

Mathew Durden

State of Georgia

Washington County } In the name of God Amen. I Mathew Durden of Said State and County being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory, knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper, both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me. I do therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all other by me heretofore made.

First I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life. My Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it. I hope for Salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Secondly; I desire and direct that Archelus Dungan be paid one bale of cotton and that Masswell Smith be paid twenty one dollar and a half and that John F. Grant be paid twenty five dollars to be paid by my Executors herein after named and appointed.

Thirdly; I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Sarah and her children and to my property consisting of land horses cows hogs and farming utensils horses hold and kitchen furniture during her life time or widow hood to wit the youngest one of her children but no become of age.

Fourthly; I give to bequeath and devise to my son Lewis L Durden one dollar.

Fifthly I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Malinda Florence one dollar.

Sixthly; I give bequeath and devise to my son Durden one dollar.

Seventhly; I give bequeath and devise to my son William W Durden one dollar.

Eighthly; I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Harriet Stange one dollar.

Ninthly; I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Sarah and my Executors of this my last Will and Testament This September the 18th 1868.

Mathew Durden & Co
Witness

Signed Sealed declared and published by Mathew Durden his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names thereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request.

And in the presence of Each other this September -
the 18th 1868

William V Beal
William B Ray
Rabun M Hall

Son William B Ray, do swear that the above and foregoing
paper is the last Will and Testament of Nathan Durden
Decendant that you saw Nathan Durden sign seal and
publish the same as his Will and that he signed the same
in the presence of William V Beal Yourself and Rabun
M Hall who each signed the same in his presence
and in the presence of each other at his request and
that at the time of signing he was of sound mind
Sworn to before me

10th Nov 1876
Clement Brown

William B Ray