

State of Georgia In the Name of God Amen.

I Henry Gorham of the County and State
aforesaid, being of Sound and disposing
mind and memory deem it right and proper both as respects
myself and family that I should make a disposition of the
property with which a kind providence has blessed me do therefore
make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all
others heretofore made by me

Item 1st I will my soul to god who gave it and that my body
be buried in a decent and Christian like Manner, Suitable
to my Circumstances

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid
without delay by my executors hereinafter to be appointed

Item 3rd I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Sarah
Gorham one thousand dollars in cash to be paid by my
executors as soon as convenient after my death the same
to be used and Controlled by her, and Subject to the claim
or Claims of no other persons whatever I further will
and devise, that the one thousand dollars above named, shall
be all that my said wife shall have or receive from my
Estate in any Manner whatever

Item 4 I hereby give and bequeath to my three beloved
daughters Revenia, Lourena and Lucinda each one
Woolen Bed, Bolster & pillows, Bedsteads & Such bed Clothing
as the said girls have made themselves and now claim
as their own the above named beds to be extra and
over and above an equal Share of the balance of my
Estate, & not to be accounted for by them

Item 5th I hereby Charge my five Sons, James (now dead)
John, Frederick, Henry and William Gorham each with
one hundred dollars for a horse bridle and saddle
advanced them by me while in life the same to be deduc-
ed from their distributive Share in my Estate

Item 6th I will and devise that after my death my executors
hereinafter appointed shall divide all my Negroes equally
between my Children Share & Share alike, I further devise
and direct, that the balance of my Estate both real and
personal of every Character whatever shall be sold by my
executors according to Law, and the proceeds of said Sale
equally divided between my Children Share and Share
alike, after taking out the bequests mentioned in items 4th

& 5th of this my last will and testament, I further
will and desire that the distributive Share of my Estate
going to my Son James now dead shall go to his Children and
not be Subject to any debt or claim against said Children
or the Husband or wife of said Children, but shall be held
by them for their own use and not Subject to any of their
debts whatever

Item 7th I hereby constitute and appoint my son William
Gorham Guardian and Trustee to my daughter Lucinda
Gorham

Item 8th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son
John Gorham and my wife Sarah Gorham

This Feby 28th 1859. Signed Sealed published and declared by Henry Gorham as his last will and testament, in the presence of us the Subscribers who Subscribed our names herto in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other this the 28th day of Feby 1859
 Henry Gorham (Seal)

Wm. C. Stinson
 Alexander Kerr
 William A. Howell

Georgia Court of Ordinary May Term 1860
 In and for the County of Glynn Michael C. Stinson Alexander Kerr and William A. Howell do solemnly swear that you were present and saw Henry Gorham, John Seal publish and declare the paper writing now propounded in open Court to be his last will and testament, that you each attested the same as witnesses in the presence of the Testator the said Henry Gorham and in the presence of each other that you believe the said Henry Gorham was at the time of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he executed said will freely and voluntarily and of his own accord Wm. C. Stinson (Seal) Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court this 9th May 1860 Alexander Kerr (Seal) William A. Howell (Seal) Samuel Cartwright Clerk

The foregoing paper writing being propounded in open Court for probate as the last will and testament of Henry Gorham late of said County died by John Gorham and Wiley A. Davis the Executors nominated therein and the attesting witnesses thereto to wit Michael C. Stinson Alexander Kerr and Wm. A. Howell having appeared in open Court and been duly sworn and after examination and due inspection of said paper writing, did depose and say upon oath that they were present and saw the said Henry Gorham sign seal publish and declare the said paper writing as his last will and testament that they attested the same at his request as witnesses in the presence of the said Henry Gorham and in the presence of each other and the said Henry Gorham was at the time of sound and disposing mind and memory, and executed the same freely and voluntarily, and the said witnesses also having subscribed the foregoing oath in writing.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing is duly proven to be the last will and Testament of said Henry Gorham dec'd and that it be and is hereby admitted to record as such, It is further ordered that Letters testamentary do issue to said John Gorham and Wiley A. Davis Executors thereof as their taking the oath prescribed by law and said oath being taken in open Court Letters accordingly issued.

It is further ordered that Benjamin Shepherd Michael F. Stinson Luke Johnson James Gayd and Abram Ayers, be and they are hereby appointed to appraise the Estate of said dec'd in terms of the law Samuel Cartwright Clerk