

Snow to Subscribers in open Courts this 7<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1864.

Anderson Hammon  
testimony

State of Georgia in the name of God Amen,  
Murray County I John H Hawkins of said State and

County being in bad health and  
advanced in age but of sound mind and memory  
knowing that I must shortly depart this life I do  
the right and proper both as respects my children  
and myself that I should make a disposition of the  
property with which a kind Providence has blessed  
me. I do therefore make this my last will and  
testament hereby revoking and canceling all

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First I desire and direct that my body be buried  
in decent and Christian like manner suitable  
to my condition in life; my soul I trust shall  
return to rest with God who gave it as I hope  
for salvation through the merits and attainment of  
the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Second I desire and direct that all my just debts  
be paid without delay by my executors herein after  
named and appointed.

Third, I give bequest and devise to my son  
John H. Hawkins one half of all the property  
after my just debts are paid, consisting of land  
of various Money notes & accounts horses cattle  
and Stock of all kinds & all property of every  
description belonging to me or that I am in  
any manner interested in to him forever.  
Fourthly I give and bequeath to my Daughter  
Mary A. Hawkins for her sole and separate

use for and during her natural life free and  
exempt from the debts and liabilities of her husband  
should she ever marry. The other half of all  
the property & possessions consisting of lands negroes  
money notes & accounts horses cattle and stock  
of all kinds and all property of every description  
then belonging to me or that I am in any  
manner interested in and at her death the  
property in this article contained shall pass  
to and become the property of the children and  
representatives of the children of said Mary  
A. H. Hawkins forever, but should the said  
Mary A. H. die without any bodily heirs said prop-  
erty is to pass to my son James M.P.  
Fifthly. I will and desire that my son James  
M.P. and ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> his wife Perkins shall  
keep all my property together until one or  
the other shall marry after which they are  
at liberty to divide the same at any time they  
may choose.

Sixthly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend  
Charles D. Gurnow attorney to his last  
will and Testament this the Eleventh day of  
October Eighteen hundred and Sixty three.

J. H. Hawkins

Signed Sealed declared and published by, John  
H. Hawkins, as his last will and testament in  
the presence of us the undersigned who subscribe  
our names hereto in the presence of said  
testator at his special request and assist him  
in presence of each other.

James Miller  
Elizabeth Smith  
Nathan Gates  
J. H. Gaines

Murray County of Ordinance

April Term 1864

The last will and Testament of John D Hawkins deceased being produced in open Court for Probate by the Executrix L. J Durkheim and two of the subscribing witnesses to said will to wit: Martha Bates and Uriah H Durkheim and being duly sworn depon and say that they saw John D Hawkins sign & publish the foregoing as his last will and Testament while of sound and disposing mind and they with the other subscribing witnesses, witnessed the same for him at his request and in his presence and of each other and that the same was executed solemnly by him on the day it purports to have been executed.

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Given under my hand this

1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1864.

Anderson Hainsworth Ordinance

State of Ga.: I do solemnly swear that this Murray County Writing contains the true last will of the within named John D Hawkins deceased so far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State so help me God.

L. J. Durkheim

Swear to be subscribed in open Court this 5 day of April 1864

Anderson Hainsworth

Ordinance