

Georgia
Madison County
In the name of God Amen
I Samuel Groves of the
State and County aforesaid
being of sound and disposing mind
and memory but afflicted and feeble of
body do make constitute and ordain this
to be my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking all former Wills by me made in
manner and form following (Viz)

First My Will and desire is that all my just
debts be paid.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Rachel Groves during her
natural lifetime all my proper or
effects both real and personal not
otherwise herein after disposed of with
power to sell any surplus stock or produce
such as cattle horses hogs sheep &c & land
with the advice & consent of my Executors herein after
named and the proceeds arising therefrom
to divide equally between all of my daughters
(Viz) Eliza A Woods Sydney Welles female
Mr Woods Artemisia M Wood and Sarah
I say share and share alike

Thirdly I have already given off to my son
Stephen G Groves one certain tract or
parcel of land situate lying and
being in the County of Madison and
State of Georgia on the water of Holly
Creek adjoining lands of Abner Gore
John Alvord and others containing
one hundred and twenty acres
more or less. my said son Stephen G being
now in possession of the same I have
also given to my said son Stephen G one
negro boy named Charles now about
twenty years of age -

Fourthly I have already given off to my son
William S Groves three hundred dollars
in cash my said son has one
hundred dollars to make him

equal with my other two sons in respect to
I also give and bequeath to my said son
William L. at my death one negro boy
named Benson about eighteen years of
age

Fourthly I have already given off to my son John
H. Graves a certain tract or parcel of land
in Madison County and State of Georgia
on the waters of Keokuk Creek adjoining land
of Samuel & Wm. Cundy and the new hope
Meeting House tract and other containing
one hundred and fifty acres more or less
I also give to my said son John H. at my death
one negro boy named Sam about fifteen years
of age

Fifthly I give and bequeath at the death of my
beloved wife. Emily my daughter Lydia
M. Mays wife of Harvey M. Mays Jesse
M. Woods widow of James Woods Artemus
M. Woods wife of Robert Woods and Sarah
L. Long wife of Joseph B. Long one equal
share of the residue of my entire estate both
real and personal one equal share of my
estate both real and personal to remain in the
hands of my Executors hereinafter named
for the sole and separate use of my daughter
Oliza A. Woods wife of Benjamin M. Woods
for the maintenance support and support
of my said daughter Oliza A. and for
children to be paid over at such time and
in such portion as the circumstances and
wants of my said daughter Oliza A. may
require - And provided a balance of one
equal share of my estate as aforesaid shall
remain undisposed of at the death of Oliza
A. then that balance to be equally divided
between all of my said daughter's children
alike

Explicitly My Will and I declare in that the last
I made and I give and bequeath to my said son
all my property to be sold

among my wife's death and equally divided
between my four daughters as aforesaid
and one equal share to be kept as
aforesaid for the use of my said
daughter Eliza A. Woods, and in the
event that one equal share of estate
as aforesaid should exceed the sum
of one hundred dollars then that
excess to be equally divided among my son
and daughter share and share alike
except Eliza A. one equal share of the
excess to be kept and managed by my
Executor and Executrix as herein before
expressed.

Lastly I have decided to Robert Woods a
certain boundary of land for which
my daughter Artemisia or her husband
the said Robert must allow twenty dollars
in the final settlement of my estate
I have also decided that Mrs. Woods in
his lifetime or after certain boundary
of land for which my daughter
Bernice Woods widow of the said
Jesse Woods must allow forty dollars
in the final settlement.

Truly I die in the full belief of the truths
of the Gospel and in the hope of
blessed immortality.

And lastly I hereby constitute and
appoint my two sons Stephen C
and John A. Groves the Executors and
my beloved wife Rachael Groves the
Executrix to carry this my last will
and Testament into effect.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal
this twentieth day of January eighteen hundred
and fifty five

Test -

David Groves

Willis Thielmann

Francis P. ...

Georgia
Madison County

Court of Ordinary
Sept. 1st 1855

The within last Will
and Testament of Samuel Brown d.
being exhibited in open Court at this
regular Term and proven in due
form of Law upon the oath of Francis P
Chisholm and William H. Mayes.

Ordered that the same be admitted
to Record.

Willis Thickland
Ordinary

Recorded 6th September 1855

R. M. Munnay
C. Ordinary