

Georgia In the name of God Amen I Hugh Duke of
Whitfield County of the County of Whitfield and State of Georgia being
of a sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this
world and transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare
this to be my last will and testament that is to say first after all my
lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and
personal I give and bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit to my
son in Law Alexander Rogers one hundred dollars To J. M. Alexander two
hundred dollars To E. M. Collier the two hundred dollars To David Smith
two hundred dollars To my grand daughter Eliza Duke daughter of
H. G. Duke two hundred dollars and one cent To H. G. Duke One hundred
and a piece of land it being the north side of Lot 381 in the Pleasant
District of said County and State aforesaid and the remainder of said Lot
to be sold at my death

to my wife Margaret all the Household and Kitchen furniture together
with the Cray mare and buggy and two cows and the remainder of
my Personal property to be sold at my death Also the half of my home
place to my wife Margaret all of which is to be had during her life or
widowhood and the remainder of said place to be rented and the rent to be
paid yearly and the same

The land either with or without my personal property to be sold at my
death a portion of the proceeds to be paid to my wife Margaret and after all the above claims
are satisfied the remainder to be equally divided between my three sons
to wit John Duke and William Duke my three named sons to
be paid half of the amount called there paid to them out of the proceeds
of the first sale provided there be a sufficient amount of all lawful
claims are satisfied and the remainder to be paid out of the proceeds
of the last named sale

I now constitute and appoint my son William and Christian
Duke to be Executors of this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all former wills by me made The witness whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed my seal the Twentythird day
of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five
(1855) Hugh Duke (Seal)

This above written instrument was subscribed by the said Hugh
Duke in our presence and attested by him to each of us and
as at the same time published and declared to above instrument
as intended to be his last will and testament and we at the instant
made and in his presence having signed our names as witnesses
and also written opposite our names our respective places of residence in
Barren Co. Kentucky namely namely James H. Hays and
James H. Hays

Georgia } Before me William Gordon Ordway for Law
Whitfield County }
Richardson Holiford Executors of the last will and Testament of
Hugh Burke late of said county deceased and two of the
res to said will to wit John Burke and John Pagola which
witness being sworn depose and say that they saw Hugh
Burke the Testator sign seal and acknowledge and publish the
instrument now presented as his last will and Testament
freely voluntarily and of his own accord and without any comp
sion or influence whatever that at the time of the execution of
the said will said Testator was of sound and disposing mind a
memory that deponents signed said will as witnesses in the presence
of the Testator and at his special instance and request and in
the presence of each other Sworn to & subscribed before me this
January 16th 1854 John Burke
John Pagola
Wm Gordon Ordway

Georgia } We do solemnly swear that this writing
Whitfield County } contains the true last will and Testament
of Hugh Burke late of said county deceased and we believe that
we will well and truly execute the same by paying just the
all the claims contained in the said will as far as we pro
1. Chetty will thereunto extend and the law charges in and to
we will make and perfect Inventory of in the goods & Chatt
be help us God
Sworn to & subscribed before me this John Burke
January 16th 1854 Wm Gordon Ordway J. C. Talbot

Whitfield County Wills 1843-1854
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