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State of Georgia In the Name of God, Amen
I George Godfrey of the
County and State aforesaid
being of a sound & sober mind
and Memory and knowing that it is
appointed for all men to die, do make
ordain and constitute this my last will
and Testament, hereby revoking and annul-
ling all Wills heretofore made by me;
Item 1st I will my Soul to God who gave it
hoping for eternal life through the Merits
of his son Jesus Christ And after my decease
my remains to be buried in a Christianlike
Manner suitable to my circumstances
Item 2^d I will and desire that all my just
debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter
named And I hereby direct that my
said Executor (to be hereinafter named) shall
have full and discretionary power to sell
any portion of my Estate for the purpose of
paying my indebtedness & that he make &
execute titles to the same without going to
the unnecessary ^{expense} attending the application
to the Ordinary Court in such cases as now
provided for by law
Item 3^d I will devise and bequeath unto
my beloved wife Polly Godfrey and to my three
single Daughters viz Mary Malissa and
Madena, all my Estate both real & personal
of every description whatever for and during
the Natural life or Widewidhood of my said
Wife Polly And in the event of the Death or
Marriage of my said Wife Polly my Estate
then to be equally divided amongst all
my Daughters to them and their heirs share alike &
the portions of my Estate going to each of
my Daughters it being exclusively to them

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- And to their child or children (legitimate or
illegitimate) as the case may be, and in case
any of my Daughters should die leaving no
child or children, their portion to revert to
my Estate and be equally divided among
my surviving children, with the restrictions
herein set forth and the property of every
description going to my daughters to belong
to them and to their child or children and
not subject in any manner to the debts, demands,
contracts, liabilities or control of any present
or a future husband.

Item 4th I will and desire that in case either
of my said Daughters, Mary Malissa &
Martha (or all of them) should (Mary being the
death or marriage of my Wife Polly, that my
executors shall give to each of my said Daughters
so marrying the amount which each of my said
Daughters has heretofore received from my Estate,
and the remainder of my Estate to be retained
by my Wife Polly as directed in Item 3^d of this
my last Will and Testament and the daughter
or daughters so marrying to receive nothing more
from my Estate until the final distribution of
the same at which time each of my Daughters
to account for the amounts heretofore received
by them.

Item 5th I hereby constitute and appoint my
friend Freeman L. L. Blount Executor to this
my last Will and Testament.

Signed, sealed, declared and published in the
presence of
Test. Joseph T. Russ
J. M. Robertson
John Robinson
George S. Godfrey (Seal)
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Georgia 3 Court of Ordinary
Meriwether County 3 January Term 1855
The within last Will &
Testament of George Godfrey late of said
County deceased, Having been proved at the
regular term in Open Court upon the Oaths
of Joseph T. Reese, James M. C. Roberts not
Chas. Robbins m' Ordered that the same
be admitted to Record
8th Jan'y 1855 J. C. Gresham (Ordinary
for Meriwether Co. Ga.)

Recorded this first day of February 1855
J. C. Gresham, Ord.
+ J. M. Blumz Nominated executor to the
failing Will of Geo Godfrey died, refuses to
Qualify - See Minutes holding out Jany Term
1855 -