

other witnesses being dead, and being duly sworn, depose and say that they saw John J. Holmes sign and publish the within paper as his last Will and Testament, and at the time he was of sound and disposing mind and memory. that they witnessed the same for him at his request and in his presence & the presence of each other, that the signatures of James Hood who is dead is his signature, that the said James Hood signed with them and in the presence of the Testator at his request at the same time, And that the within Will was executed voluntarily by the said John J. Holmes, on this day and year it purports to have executed

Groom to before me this
3 November 1862,
Maywood Brooklyn
Ordg

Simon Hood
John Hood

John J. Severett

I John J. Severett of the County of Washington and State of Georgia do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in form and manner following:

Item 1st I wish all my just debts, to be paid out of my estate of money or all of my perishable property Crops Stocks &c which may be sold for that purpose, and if the perishable property is not sufficient to pay my debts, then my Land, or as much thereof as will pay all my debts, to be sold to the best advantage as my Executor may think best

Item 2nd And should there be a sufficiency of assets from the Crops and sale of perishable property, then I want my Land to remain as hereinafter mentioned I give to my beloved Wife Mary Jane, one third of my Land including the Homestead on which I now live as her Dower during her natural life, but not to be disposed of by her, I also give to my wife, the bedstead Bed and furniture she brought with her after our marriage, also the Cattle she got from her Father together with all the Household and Kitchen furniture, and one third of all that may be left after my debts are paid

Item 3rd I give to my beloved little Daughter Malinda Ann, the other Bed Bedstead and furniture together with the balance that may be left after paying my debts, and if my Wife Mary Jane should die then my Daughter Malinda Ann to have the property left to her Mother, Mary Jane, And if my Daughter Malinda Ann should die without issue, then her property to go to my Brothers and Sisters Malinda, to be equally divided among them with this Exception, I wish my Sister Malinda to have the Bed furniture over and above her equal share with her Brothers

Item 4th I do hereby constitute my Father George W. Severett to take charge of all the items and specifications therein contained as my legal and lawful Executor to see every thing carried out according to the tenor of this my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of Nov. 1862 - Signed in presence of

William J. Purnell
Hazel J. Wood
Mary A. Conley

John J. Severett