

Georgia } Court of the
Meriwether County } Circuit Judge
met Term 1838

The within last will & testament
of William Perry having been de-
posed at this regular adjourn-
ment in open Court upon the
oaths of William Sharp, William
Baker, and Jas. W. Thurston, testators
that the same be admitted to
record this 8th day 1838

Witness my hand & Seal
Jas. W. Thurston Clerk

Recorded Jan'y 8th 1838

Jas. W. Thurston Clerk

Georgia } In the name of God, Amen
Meriwether County } I Thomas Matthews of the County
and State of Georgia being of perfect mind and memory
knowing it appointed once for all persons to die &
being conscious & disposed to devise my estate as of
right & at most advantageous to my family, do hereby
bequeath & will the same as follows:

1st. Commanding my soul to God who gave it,
order that my body after my death be buried
in a place and decent manner. And that all my
just debts of any on my decedent be first paid
out of my estate as far as possible.

2nd. That all my property both real and personal
which I am or may be possessed of at the time
of my decease be kept, held & conveyed together
by my wife Rachel for herself & the use of
all our children respectively including the two

Children of my daughter Mary Williams
deceased as one part that said property be
not be separated, or divided in any way

life of the said Rachel further stand at the
Option & discretion of said Rachel in partial or
incomplete gifts & settlements to our children as they may
to her seem to require & need it & that said property
shall its premises & interest shall be under the
trustship & management of her the said Rachel
& my son Thomas Matthews & have together &
make Executor & Executor of the my last
will and Testament. & 4th The two children
of my daughter Nancy Williams deceased & to whom
under the time & provisions aforesaid I gave an
equal moiety as her part as aforesaid of my estate
which said & kept by my loving wife Rachel so
long as she may live or by my loving son Thomas
Matthews which said person shall exclusively
& solely have the Custody & Guardianship of
their first of my Estate after division until they
become of legal age, & provided that if either of
said children shall die before becoming of
legal age, the surviving child shall be its only
heir & if both die before said period the
part left divided or allotted to said children
or child shall fall into & again become a
joint & legal interest of my children or their
legal representatives as the case may then be to
the exclusion of their father Asington P
Williams as an heir - And provided that any
property the said two children or either of them
might have of my Estate from the minor death of
any of my children shall be subject to the same
condition & reversion. In witness whereof the said
Thomas Matthews hath hereunto set his hand & seal
the twenty third day of January in the year
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred
& thirty two hereby Ordaining and confirming
this my last Will and Testament

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