

Thomas A. Dodge, late of said county, died in said county, at the residence of James Thompson on the 28th day of May last (1853). His place of residence at the time of his death, was the house of said Thompson, while he was then boarding and had then been residing for more than the space of ten days before his death. During the last sickness of the said Thompson a few hours before he died, he requested James Thompson, John M. Thompson, John B. Wright and John Walker, who were present, to bear witness to what he was going to say in regard to the disposition of his body and his effects, after his death. The attention of the witnesses being thus called, the said Dodge then proceeded to make his will nuncupative, in substance, as follows:

I desire that my body after death shall be conveyed by kindred in the state of New York, and, then, buried in the old family burying ground. I wish it to be buried with Masonic rites.

After ^{the} payment of my just debts, I will all the residue of my property of every kind, name and description to my two sisters.

I desire that John M. Thompson shall assist my executor in collecting what may be due to my estate, and effecting a settlement between my estate and B. Wright and between my estate and said John M. Thompson.

The foregoing will was made about daybreak on the day aforesaid, and said testator died about one o'clock on the same day. The James Thompson, John M. Thompson and John B. Wright, now declare the foregoing substantially the nuncupative disposition, made by said ^{Thomas A.} Dodge as above stated.

This September 5th 1853.

John Ottensmeyer &c

James Thompson
John B. Wright
John M. Thompson

In person before me, John Sturdevant, Justice of the Peace for said county, John B. Wright, John M. Thompson and James Thompson, who being sworn say that the foregoing paper contains the last and verbal disposition of the personal property of James A. Dodge, late of said County deceased and is true in all its points.

James Thompson
John B. Wright
John M. Thompson

Witness my hand and subscribed before me this September 6th 1838

John Sturdevant: J.P.

State of Georgia. In the name of God Amen
Gallatin County } I Person Walker of said State and County
of advanced age knowing that I must shortly depart
desire to right and proper order as respects my family and
elf that I should make a disposition of the property with which
God's providence has blessed me do therefore make the my
last and testament hereby declaring all others heretofore made
void. I desire and direct that my body be
interred in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my
circumstances and constitution in life My soul shall I trust
be given to God who gave it as I hope for eternal salvation thro
the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord: I desire Jesus Ch
whose religion I have professed and as I humbly trust enjoyed for
my life.

I desire and direct that all my just debt be paid with
the least delay as possible by my executors herein appointed
and in settling my Executors should be delayed in their
rights. I desire. I desire and direct that my beloved
daughter Walker shall keep my property all together untill my
son Washington Walker shall arrive at the age of twenty
or or thirty; my said wife having the power at her discretion
to let or let off my children as shall marry before standard Geo
Washington arrives at the age of twenty one years & marries and
or or before as she shall deem proper and when said George
Washington arrives at the age of twenty one or marries I desire and
direct that all the negro belonging to my estate including such
as have and may be lent to my children be brought together