

Samuel Adolphus Morton Will

Georgia } I, Samuel Adolphus Morton of Said State
 Trump County } County being of Sound mind & body and being
 about to enter upon the dangerous duties of
 a Soldier's life & apprehending that I may fall & die in
 defence of my Kin and Country do therefore make this
 my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore
 made First I desire should I fall or die on the battle
 field that my body be recovered and brought home for
 burial at some convenient place to be chosen by my dearly
 beloved Mother Second I desire all of my just debts
 paid by my Executor here in after mentioned and approp-
 riated Thirdly I bequeath after the payment of my just
 debts and desire all of my property both real and perso-
 nal to my dearly beloved Mother Achook Morton for her
 sole use and benefit during her natural life and
 after the death of my mother I then desire my property
 (or their property) equally divided among my brothers &
 Sisters or their heirs their living I desire to bequeath
 that portion which will to my Sisters to be for their
 sole use and benefit of them or their heirs and in
 no way to be subject to the use in controul of their
 husbands of my Sisters who are married and to my
 each this portion of my will I hereby appoint my
 Brother Benja W Morton their Guardian for their
 portion of my property to be received after the death of
 my mother as herein before stated Lastly I hereby constitute
 and appoint my Cousin John G Whitfield Executor of
 my last will and Testament this 4th of June 1861
 Samuel A. Morton

Signed Sealed declared and published by Samuel
 Adolphus Morton as his last will and Testament in the
 presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names there-
 to in the presence of Said testator at his special instance
 and request and in the presence of each other this 4th June
 1861

John J. Moreland
 Simon G. Talley
 J. A. Reid
 Daniel N. Speer

Recorded 22nd of October 1861

Georgia } Daniel Conright, Clerk
 Trump County } Court of ordinary Sept Term 1861
 This day came in to Court John J Moreland J A Reid & Daniel
 N Speer three of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will
 & Testament of Samuel Adolphus Morton deceased and depose & testify
 that they saw Testator sign publish & declare the same as his
 last will and that they signed the same as witnesses at his request
 and in his presence & in presence of each other and that they saw
 Simon G Talley sign the same as witness and they further
 testify that Testator was at the time of Sound mind and
 further that Said will was executed at the time it bears
 date from to & subscribed before me this 2nd of Sept 1861

Court of ordinary Sept term 1861

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John H. Morland
J. H. Reid
Daniel Spru

LaGrange December 5th 1865

As I am about to leave this State for the west &
Knowing the uncertainty of Human Life I make this
my last will and Testament viz I leave all my property
to my wife during her life or widowhood and at her
death I wish it to be equally divided between all of my
children taking into consideration the amounts they
have each received. In case my wife should marry
I wish her to have the place on which she now lives at
half its value and a child's part of all the property
containing the above named place during her life &
then I wish it to be divided between all of my
children equally as above named provided my grave
be handsomely done up at a cost of not less than
two thousand dollars or more if need be
Witness my hand & Seal day & year above written

John May
J. D. Witham

W. E. Blakemore

I do appoint Coleman B. Ferrell my Executor
to carry out the above will

Nickleburg Ferrell (28)

W. E. Blakemore

John W. May

J. D. Witham

Mo Ferrell (29)

Georgia } Court of ordinary December term 1861
Lumpkin County }

Personally appeared in open Court Coleman
B. Ferrell Executor of the last will & Testament of
Nickleburg Ferrell late of said County deceased &
produced the last will & Testament of said deceased
& John D. Witham being ^{one of the witnesses of said last will & Testament} being duly sworn said that he
saw said Nickleburg Ferrell the testator sign seal declare
& publish the instrument now purporting as the last
will & Testament fully voluntarily & of his own accord
& with any compulsion or influence whatever
that at the time of the execution of said will said
testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory
that defendant signed said will as a witness in the
presence of testator at his special instance & request
& also saw the other witnesses John W. May & W. E.
Blakemore sign the same as witnesses at the like special
instance & request in the presence of testator & of each other
sworn to & subscribed in
open Court this December 2nd 1865 John D. Witham
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