

State of Georgia In the Name of God! Amen!
 Group County I Alexander Speer of the County and State
 above named being of sound and disposing mind
 and memory but remembering that if I die I am and unto I must
 return do make my last Will and Testament in words and figures following
 to wit!

Item 1st I die in confident hope of a blessed resurrection having made an abiding
 faith in the atoning merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour, I desire to be buried
 in a decent manner as a Christian

Item 2^d After the payment of my debts I bequeath to my son E. H. Speer my negro
 boy named Mike. All the remainder of my property, Real and personal
 Money, Notes and Claims in action that I now own or may hereafter acquire
 to at my death I do give and bequeath to my wife Caroline J. Speer and
 my two children Mary E. Speer and Francis J. Speer in equal parts
 share and share alike hereby making them the residuary legatees of my
 Estate

Item 3^d Should my Executors deem it necessary or advisable I give them power to
 sell my house and lot and furniture and provisions if not needed and
 I empower them to sell publicly or privately as they shall deem best the
 proceeds to be the property of the said three residuary legatees

Item 4th The property I desire to be managed by my Executors for the support and
 comfort of said wife and two children in common until one shall arrive
 at age of twenty then equally divided, should either one of my said chil-
 dren Mary E. or Francis J. die before arriving at age or marrying I direct
 that the surviving child shall take the property of the one so dying, all
 the property bequeathed or in any event coming to my daughter by reason
 of the terms of this Will I give to the sole and separate use of her that
 said Mary E. Speer for life and at her death to her children and in
 no event to be subject to the debts contracts or liabilities of her husband

Item 5th If deemed by my Executors to be necessary for the support and safe
 government of my negro and the management of the Estate to sell or
 dispose of any of my negroes I give the power to do so either privately or
 publicly as they shall deem best, and the proceeds to be invested to her
 and become part of the Estate and for my said wife and my said children
 as above, Intest in my of all which I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal and published and declared the foregoing as my last
 Will and Testament the 9th day of January 1886 signed sealed
 published and declared in presence of us and who attest the
 same in the presence of the Testator

E. H. Hill

E. J. Harris

Thos B. Greenwood

Adam Ragland

Alexander Speer Test

Item 6th In executing the foregoing Will I
 omitted to mention in my Executors and
 witnesses I now supply on the same day and immediately and add
 this item as a portion of the foregoing Will to wit
 I nominate and appoint Mr. John H. Speer Executor and
 my son Alexander H. Speer and my daughter Mary E. Speer
 my said last Will and
 Testament published and declared in presence of us and who attest the
 same in the presence of the Testator

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Georgia Court of Ordinary June Term 1856
Troup County The within paper exhibiting being duly propounded by
Caroline S. Speer executrix thereof framed for probate
as the Last Will and Testament of Alexander Speer Deceased and
the Executrix thereof and the Validity and Validity of the Testator
having been all duly proven on the Oaths of Benj H. Hill Edmund S
Harris and Thomas B. Greenwood three of the subscribing witnesses
thereto It is ordered by the Court that the same be so admitted to
record as duly probated and Letters Testamentary do issue to said
Caroline S. Speer as Executrix on her taking the oath prescribed by
Law which was accordingly taken and Letters issued. Ordered
that Alexander Roberts Edmund Harris Albert C. Cox Thos. B.
Greenwood & Adorn Ragland be appointed to appraise said
Estate Granted Thos. C. Evans ordinary

Recorded June 2 1856 Thomas C. Evans, ordinary