

Last Will and Testament of Eliza O. West

State of Georgia

McCliff County

In the name of God Amen:

I Eliza O. West of said State and County, being of advanced age, deem it right and proper that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me, do make this my last Will and Testament.

Item first: I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinofly named.

Item second: I will and direct that one half of my property of every kind and description, be equally divided between the four children of my daughter Mary now deceased; and the other half of my property be equally divided between the children of my son Thomas now living, or hereafter to be born.

Item third: I hereby constitute and appoint John B. Wilcox and Thomas B. West Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Eliza O. West

Signed, Sealed, Read and Published, by Eliza O. West, as her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, the subscribers, who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the said Testatrix at her special instance and request, and of each other. This 21st January, 1876.

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H. M. Pitts. W. N. Harr.

J. B. Thacker, Ordinary, McCliff County.

Proved in common form, of chambers, March 21st, 1876. Submitted to record April 3rd, 1876. Recorded April 7th, 1876. R. H. George, C. C. O.

Last Will and Testament of Geo. W. Holzendorf

State of Georgia

McCliff County

In the name of God Amen:

I, George W. Holzendorf, of said State and County, being in full and sound mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of life, deem it right and proper, both as respects my family and myself, that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me. I do therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made.

Item first: I wish my Executors hereinafter named and appointed, as soon as possible after my death, to pay all my just debts; and I desire that the cash on hand and the proceeds of sales and accounts that may be due me be first used for this purpose. Should there be insufficient, then I hereby authorize and empower my said Executors to sell, publicly or privately, so much of my stock in trade on hand at the time of my death, as shall be necessary to carry out the purpose of this item of my

Will, my said Executrix to select the property then to be sold.

Item 2nd: I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Holzendorf during her natural life, my home and lot on main street in Thomson, said County, Phoenix & iron on side, together with all appurtenances of the same; also all my household and kitchen furniture and personal property of every kind, except as may herein after be excepted by her; and also all my stock in trade on hand at my death in the store house on Rail Road Street, in said town of Thomson, and all cash, notes and debts, except so much thereof, (being spent in trade, cash, notes and accounts) as shall be required to carry out the provisions of item 1st: to hold, and control the same for the use, maintenance and support of herself; and for the maintenance and support and education of my three minor children, to wit: Mary Estella, George H. and Emily. I also give to my said wife Elizabeth, my ladies' gold watch, to keep and use during her natural life, and at her death to be given to my youngest daughter Emily.

Item 3rd: I give and bequeath to my son John B. Holzendorf, one vacant lot of land in the town of Thomson, said County, lying North of White Oak street in said town, in the rear of and adjoining lot now owned by Robert J. Young, J. M. Hall and said John B.; said lot fronting on a street running North from White Oak street and running back to Alley, and having such width as shall include one half acre; the title to said One half acre lot to vest in said John B. Holzendorf instant upon my death.

Item 4th: I give and bequeath unto my son, William B. Holzendorf, one vacant lot of land in the town of Thomson, said County, lying North of White Oak street in said town, in the rear of lot herein after bequeathed to my daughter, Mary Estella and Emily; fronting on an alley herein after provided for, running north from White Oak street, and separating said lot from C. M. Wall's lot; said lot so bequeathed to contain one acre, and the title thereof to vest in the said William B. instantly upon my death. I also give and bequeath unto my said son, William B., my Iron Safe, to be given to him upon my death.

Item 5th: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Estella Holzendorf, one vacant lot of land in the town of Thomson, said County, fronting on White Oak street, one hundred and fifty six (156) feet, and running back north from said street, with uniform width, two hundred and ten (210) feet, bounded West by an alley herein after provided for, between said lot and C. M. Wall's lot; said lot of land with any and all improvements that I may hereafter make thereon, to be held by my Executrix, or, in the event of her death, by the Trustee herein after appointed, for the use of the said Mary Estella, till she attains her legal majority, and after that the title thereof to vest absolutely in said Mary Estella, for good and lawful use. The said lot, its title and value of any husband she may have, but not to be disposed of by him, the said Mary Estella, during her natural life.

Item 6th: I give and bequeath to my daughter Emily Holzendorf, one vacant lot in the town of Thomson said County, fronting on White Oak street, one hundred and fifty six (156) feet, and running back north from said street, with uniform width, two hundred and ten (210) feet, adjoining on the West the lot herein before bequeathed, to my daughter Mary Estella, said lot of land to be

held by my Executrix, or, in the event of her death, by the Trustees herein
appointed for the use of the said Emily. And she shall have her legal major-
ity; and after that the title thereof to said absolutely in the said Emily, free and ex-
empt from the debts, contracts and liabilities of any husband she may have,
but not to be disposed of by her the said Emily, during her natural life.
Now 7th. I give and bequeath unto my son, George W. Holzendorf,
the house and lot whereon I now reside, with all the improvements thereon, includ-
ing the storehouse on Gordon street; also all my household and kitchen furniture,
and all other personal property of whatever kind, in and at my said dwelling,
except one bed, bedstead, and complement of bed clothing, &c. &c, which I
desire to be given to my daughters, Mary Estella and Emily; the same to be se-
lected and designated by my Executrix herein after named; the said prop-
erty herein bequeathed to my said son, George W. to be held and controlled
by my said Executrix, for the purposes mentioned in item second of this my
will, during her natural life; should my said wife die before the said George W.
attains his legal majority, then I desire said property to be held in trust for the
said George W. by the Trustee herein after appointed, subject to the same uses as her-
efore provided, till the said George W. shall have become of age. I desire and
direct further, that in any event, my house and lot whereon I now reside, and
herein bequeathed to my son, George W. shall be a house for my daughters, Mary
Estella and Emily, during their minority, and as long as they shall remain un-
married; if attaining majority and remaining unmarried, they shall so desire.
I also give and bequeath to my said son, George W. my gold watch, which I
now wear; the same to be given to him when attaining his legal majority.

Now 8th. I give and bequeath to my daughters, Mary Estella and Emily,
my lot of land on Rail Road street in the town of Thomson, said county, fronting
on said Rail Road street forty-four (44) feet, and running back sixty (60)
feet, adjoining H. M. Gould on the North and East and J. H. Carter on the West,
with the store house thereon; the same to be held by my Executrix for the use of
the said Mary Estella and Emily; the rent thereof from and after my death
to be equally divided between them. It is my will and desire that said store
house and lot shall not be sold or disposed of so long as either of my said
daughters shall live, but that my Executrix, or, in the event of her death, my
Trustee, shall hold the same and shall use the income thereof, equally divided
for the benefit of my said daughters during their minority; and after they become
of age, shall pay over said income, equally divided, as aforesaid, to them
annually, for their sole and separate use. In case one of my said daughters
should survive the other, then said income to be paid Annually, one-half
to the survivor, and one-half to the heirs of the deceased one. Upon the death of
either of my said daughters, the same estate herein created shall cease, and the
said store house and lot may be sold, and the proceeds distributed according
to law, amongst the lawful heirs of my said daughters.

Now 9th. It is my will and desire that an Alley fifteen (15) feet wide
be opened through my vacant lots on White Oak street, said Alley having for
its Western line, the Eastern boundary line of C. M. Wall's lot purchased from
me, as far as it extends, and running through by direct line to the lot now

owned by the widows Jane and Ellen, and if desired to be placed in the
hand, through said lot of said Jane and Ellen, the right to open said alley, having
been reserved in the deed, to them, to the road on the south of their said lot, a strip of land
by fifteen (15) feet wide to be opened from street running north from Whitehall street,
said alley to run along the southern boundary line of the Bedford lot (now owned
N. D. Irving,) till it intersects the alley, heretofore provided for; said two alleys to
be kept open forever free to the use of the owners of the lots in this block, hereinafter
described, and to the use of the general public.

Item 10th. I desire that my vacant lots lying north of White Oak street, and
not herein bequeathed, be sold by my Executive, or my Trustee, both to be hereafter
named, at public or private sale, and at such time, immediate or remote, as
they shall deem best, and the proceeds be equally divided amongst my three
children, to-wit: Mary Estlin, George W. and Emily. If said sale be made dur-
ing the minority of my said children, or either of them, then the share or shares of
them, or any, or all of them, to be held in trust by my Executive, or in the event of
death, by my Trustee for such minor, or minors, during minority; said shares to
be paid over to them, respectively, as they attain majority.

Item 11th. It is my will and desire that my Executive, in dispos-
ing of my stock in trade for the purposes heretofore mentioned and directed,
shall continue the business at my store house on Rail Road street, or remove
the stock to the store house on Gordon street and dispose of it there, or sell it in
any other manner, as she shall deem best; the rent of the store house on Rail
Road street, in any event to be appropriated as herein before provided.

Item 12th. It is my will and desire, and I so direct, that my
Executive shall not be required to make an inventory of my estate, to have
the same appraised, nor to make annual returns thereof to any Court.

Item 13th. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my be-
loved wife, Elizabeth Holzendorf, Executive of this my last will and
testament.

Item 14th. In case my Executive herein before nominated and
appointed, should die before fully executing the trusts herein before, I
hereby appoint my friend, Reuben M. Pearce, Trustee, to take charge of the
property bequeathed in trust in this my last will and testament, with full
power and authority to carry out all my wishes herein before expressed.
The said Trustee to be subject to the requirements of the law as to inven-
tory and returns; but shall not be required to give bond.

Item 15th. Should my Executive and the Trustee herein before ap-
pointed, both die before executing all the trusts herein before bequeathed, I de-
sire that the Superior Court appoint a Trustee with the powers and for the pur-
poses herein before expressed, and I so direct. In the event of the death of
said Trustee, I hereby nominate and appoint my son, William B.
Holzendorf, as here living, I hereby nominate him for said appointment.
This January 7th, 1876.

J. W. Holzendorf. (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed, Declared and Published by George W. Holzendorf
as his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned

who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator, at his special instance and request, and in the presence of each other this Jan'y 7 1876. The words "going back to Alley," in the 3rd line, inserted before signing.

James B. Haddrell
John E. Branton
Hon. Johnston County Judge.

Codicil to Last Will Geo. W. Holzendorf.

In addition to the property bequeathed my son, William B. Holzendorf, by item 10th of the foregoing Will, I will and desire, and hereby direct, that the sum of One Thousand Dollars, Cash be paid to my said son, William B., should there be a sufficient sum in Cash on hand at my death to warrant such payment. If not then I desire that said sum of One Thousand Dollars be made up by turning over to said William B. so much of my stock in trade in the Store house on Rail Road Street, as shall be necessary for this purpose.

I Also give to my said son, William B., my second. Cause, published at Seabury, for dollars to be his at my death. Signed and published by George W. Holzendorf, as a Codicil to his last Will, in our presence, as witnesses, as thereto by his request. Feby 12 1876.

James B. Haddrell
John E. Branton
William Johnston, County Judge.

G. W. Holzendorf.

Proven in Common form June 26, 1876.

Admitted to record July Term, 1876.

Recorded August 25, 1876.

R. H. Ponce, C. J.

Last Will and Testament of
John T. Mason.

State of Georgia
County of Wilkes

I, John T. Mason of said State and County, being of advanced age, and knowing that I must depart this life, deem it right and proper, both as respects myself and my family, 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 ratifying all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st: I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner, suitable to my circumstances and conditions 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ, whose religion I have professed, and I humbly trust, enjoyed, about fifty years.