

State of Georgia, William H. Law of the County and State of said being of
Taylor County, advanced age, but of sound and disposing mind and memory and
being desirous of making a disposition of the effects unto which a hand provided
has already been, after my death do make this my last will and testament hereby
revokeing and annulling all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st It is my will and desire that my body be buried in a decent and
Christian like manner suitable to my views, tenures and condition in life my
soul my body I trust shall returne to rest with God who gave it as I hope
eternally through the merits and atonement of Jesus Christ

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my executors
herein after named or I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed of these
rights especially as there is no necessity for delay.

Item 3rd I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Martha H. Law for and
during her natural life the following property to wit. George a Negro boy
about eighteen years old. Ellen a Negro Woman about twenty two or
three years old. A boy about five. A girl about fifty and a black
a woman about fifty years old. All the household furniture which I had
my said wife upon our intermarriage to wit our chests bedstead a parlor
our bureau our wash stand and half tea table bedstead & furniture parlor
two ~~two~~ beds three looking glasses and six brass clocks. And at the death
of my said wife Martha H. Law, my will is that said property shall go to and be

come the property of my child or children which my said wife may have
by me to them and their heirs forever. And in the event that my said wife
should not have by me any child or children then said property to become
the property absolutely of my said wife to be disposed of as she may think proper
by will or otherwise. And I give bequeath and devise unto my said wife
Martha H. Law for and during her natural life the following lands to wit

Twenty five acres off ~~lot~~ lot 4 & 5, two hundred and twenty five in one corner
and corner of said lot in the 3rd district of originally Milledgeville now Taylor
County and one hundred and twenty five acres off of the east side of lot of
land 18 two hundred and forty two (242) in the 2nd district of originally Milledgeville
now Taylor County with all the rights members and appurtenances to
said lands. And at the death of my said wife Martha H. Law
said lands shall be equally divided among all my
children subject to the restrictions herein after named

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my dear daughter Jefferson with
to wit my half tea table bedstead & furniture and one ~~one~~ ~~one~~
bedstead by my said wife upon our intermarriage and if my
said daughter Jefferson with Brooks should depart this life
before marriage or arriving to the age of twenty one years then
said bedstead and furniture is to be her own the property of my
wife subject to her disposal

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my son James H. Law the
land which I have to my son James H. Law the land which I have to my son
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I leave & to all the balance of my property of every description whatever real personal & mixed not heretofore disposed of by this my will I desire shall be equally divided among all my children subject to the restrictions hereinafter named & that I have a like to wit Catherine L. Gates William Adams Jacob W. Bryant James M. Lavin Benjamin L. Lewis & Thomas Lavin in choosing any children I may hereafter have by my said wife the land to be leased & Negroes to be hired out not exceeding fourteen months discretionary with my executors they taking in to consideration the time of the year in which it may die to govern them as to the length of time of renting and hiring and the proceeds of the rent and hire thereof to be applied to the payment of my debts and that the said legacies in this my last will my further will and desire is that the Negroes (not heretofore disposed of) by this my will shall be divided with out a sale thereof and that the value of my personal Estate & the value of the said legacies and Stock of every description shall be sold according to law and the money arising from the sale thereof be applied to the payment of debts and legacies and the balance of said money to be equally divided among all my children subject to the restriction herein after named

Item 7th It is my will and desire that if any of my children or grand children should die without lawful issue that their and in that event his her or their estate and the use of my estate shall go to and be equally divided among his her or their brothers & sisters subject to the same restriction herein after named

Item 8th It is my will and desire that all the property conveyed by this my last will to my children aforesaid shall go to them respectively in trust for their children that they shall not have the power to dispose of the property which they may receive in any other manner and by Statute of this my will in any manner that their or their said property be liable to the payment of the debts of any said children but at their respective deaths their respective shares shall vest absolutely in their children and theirs theirs forever and if any of my said children should die without lawful issue then his her or their share or shares under this my will to be divided according to the 7th clause of this will

I being of sound memory and of sound mind I have hereunto signed my hand & affixed my seal this 24th day of October 1855
 Wm. Adams

Witness my hand and seal and published by William Adams as his last will and testament in presence of us the subscribers who being of sound memory and request and request of said testator of his last will and testament and request of said testator of his last will and testament
 Wm. Adams
 James M. Lavin
 Benjamin L. Lewis
 Thomas Lavin
 Jacob W. Bryant
 Catherine L. Gates
 William Adams

State of Georgia Taylor County

Whereas I Wm. H. Lawrence did on the twenty fifth day of October A.D. 1853 by last declare and publish my last will and Testament in the presence of Thaddeus A. Royal, Samuel Royal & Jas. H. Rowden Esqs. and whereas the said will and Testament as Witnesses and Whereas I have deemed of allowing such changing a bequest in said will therefore make and publish this bequest to said will.

I Item 1st that my love after receiving their bequest named in my previous will may have power to dispose of the same as they may see fit & proper.

Item 2nd My wife Martha & I have to have a certain negro fellow named Edmond about forty four or five years of age during her natural life and after the decease of my wife the said negro to go to Martha Ellen

Item 3rd To my daughter Martha Ellen or her heirs or assigns all of the property herebefore devised to my said wife and a more of my said Estate with the exception of lands left to wife and child Martha Ellen to have an equal share with the rest of my children in said land.

Item 4th Should my daughter Martha Ellen die without issue her share herebefore devised shall come back to my Estate and be equally divided amongst all my lawful heirs the 25th of October A.D. 1855

Wm. H. Lawrence

Signed sealed and declared and published by Wm. H. Lawrence as the last to his will and Testament of the 25th of October 1853 in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed who subscribed our names here in presence of said testator at his special request of each others the 25th 1853 A.D.

Thaddeus A. Royal
Samuel Royal
Jas. H. Rowden Esq.
James H. Rowden Esq.

Georgia Taylor County Court of Ordinary November Term 1855

The within last will and Testament of William H. Lawrence and Codicil annexed was duly presented & read in open Court & found by the oath of the subscribing Witnesses that it is ordered that said will be admitted to register and be testamentary to the effect therein named

J. H. Rowden
Ordinary

Georgia Taylor County Ordinary Office November 16th 1855
Rowden J. H. Rowden