

In the Name of God Amen

I William Dowling Son of Lincoln County
 And State of Georgia being indisposed of body but
 of sound mind and Memory, thank Almighty
 God for the same - But calling to mind the
 frailty of my body, and knowing that it is appointed
 for all men Once to die - Do constitute Make
 and Ordain this My last Will and Testament.

In the first place I recommend my soul
 into the hands of Almighty God who gave it And
 my body to be buried in a decent Christiana manner
 at the discretion of my Executors to be hereafter
 named - Secondly As it respects the worldly
 Goods with which it has pleased God to bless me
 I dispose of the same as follows -

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first I give and bequeath unto my wife
 My Will and desire is that My loving
 wife Elizabeth may have the use of all My property
 both Real and personal - That is to say - the tract
 of Land on which I now live, containing four
 Hundred & forty acres more or less - With Negroes
 viz, Dick, Miles, Lanny, Henry & Witherline - Sarah
 Anne, Henry and George & Increase - Cotton
 Machine - All the Stock of hogs, horses, cattle
 and sheep - Also house hold & Kitchen furniture
 plantation tools, together with all our standing
 debts - I say My loving Wife Elizabeth, to have
 the use of all the property so above mentioned
 during her natural life or widowhood for
 the support of herself and the young
 daughters Martha, M. Mary, H. and
 Priscilla A. Dowling - And should my

My three youngest Daughters above mentioned
 either of them marry before the decease of
 my loving wife, she (my loving wife if she
 may think proper) may give to the said
 daughter so marrying, a Negro of equal value to
 any share given to any but of my children
 already married, or other property to the
 same value as near as can be ascertained by
 my Executors or a majority of them - And at
 the decease or marriage of my wife Elizabeth
 my Will book devise is, that each of my sub-
 ject three youngest Daughters as before men-
 tioned, who shall not have married nor re-
 ceived the share mentioned Negro or property
 to her Native Third shall then have the Negro
 property above mentioned after which, it

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Remainder of my property shall be dis-
 posed equally between all my children born
 after marriage or their heirs, viz, Edward
 Dowling, William Dowling, Betsey Thomas, Ju-
 enna Buford, Martha, M. Tandy, W. and Pris-
 cilla, & C. Dowling -

I Appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Exec-
 utrix, my son William Dowling, with my
 much Respected friend John Hardaway
 all of Lincoln County & State of Georgia Executors
 to this my last Will & Testament -

Witness my hand & seal this 12th day of May
 one thousand eight hundred & eighteen

Witness
 James H. Wright William Dowling (Seal)
 John X. Weather

R. Fleming, S.P.

Georgia 4(90) Personally came before
Lincoln County, Ga. of the Justices of the
Superior Court, sitting on
Ordinary purposes for said county Robert
Thomson & Elisha Whittens, And on their
Oaths Say that they saw William Benjamin
Senior Deceased sign seal & heard him acknow-
ledge this Instrument of Writing to be his
Last Will and Testament And at the time
of his signing he was of a sound disposing
Mind and Memory to the best of their know-
ledge, And Also Saw James Wright of Georgia
be a Witness to the Same

Subscribed to this 26th day of October 1818

Thomas Murray, J. C.

James E. Little, J. C.

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Robert Thomson

Elisha Whittens

marks

Examined by a full Court on the 18th of Janu-

ary 1819 - & found to be the Will of the Deceased -

Recorded this 25th of January 1819 -

Wm. Harper, C. C.