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J. A. Duke

State of Georgia, in the name of
Mairio County, I, Francis A. Duke
of said County being of advanced age
and knowing that I must shortly de-
part this life deem it right and prop-
er both as respects my family and
myself that I should make a disposition
of the property with which a kind
Providence has blessed me do therefore
make this my last will and testament
hereby revoking all others heretofore
made by me-

Item 1 I desire and direct that my body
be buried in a decent and Chris-
tian like manner, suitable to my
circumstances and condition in life
My Soul, I trust, shall return to rest
with God who gave it

Item 2 I desire and direct that all my
just debts be paid as soon as possi-
ble by my Executors hereinafter appoint-
ed, as I am unwilling my Executors
should be delayed in their rights.

Item 3 I desire and direct that all my
property shall be kept together to
raise my younger children and to
educate them, I mean, my land, mules
and horses and stock of all kinds
house hold and kitchen furniture,
when my children all become of age
my property to be equally divided

Item 4 I desire and direct that the money arising from
insurance, ~~shall~~ be invested in land
or some other good investment.

Item 5 I hereby constitute and appoint
my beloved wife Henrietta, Executors
and my loving son Joseph B. Duke
executors of this my last will and tes-
tament. This August 2, 1869
J. A. Duke
Signed Sealed declared and pub-

F. A. Duke
lished by Francis A. Duke as
his last will and testament in the
presence of us the subscribers who
subscribed our names hereto in the
presence of the Testator at his special
instance and request and of each
other this August 2nd 1869

William M Brown
James Hamilton
Martha J. Farrell
Ann E. Brown

Georgia Marion County

Const of Ordinance

for said County November Term 1869

Whereas a paper purporting to be
the last will and testament of *F. A. Duke*
has been offered in open Court for
Henrietta Duke one of the Executors
in said will named for Probate in com-
mon form of law and *William M*
Brown one of the subscribing witnesses
to said will being sworn say that *F. A.*
Duke signed said will as his last will
and testament in his presence and in the
presence of the other subscribing
witnesses who signed the same as witness-
es in the presence of Testator and of
each other and that said testator at
the time of the execution of said will
was of sound mind and disposing mem-
ory.

William M Brown
doorn to and Subscribed before me
this 1st Nov. 1869 *Jas M. Lowe*

Recorded July 12 1870
Jas M. Lowe
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Item 1

Item 2

Item 3