

Will of Robert Stafford  
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I Robert Stafford of Cumberland Island, State of Georgia, Camden County, at the present, being in the Town of New London, in New London County, State of Connecticut, do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say.

First. I give and bequeath to Hedera Stafford of Groton, Connecticut Five Thousand Dollars.

Second. I give and bequeath to Hon. L. S. Foster of Norwich Connecticut and Joseph Douglass of New London Connecticut the sum of Five Thousand Dollars each.

Third. To the Children of Belton A. Capps formerly of Groton Connecticut now deceased, who shall be living at my decease, I give and bequeath the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, to be equally divided among them there and share alike.

Fourth. All the real estate belonging to me at my decease, situated in either of the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York, and all Stocks, Bonds and obligations of every sort and nature belonging to me, or in which I have an interest, of the United States of America, and all and every state of said United States which are North of the Ohio River, or of the latitude of the South line of the State of Pennsylvania, and all personal property of every name and nature (including

money) and belonging to me. Which as my decedent may be actually in any of the said States. North of the line above given, and all debt, claims, Stocks Bonds and obligations of any kind every sort, owing to or belonging to me from or against any County, Town, City, Porten or persons (Corporate or Corporations), if located or living in any of said States, North of said line above given, I do make subject to the payment of the foregoing legacies, and the remainder of said property, I do give, devise and bequeath as follows. *viz.*

One fourth thereof to Mary Palmer formerly Mary Stafford, wife of Frederick S. Palmer of said Boston, to be her portion; and the remaining three fourths, in three equal shares, to said Joseph C. Douglass and Frederick S. Palmer in trust, one share for each of the following named persons, to wit. Ellen, Clara (sometimes called Ada), and Maria Stafford, all of said Boston, and sister of said Mary Palmer, and for their respective bequest as follows. *viz.* To wish said shares according to the best discretion of the Trustees, and from time to time change the instruments thereof or any part thereof and to and from real or personal estate all on the said Trustees deem best, separable only for useful miscondemned, with power to sell and convey and give good title at any time, to whatever may consist of real estate, and after paying all

expenses of the several trust, to pay to the said in course of the said trust, from year to year, or from time to time, should a part, but not more than one third of said shares for their own use, and should any of them marry, for the sole and separate use of said married persons, during their separate respective lives.

Upon the death of either of said better given trusts, the said Trustees shall assign, transfer and pay over the share of such deceased, to the legitimate issue of such deceased, if any, and if none, then to the survivors or survivor of said four sisters, and the legitimate surviving issue of either of them may be dead. In all cases where issue takes under this trust and devise and bequest, it shall be for the purposes. Acting and Surviving Trustees, legally appointed; when either above named dies, or is not, or ceases to be qualified, and Trustees legally appointed by Court to fulfill trusts under this Will, shall have the same powers which are given to the Trustees herein above named.

2<sup>nd</sup>

I hereby constitute and appoint.

Hon L. F. S. Foster

Joseph C. Douglass and

Frederick S. Palmer above named

the Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and so far as I may, I direct, that not over Ten Thousand Dollars of Bonds be required of the said Palmer for the performance of his duties as Executor in either of the Trusts, herein

this Will. And such over Twenty thousand  
Dollars from the said L. F. S. Foster and  
Joseph Douglass respectively.

I hereby expressly  
revokes all former Wills by me made.  
In Witness Whereof. I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal, and for  
possession sake, to two other witnesses,  
this the thirtieth day of July A.D. 1867.

R. Stafford (L)

Signed, Sealed, published and pronounced  
by the said Testator Robert Stafford as and  
for his last Will and Testament in the presence  
of us, the Subscribers, who in his presence  
and at his request, and in the presence  
of one another, have hereunto set our hands  
as Witnesses.

William C. Crump  
Robert Cook Jr.  
Henry E. Nash.

Proof.

We William C. Crump, Robert Cook Jr. and  
Henry E. Nash, all of New London County  
subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament  
of Robert Stafford, late of Cumberland Island  
State of Georgia, deceased, dated July 13<sup>th</sup> 1867, to  
which this certificate is attached, being  
it is impossible to testify the same on the  
paper on which said Will is written, being  
thereunto requested by Joseph C. Douglass one of the  
Executors named, and who is interested  
therein, do each for himself make Affidavit  
to each. We each saw the said Robert Stafford

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of Cumberland Island, State of Georgia,  
Virgin, Ga., and  
delate said Will & Testament, to be his  
last Will and Testament in the presence of  
said Stafford and of each other, and we  
then at his request, and in his presence,  
and in the presence of each other witnessed  
the same. And we further testify, that  
we do verily believe, that, at said time  
said Stafford was of sound and disposing  
mind, and memory and competent  
to make a Will.

W. C. Crump  
Robert Cook Jr.  
Henry E. Nash.

New London City, County and State  
of Connecticut, August 3, 1877. Stroom to  
before me, at the request of J. C. Douglass

Charles Brandegee  
Notary Public.

State of Georgia  
Camden Co.  
Oct 27, 1877.

This Will being Examined  
and recorded as above dated

J. F. Hoffman  
Ordinary