoyed by them in Common, share & share alike. Wife's interest to cease only on her marriage or death, and the Children's interest to be absolute and in fee simple. - -

Item 6th - Having full confidence in my beloved wife Mary Elizabeth Sadler, and my dear friend Dr. Jasper A. Smith, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint them to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, and I do hereby make

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all former Wills ever by me at any time made. And in the event of the death of the said J. N. Smith, or his failure or refusal to qualify as such Executor, I hereby nominate & appoint my friend Micah B. Harold, of Americus, Ga., as Co-Executor with my beloved wife M. E. Sadler, - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 21st day of September 1882.

M. S. Sadler, *[Signature]*

We the undersigned saw the Testator, sign & seal the foregoing writing, and declare it his Last Will and Testament, and at the Testator's request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed the same as witnesses thereto, this Sept. 21st 1882. -

H. J. Andrews,
Wm. D. Green,
Isaac ^{Geo} Hatfield,
Wm. H. Brady.

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Georgia,
Lee County,

I, Mrs. Sadler, by way of codicil to my will, published yesterday, the 21st of this month, do hereby alter and amend my said Will as follows, to-wit: I hereby direct that the interest given and devised and bequeathed to my beloved wife Mary Elizabeth Sadler, in said will to determine on her death or subsequent marriage, shall in the event of said death or subsequent marriage, there after vest in her daughter Meta Whitsett, to be her separate property absolutely & in fee simple, in stead of to my five children named in my said Will, and so much of said Will as is inconsistent with this provision, I hereby revoke, and every provision thereof consistant with this provision, I hereby re-affirm, and do publish & declare the said will with this codicil to be my Last Will and Testament: - In witness whereof I haveunto set my hand & seal this 22nd day of Sept^r 1882. -

M. S. Sadler, *[Signature]*

We the undersigned, in the presence of the Testator, and at his request, and in the presence of each other,

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other have signed the foregoing writing as witnesses thereto, and do certify that we saw the Testator sign the same as a bequest to his Last Will and Testament, & heard him declare it so to be. This 22nd Sept. 1882. —

H. J. Andrews,

Isaac J. Hatfield,

W. H. Baldy,

J. M. Smith, Esq. Propounder:—

vs,

Court of Ordinary Lee County

Elvira Sadler, et al. heirs at Law of Wm. J. Sadler, Decd., } March Term 1883.

} Petition for probate of Will in Solemn Form, —

Upon hearing the petition of J. M. Smith, for the probate in Solemn Form of the paper propounded by him as the last Will & Testament of Wm. J. Sadler, late of said County, Decd., & for its admission to Record as such, & it appearing to the Court, that ^{Lee County Wills 1854-1891} ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} Mrs. Elvira Sadler, Mrs. M. E. Sadler, & Daniel E. Lewis, Guardians of said Will, for the minor children, heirs at Law of said Decd., have had legal notice of said application, & the time of hearing the same, & have failed to show any legal & sufficient cause why said paper should not be proved & admitted to Record as the Last Will & Testament of said Decd.: It is, therefore ordered & adjudged by the Court, upon the proof of said Will by all the witnesses to said Will, which proof has been submitted to the Court, that the same be set up as the Last Will & Testament of said Decd., & be admitted to Record as such, & it is further ordered that letters Testamentary issue to the said J. M. Smith, the Executor named in said Will, upon his taking the oath required by law. — This the 19th day of March 1883.

Geo. L. Edwards,

Ordinary.

Recorded March 20th 1883. —

James Morgan, Clerk,
Ordinary, Lee County, Ga.