

N H Holton

State of Georgia
Marion County

In the name of God Amen
I N H Holton of said
State and County being of advanced age and
knowing that I must shortly depart this life
deem it right and proper 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

Item 1st

I desire and direct that my body be
buried in a decent and Christian like manner
suitable to my circumstances and condition
in life. My soul I trust shall return to
rest with God who gave it, as I hope
for eternal salvation through the merits
and atonement of the blessed Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ whose Religion I have
professed, and as I humbly trust, enjoyed
for years.

Item 2nd

I desire and direct that all my just
debts be paid ~~without~~ delay by my Executors
hereinafter appointed as I am unwilling
my Creditors should be delayed in their
rights especially as there is no necessity
for delay.

Item 3rd

I desire and direct after the pay-
ment of all my just debts should be
kept together by my Executors herein-
after appointed for the use and benefit
of my family, except the Decree of Gift
made 21st Sept 1867, my entire effects, al-
lowing each one of my children as they
become twenty one years of age to
draw one fourth interest of my entire
estate.

Item 4th

I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Louisa M. for her use and benefit
one fourth interest in all my estate in-
cluding the Homestead during her natu-
ral life (only) after which said property
shall be equally divided between the
heirs of my body.

Item 5th

I hereby constitute and appoint
John Williams D. and my good friend
John McMichael, Sen Executors of this

N. M. Holton

my last will and testament, this Sept. 28th 1867

Signed Sealed declared and published by N. M. Holton as his last will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers who subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of said Testator (at his special instance and request) and of each other, this Sept. 28th 1867.

M. H. Grady
R. P. Goodroe
J. J. Croom
O. S. Russell

Georgia Marion County Court of Ordinary
for said County November Term 1867

Whereas a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Nathaniel M. Holton, late of said County, deceased, has this day been produced in open Court by the Executors therein named for probate in "Common form of law" upon the testimony of Richard P. Goodroe and Oliver S. Russell two of the subscribing witnesses to said will who upon oath say they saw the Testator N. M. Holton, sign, seal, publish and declare the paper now before the Court for Probate as his last will and testament and they considered the said Testator of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time and they signed said will together with the other witnesses in presence of Testator and of each other at the special instance and request of Testator

Signed and subscribed before me Nov 4th 1867
Jas. M. Lowe ordy.

R. P. Goodroe
O. S. Russell

Recorded Nov 11th 1867
Jas. M. Lowe ordy.