

# David D. Gawley's Will

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In the name of God amen: I David D. Gawley of said State and County, being in the enjoyment of good health, and of a sound mind and memory deem it right and proper to make a disposition of the property of which I am or may be possessed at my death. Do therefore will, ordain, publish and declare this writing to be my last will and testament.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>

This is my will, and I so direct that as soon as practicable after my death that all of my just debts be paid out of my Estate, by my Executor hereinafter named and appointed.

Item 2<sup>d</sup>

In consideration of the love and affection I have towards my stepson James A. Lewis, with whom I am engaged in business, and in further consideration that he has by his energy and perseverance in business contributed largely to the accumulation of the property hereinafter named, I do therefore give, devise and bequeath to the said James A. Lewis my entire Estate and property, of every description, real and personal, of which I may die possessed, or may be in any way intrusted in at that time, absolutely and unconditionally, to him and his heirs forever. Further providing, that in the event of the death of the said James A. without heirs, then my said Estate shall go to and be inherited by my lawful heirs according to the laws of the County.

Item 3<sup>d</sup>

I hereby constitute and appoint the said James A. Lewis, as the Executor of this my will, with full power to execute and enforce the same, without effecting in any way his right and title to the property herein, and hereby conveyed to him. And upon the probate of this will, and the payment of my debts, his administration of my estate may be considered complete, without further direction by the Court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1875-

David D. Gawley 

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named David D. Gawley, as his last will and testament, in the presence of us the subscribing witnesses, who subscribed our names as witnesses to the same, in presence of said testator, and at his request.  
This 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1875-

E. G. Raiford  
D. R. Harris  
H. S. Freeman  
J. P. Gibson

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Before me Francis W. Brooks Ordinary in and for said County personally came E. G. Raiford, J. S. Harris, H. S. Freeman & J. T. Gibbs all men personally known who upon being duly sworn deposed and say, that they were present when David D. Gauley, then in life but now deceased, executed the instrument of writing hereto annexed, bearing date the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1875, that said David D. Gauley published and declared the same to be his last will and testament and signed his name thereto in the presence of Deponents who at the request of the said testator, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in his presence, and all in the presence of each other. And Deponents further say that at the time of executing and publishing said will, the said David D. Gauley was of sound and disposing mind & memory, and that the act was done without any undue influence or compulsion so far as they know or believe.

Swear to & Subscribed before me

this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1876

F. W. Brooks

Ordinary

E. G. Raiford

J. S. Harris

J. T. Gibbs

H. S. Freeman

## Muscogee Court of Ordinary

February Term 1876

I do solemnly swear that the within writing contains the true last will and testament of David D. Gauley deceased so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the Constitution and laws of this State so help me God

Swear to & Subscribed before

me this February 9<sup>th</sup> 1876

F. W. Brooks

Ordinary

James N. Lewis

## Muscogee Court of Ordinary

February Term 1876

Ordered that the foregoing instrument of writing be admitted to record as fully proven in solemn form to be the last will and testament of David D. Gauley

F. W. Brooks

Ordinary