

Last Will and Testament

Georgia
Dougherty County State of Georgia do hereby certify
and publish the following to be
Last Will and Testament
Item 1st.

I desire that after my death my body be
consigned to the Tomb in a decent and Christian
like manner along side of that of my sainted
at Perry Hamilton County Georgia

Item 2nd

I desire and direct that all my just
debts be paid as soon after my death as may
be convenient to my Executor consistently with
the best interest of my Estate & the requirements of
the Law

Item 3rd

I give & bequeath to my friend James M.
Mercer and who ever may succeed him for the
use trust & behoof of my said wife Anna Eliza
evidences of debt & of what ever kind that I may
die possessed of for the sole & separate use of my
beloved Wife Anna Eliza not subject to the debts
or to the use of any husband and not subject
such use as she may make of the annual
income all of which she shall enjoy for & during
her natural life

Item 4th

At the death of said Anna Eliza I will
& bequeath said property to Mary Catherine Jemmy
Elderly daughter of William P. Jemmy and Mary
Ann Jemmy for the love & affection I have
shown her and to her sole & separate use and
be subject to the debts of any husband she
may have & with full power to dispose of said property
by Will in case she should not leave any child
or children or legal representation of any child
her surviving at the time of her death
but upon leaving such representation of any child
No other limitation than said property to the
them shown & shown above the child

of any deceased child taking for stirpes and not per Capita, and in default of disposing of said property by Will as hereinbefore set forth or of such heirs her surviving them to the children of my beloved niece Laura Virginia Smith who may be in life at the time of the death of said Martha Cornelia including also the representations of any deceased child or children as in the case of the children of Martha Cornelia surviving & inheriting in the same manner.
I am &c

For the purpose of carrying into effect this my last Will and Testament I appoint my particular friend James M. Mercer of the County of Dougherty my sole Executor.

In Witness Whereof I have this day signed signed published & declared and do hereby seal sign publish and declare this as my last Will and Testament on this 22^d day of March in the year 1858.

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Executed by the signing of said Thomas J. Johnson in presence of us as subscribing witnesses and of our subscribing as said witnesses in the presence of each other & of said Thomas J. Johnson

J. H. Durham J.P.C.

Paris Pace

J. H. Whigb

J. H. Wren

Georgia
Dougherty County
I Thomas J. Johnson for Satisfactory Causes and Consideration do make this Codicil to my last will and Testament Executed on this sheet of paper on the 22^d day of March 1858 and do hereby change & dispose of the bequest in said Will only in this that I will and direct that the whole of my Estate shall be under the direction & management of my friend James M. Mercer during the life of my wife Ann Eliza in exclusion of her & that he pay over to her annually one half of the interest or profits

of said Estate only not including the
Negroes, reserving the other half to my wife
disposed of at her death as provided in my
Will
R. D. Johnson

Executed this 1st June 1859 In presence
us who each signed it in the presence of the
t each other.

Scott Warner
Saml. D. Davis
John A. Davis
Jno Lyon

Georgia Court of Ordinary for said County
Dougherty County October Term 1861

In open Court personally came
Pace & H. H. Wright Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing
Will of Thomas J. Johnson & John A. Davis witness
to the Codicil to said Will all of whom being
duly sworn depose & swear that they the said
Pace & H. H. Wright saw the said Will. that
they signed the same & saw Johnson sign the same
as well at the Special instance and request of
the said Thomas J. Johnson dead in his presence
and in the presence of each other & that the said
Johnson at the time of making the said Will
was of sound & disposing mind & memory and the
said J. A. Davis swears that he was & is a Witness
to the Codicil & that he signed the same as a
Witness & saw the said Johnson sign the same &
the other Witnesses. Signed the same as witnesses
in the presence of the said Johnson & of each other
and at the request of the said Johnson & that
said Johnson was at the time of sound mind
disposing mind & memory

Pace Pace
H. H. Wright
John A. Davis

Served to in open Court 14th October 1861
W. H. Miller
Clerk

W. H. Wilder
Notary

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