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Court of Ordinary September term 1864

State of Georgia. I John P. Mathews of said County
Oglethorpe County having volunteered to serve in the
Confederate Army and knowing
the danger and uncertainty incident to a Soldier's
life and being in good health and of sound mind
do make this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all others heretofore made by me.
Item 1st I will that my just debts be paid.
Item 2nd I give and bequeath one half of my property
both real and personal of every kind whatever
to my beloved wife Mrs. Almira C. Mathews for
and during her natural life and at her death
to my son J. Sterling P. Mathews, the other half
of my property I give to my said son.
Item 3rd It is my will that all the property given in
this Second Item of this will to be kept together
by my wife under her Control and manage-
ment for the joint use of her and my said
son until my said son becomes of age or
until he marries should he marry under the
age of twenty one years, when he shall receive
one half of my property according to said
Second Item.
Item 4th I hereby appoint my wife & brother A. C. Mathews
executors of this my last will and testament.
The witnesses whom I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this September 17th 1863
Signed sealed and delivered by John P. Mathews.
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brother A. C. Mathews interlinea and the word
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J. D. Mathews

Court of Ordinary September term 1864

State of Georgia Personally appeared in Open
Cuthbert County Court Joseph H. Echols and James
J. Mathews two of the subscribing
witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn
deposed and said that they saw John Pollard sign
said public and declare the within to be his last
Will and Testament, that at the time thereof he was
of sound disposing mind and memory and that
he died at freely without Compulsion and that they
signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the
testator at his special instance and request, and that
also saw Joseph H. Echols sign the same as witness
to help us God.

Given to and subscribed
before me this day
of September 1864

C. C. Thaddeus Ordinary

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The within last will and Testament of John Pollard
late of Cuthbert County deceased having been presented
to the Court by Abner C. Mathews one of the executors
therein named and the same having been duly proven
in Common form of law at this regular term of the
Court in Open Court upon the oaths of Joseph H. Echols
and James J. Mathews two of the subscribing witnesses
to the same, Ordains that the said will be admitted
to probate and record.

C. C. Thaddeus Ordinary

Witnessed this 6 day
of September 1864

C. C. Thaddeus Ordinary