

James Ransome Avant
 joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament this the second
 day of June one thousand eight hundred seventy five
 James ^{his} Ransome Avant (S.S.)
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Sigma sealed declared and published by James R Avant as his last
 Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed
 our names hereto in the presence of said Testator and of each other this second
 day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy five

Abraham ^{his} Pearce
 L. L. Avant
 Heneel B. Joiner

James H. Shirling
 In the name of God Amen

I James H. Shirling of the County of Washington and State of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs which I have strength to do, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking any all Wills heretofore made by me And first I commit my Soul to God who gave it and my worldly Estate I dispose of as follows. All of my property both personal and real I leave in the hands of my wife and my son Jasper who desire to act as Executors & Executors. I having confidence in them. That the property shall be held together until the youngest child becomes of age and then an equal division shall be made between my beloved wife and my children except my son Jasper who shall receive Twenty five Dollars and my son Newton to receive Twenty five Dollars provided he pays the estate the amount he is now due me, otherwise said son Newton shall receive nothing. Should however my beloved wife Martha not remain a widow until the youngest child becomes of age then my son Jasper to become sole Executor and my wife to receive no part of my Estate

I hereto set my hand and seal in attestation this Jan 31st 1876

James H. Shirling (S.S.)

Codicil. I give my daughter Martha Ann & Perry five Dollars. The same to be paid at time of the general distribution

James H. Shirling (S.S.)

Read and signed in the presence of
 each one of us who attest as witnesses

Patrick B. Salasfero
 W. B. Thigpen
 J. A. Davis