

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen
 Pickens County } I Thomas Norton of said State and
 County being of advanced age but of sound disposing
 mind and Memory, knowing that I must shortly
 depart this life deem it right and proper, both as
 respects my family 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 annulling
 all others by me heretofore made,

Item First } I desire and direct that my body be buried
 in a decent Christianlike Manner, suitable to
 my Circumstances and 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
 atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus
 Christ, whose religion I have professed for
 thirty five years, and I Trust enjoyed.

Item Second } I desire and direct that my Executor
 herein after named and appointed, pay all
 my just debts without unnecessary delay.

Item Thirdly } I give bequeath and devise to my beloved
 wife Margaret with whom I have lived in peace
 for forty seven years all of my real estate, to wit:
 lots of Land Number (308) Three Hundred and Eight
 (309) three hundred and nine, and (310) Three Hundred
 and Ten in the Twelfth district and second
 section of said County. Also Numbers (317) Two
 Hundred and Seventeen, and (352) Two Hundred
 and Fifty Two in the Fifth District and section of
 said County. There being about one hundred Acres
 of Nos of 308, & 309. and each of the other lots 160
 Acres more or less, all being marked by metes
 and bounds, For and during her natural life
 as a widow, and I do also give and bequeath

To my wife Margaret, all of my stock of sheep, and
 hogs, and choice of my Cows and Calves, she to
 select the one she wants, also one horse or mule
 she to select the one she wants, also all of my Farming
 and Mechanical Tools, and house-hold and kitchen
 furniture of every description, for and during her
 natural life or widow-hood, The lands named
 in this Item to my wife to fully Contro, rent and
 enjoy the profits, for the time Given, but not to sell,
 The personal property named, she may swap, exchange
 sell or do as she may think proper with, I also give
 and devise to my wife all money, notes, or accounts
 that I die seized and possessed of, with growing
 Crops, and provisions on hand;

Now 4th I desire and direct that at my wifes
 death or marriage that the two parts off lot number
 (308) three hundred and eight and three hundred
 and nine (309) in the ^{1st} twelfth, and second
 (section) being one hundred Acres more or less,
 together with all the Farming and Mechanical
 Tools shall go to, and vest in my son Samuel
 Norton, And I hereby give and bequeath the
 said land and tools named in this Item to my son
 Samuel Norton at my wifes death without
 limitation or restriction, And I desire and
 direct that at my said wifes death or marriage
 the other three lots to wit (310) three hundred
 and ten in 12th Dist 42^d and 317 and 252, go
 to and be equally divided in kind or by
 sale as they may agree between my daughters
 to wit Sessanah A Penelope Lucinda & Lambert
 and Sarah & Neal The property named in this
 Item to my daughters is to them free from the
 debts or liabilities of their present or future
 husbands, and the property given to

my wife whatever of it that may remain on hand at my ~~deaths~~ death that has not been disposed of by her shall be equally divided amongst my Children named above
Item Fifth I desire and direct that my Executor hereinafter named shall ^{sell} the horses & new wagon boxes and property of every description that I do seized and possessed of, that is not otherwise disposed of in this will, either at public or private sale and after paying all expenses of the estate equally divide the balance amongst my Children to wit Samuel M, ~~Herb~~ A, Lucinda C, & Sarah E of the proceeds of said sale

Item Sixth I desire and direct that should any my Children die before my wife that their Children shall receive the portion willed their Parent.

Item Seventh I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Samuel M Norton ^{Executor} of this my last will and Testament Witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of September 1874
Thomas ^{his} Norton

Signed sealed declared and published by Thomas Norton as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other this 3rd day of September 1874 The words district and section on second page first space from bottom in 5th Dist & 2nd Section in ninth space and seal in 2nd space from top on third page and the word executor in fifth space on fourth page all interlined before signed.