

State of Georgia }  
 Meriwether County } In the name of God. Amen; I  
 William Gill of said State and County

being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart  
 from this world deem it right and proper both as respects myself  
 and family that I should make a disposition of the property  
 which a kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make this  
 my last Will and Testament.

Item first,

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a  
 decent and Christianlike manner suitable to my circumstances  
 and condition.

Item second,

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

Item third.

I give and devise unto my beloved wife Rhodes with  
 whom I have lived in the strictest quiet and love for many years  
 Six acres of Land more or less it being the south part of Lot. No.  
 1124 One hundred and Twenty four in the tenth District of Meriwether  
 County together with all other property or effects belonging to me or  
 in my name, to have full power to use and control in any manner  
 she may see fit and proper for her benefit and support during  
 her natural life, and after the death of my wife Rhodes, it  
 is my will that said Estate or effects be equally distributed  
 between eight of my children, to wit, Caroline J. Bradley wife  
 of Norman Bradley, Susan H. Donaldson wife of Thomas Donaldson  
 Julia Donaldson wife of S. G. Donaldson, F. S. Gill, Oliver H. Gill,  
 John A. Gill, Nancy Davis wife of Clement Davis, Andrew  
 J. Gill & Rebecca L. Ragland wife of Edward Ragland.

Item fourth,

It is my will that Henry A. Gill, Mary E. Howard  
 wife of John H. Howard, Thomas M. Gill and Miriam M. Gill  
 have one dollar each, as their distribution share of my Estate.

Item fifth. I constitute and appoint my beloved wife  
Whoda Esquerry am beloved sons Andrew J. Gill, Oliver  
W. Gill & John A. Gill Executors to this last Will and Testament  
this August 11<sup>th</sup> 1858

William Gill

Signed, Sealed declared and published by William Gill as his  
last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers  
who subscribed our names hinc in the presence of said Testator  
at his special instance and request and of each other,  
This August 11<sup>th</sup> 1858

Robert R. Watson  
Christopher Columbus Brittain  
Willingdon M. Herrell

Georgia  
Merriweather County Court of Ordinary.

September Term 1858

The within last Will and Testament  
of William Gill having been proven at this regular Term  
in open Court, upon the Oaths of Robert Watson, Christopher  
Columbus Brittain and Willingdon M. Herrell,

be admitted to Record.

6<sup>th</sup> Sept 1858

Order that the same

D. C. Gresham, Clerk