

Georgia } In the name of
Madison County } God Amen
I William Thompson
of said State and County being of
advanced age and knowing that
it is appointed unto all men to die
do make Constitude and ordain this to be my
last Will and Testament hereby revoking all
former Wills by me made

First I desire and direct that my body
be buried in a decent and Christian
like manner and my soul I resign
into the hands of God who gave it

Secondly I desire that all my just debts be paid
Thirdly I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife

Nancy during her natural lifetime or
widowhood the tract of land in said
State and County wherein I now live and
my saw and first Mill and Cotton Gin
with all the rights and appertinances
in any manner belonging unto the
same - I also give to my said
wife Nancy for and during her
natural life or widowhood two negro
boys (to wit) Jerry about twenty one years
of age and Thomas about seventeen years
of age and one negro woman named
Rachel about twenty one years ~~old~~ of
age and her three children to wit (viz)
Pandy about six years of age Vinny about
one and a half years old and her infant
child with all the said negro woman
furniture in case I also give and bequeath
to my said wife Nancy under the same
restrictions and limitations as herein before
expressed such portion of house hold and
kitchen furniture as she may choose
also so much of the plantation tools
as she may need also to select such
portion of my stock of horses hogs sheep
Cattle and other goods - And at the

death of my beloved wife Nancy or at her
intermarriage my will and desire is that
all the property herein given and set off
to her be sold and equally divided amongst
all my children except my sons Ansel &
Thompson and James M Thompson

Fourthly The residue of my property both real and
personal whatever it may be my will and
desire is that it be equally divided among
all my children at my death or so soon
thereafter as may be convenient the
negro property not to be sold if it can be
equally divided without sale - My son
John A Thompson to have one equal share
of my entire estate as aforesaid he first
accounting for two hundred dollars advanced
in payment for the land whereon he now lives
and for any inequality that exist in the
valuation of the negro property given off to him
to each and all of my other children
(except Ansel D Thompson and James M
Thompson) I give and bequeath one
equal share of my entire estate as aforesaid
(viz) one equal share to my son
William T Thompson one other equal
share to my son Berry M Thompson
in trust for the children of my son Ansel
D, the said Trustee using and controlling
said equal share for the support and
benefit of my said son Ansel D and the
children which he now has or may
hereafter have and at the death of my
said son Ansel D the property to be sold
and equally divided among my said
sons children or their legal representatives
one other equal share of my entire estate
as aforesaid to my son Berry M Thompson
in trust for the children of my son
James M Thompson the said Trustee
using and controlling said equal share
for the support and benefit of my said

in sum. And the children which he
now has or may hereafter have and at the
death of my said son James the said
property to be sold and equally divided among
all of my said sons children and their legal
representations share and share alike

To my daughter Elizabeth & Carithers wife of
Amos Carithers one equal share of my entire
estate as aforesaid she first accounting for any
inequality in the valuation of the negro property
already given off to her and for fifty dollars the
price of a horse given off to her

To my son Berry M Thompson one equal
share of my entire estate as aforesaid he
first accounting for two hundred dollars already
advanced to him and also ^{for} any inequality in
the valuation of the negro property given off
to him

To my daughter Mary M Carithers wife of
James M Carithers one equal share of my
entire estate as aforesaid she first accounting
for any inequality in the valuation of the
negro property given off to her

To each of my daughters Sammy & Thompson
and Marrett & Thompson I give and
bequeath two negro each to be chosen by themselves
and taken at valuation and then to each an
equal share of the remainder of my entire
estate as aforesaid each accounting for any
inequality in the ^{valuation of the} negro property to be set
off to each of them

Finally My Will and desire is that upon a final
division of my estate all my children as
aforesaid (except Amos I and James M)
shall have an equal share of my entire
estate both real and personal each and
every of them accounting for any advance
that may have been made as charged in
my family register and any difference in
the valuation of the ^{negro property} already
or to be made all of which shall be

made equal
Sixthly My son Berry M Thompson as
Trustee of my said children Asa & D
Thompson before drawing an equal
share of my estate as Trustee as aforesaid
shall account us each for two hundred
dollar advanced in payment of the
Said when my said son Asa & D
now live

Seventhly My Will and desire is that the portion
of property herein given off to my wife Nancy
at her death or later marriage her
equal share of said portion of my
estate shall go to my son Berry M
Thompson to be used by him in trust for
my said sons children - One other equal
share of said portion of my estate shall go
to my son Berry M Thompson in
trust for the children of my son James
M Thompson to be used by him in
trust for my said sons children

Eighthly I hereby constitute and appoint my
sons John A Thompson and Berry
M Thompson Executors of this my
Last Will and Testament
this twenty sixth day of January 1862

Signed Sealed & declared to be
his last Will & Testament

William Thompson *Seal*

in presence of
Wm H Benwell
William Patten
Willis Thickland

Codicil

State of Georgia } I William Thompson of
Madison County } said State and County
being in a low state of health
but of sound and disposing mind & memory do make
the following Codicil as part of my last Will
and Testament

I now I give and bequeath unto my son Berry

M Thompson in trust for my daughter Mary H
Warithers wife of James M Warithers one equal share
of my entire estate both real and personal not other
wise hereinbefore given off in just accounting for
any inequality in the valuation of the negro
property already given to my said daughter
Mary H Warithers said share to be in Cash
and to go to my said son Benj M Thompson in
trust for my said daughter to use and benefit of my said
daughter Mary H during her natural life
and at her death to be equally divided among
between all of my said daughter's children
share and share alike

Secondly It is my Will and desire that instead of
the latter part of Clause fourth selling of the
portions of my two daughters Harriett C
Thompson and Nancy E Thompson the
following be taken in lieu thereof my said
daughter Harriett C to have two negro Girls
(viz) Lydia about eighteen years of age and
Annie about seven years old which I
value at six hundred dollars and fifty dollars
in Cash over an equal share of my estate
upon a final division to go in place of these
My said daughter Nancy E Thompson to
have three negroes (viz) Adeline nine
years old Stephen about seven years of age
and Reuben a boy two years old which
I value at six hundred dollars and
fifty dollars over an equal share of my
estate to go in place of a horse

Thirdly It is my Will and desire that instead of part
of Clause third of my Will setting off to
my beloved wife Nancy one negro
woman named Rachel about twenty
one or two years of age and her three
children ~~Wm~~ Sundry a boy six
years old Vina a Girl about one and
a half years old and an infant
child ~~of~~ my wife Nancy

to have said negro woman Rachel
but not her three children (W) Gundy
Viney and the infant child but to have
in stead thereof one negro woman an
named Edy about fifty years of age
my two daughters Hannah & Fanny not to pay
board while living with their Mother
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this
eleventh day of March eighteen hundred
and fifty four
Signed & sealed & acknowledged
in presence of
Willis H. Bennell William Thompson Esq
William Patten
Willis Strickland

Georgia } Court of Ordinary
Madison County } October Term 1854

The within last Will and
Testament and Codicil thereto of
William Thompson having been
duly proven at this regular Term
in Open Court upon the oath
of William Patten

Ordered that the
same be admitted to Record
Willis Strickland Ordinary
Recorded & sworn to 1854
Rufus M. Manning
Clerk