

State of Georgia<sup>3</sup> In the Name of God Amen I Mary A. Taver of said State and County of Spalding County being of advanced age and 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 kind providence has blessed me and therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others made by me 1<sup>st</sup>. Item I desire that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life my soul I trust shall to rest with God who gave it as I hope for eternal salvation through the merits and attainment of the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Item Second I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter appointed

Item Third I give & bequeath and devise that my sofa to Mrs. Mary Word

Item Fourth I give and bequeath and devise that one Bed Two quilts and Two Counterpanes two Pillows Cases Sheets matrap and all the furniture belonging to same be given to Mrs. Mary S. Phillips

Item Fifth I give and bequeath and devise unto Charles W. Word one Bedstead one Bed and Curtains Matrap and Pillows and foot Curtains

Item Sixth I give and bequeath and devise unto Charles W. Word One Negro Girl of mine named Jemmy

Item Seventh I give and bequeath and devise unto Mrs. Mary E. Word and Mrs. Mary S. Phillips all the remainder of my Property including Land and Estates as if particularly mentioned by number and plan and also all the money I now own and all other House furniture not mentioned all of which I wish sold and divided equally between Mary E. Word and Mary S. Phillips including property coming to me in North Carolina or from any other source

Item Eighth I hereby constitute and appoint James M. Word and William B. Phillips my worthy Friends Executors of this my last Will and Testament this June Twenty Second 1853

Mary Ann Taver *(Signature)*

Signed sealed declared and published by Mary A. Taver as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the Testator at her special instance and request and each other this June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Wm Jackson

H. R. Johnson

A. W. Cozart

Georgia<sup>3</sup> I Mary Ann Taver of the County and State aforesaid have made my Spalding County<sup>3</sup> last Will and Testament in Writing bearing date the Twenty second day of June Eighteen hundred and fifty two in by which I have given and bequeathed to Charles W. Word Mary E. Word & Mary S. Phillips all my Estates both real and personal Now therefore I do by this my writing which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my last Will and Testament and to be taken as a part thereof Order and declare that my will is that my beloved Brother Daniel M<sup>c</sup> Duffey and my dear Sister Catherine M<sup>c</sup> Kinnon each be paid the sum of One dollar by my Executors and it is my desire this Codicil be annexed to and made a part of my last Will and Testament as aforesaid to all intents and purposes

Mary Ann Taver *Seal*

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Mary Ann Taver

in our presence and acknowledged by her to each and she at the same time published and declared the above instrument to subscribe to be a Codicil to her last will and Testament and we at the testator's request & in her presence have signed our names as witnesses thereto and written opposite our names on the Twenty Fourth day of June Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Two

James S. Jones

John F. Dufree

James F. Dufree

I James M. Ward do solemnly swear that this Writing Containeth the true last Will & Testament of her within named Mary Ann Taver deceased so far as I know or believe & that I will well & truly execute the same by paying first the debts & then what ever is contained in said Will so far as her Goods & Chattels will then unto extend & the Law charges me & I will make a true Inventory of all such Goods & Chattels

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

James M. Ward

W<sup>r</sup> G Gordon ordinary

Spalding Court of Ordinary August Term 1852

And now at this term of the Court Comes James M. Ward Executor of the last Will & Testament of Mary Ann Taver and produced before us the last Will & Testament of Mary Ann Taver and a codicil thereto annexed and the witnesses to said Will to wit William Jackson Henry R Johnson and A.M. Cozart being duly sworn deposes and say that they saw Mary Ann Taver sign, seal, publish & declare the instrument now presented as her last Will and Testament & the witnesses to the Codicil to said will to wit James S. Jones John F. Dufree and James F. Dufree being duly sworn deposes and say they saw the testatrix Mary Ann Taver sign, seal, publish & declare the Codicil presented as a Codicil to her said Will All the witnesses to said Will say they signed said Will in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testatrix at her request The witnesses to said Codicil also state they signed said Will in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testatrix at her request said witnesses further state that said Will & said Codicil was executed by said testatrix as her last Will and Testament & the Codicil as a Codicil thereto freely voluntarily and of her own accord and without any influence or compulsion whatsoever and said witnesses further state that at the time of making said will & the witnesses to said Codicil say at the time of making said Codicil said Testatrix was of sound & disposing mind & memory That said deponents signed said Will and Codicil as witnesses in the presence of each other & at her instance & request

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court

Wm Jackson

This August 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

H.R. Johnson

W<sup>r</sup> G Gordon ordinary

A.M. Cozart

Recorded 7<sup>th</sup> August 1852

J.S. Jones

J.S. Ransom Ordinary

Georgia

In the name of God Amen I Solomon Strickland of the Spalding County County and State of Georgia being of perfect disposing mind and memory blessed be God for the same and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die and after this the judgement do make publish and declare this writing to be and contain my last Will and Testament in manner