

I Elhannan Redding of the County of Brooks State of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs do make & publish this my last will & Testament

First

I wish all my debts to be settled.

Second

Whatever property I may have after my debts are all paid I wish divided equally between Thomas C. Redding Benj. J. Redding Mary S. Redding Sarah M. Redding (they being my brothers & sisters) Share & Share alike except that my brother Tho. C. Redding shall herein addition to his proportion such amount as may compensate him for the trouble of winding up my Estate.

I also appoint my brother Thomas C. Redding my Executor to carry out the provisions of this my last will & Testament

In Witness whereof I the said Elhannan Redding have to this my Will set my hand and seal this July 29th 1861

Elhannan Redding

Signed sealed & published & declared by the above named Elhannan Redding as his last will & Testament in presence of each of other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

W. H. Stevens

W. G. Stentley

W. B. Bennett

Brooks County } Court of Ordinary of said County

February Term 1863.

Personally appeared in open Court Thomas C. Redding the Executor of the last will and Testament of Elhannan Redding late of said County deceased and produced in Open Court William B. Bennett one of the witnesses to said Will (One of the others Wm H. Stevens being dec'd. and W. G. Stentley being in service) who after being duly sworn depose and says that he saw the said Elhannan Redding the Testator sign seal declare and publish the instrument now presented as his last will and Testament freely & voluntarily and of his own accord and without any compulsion or influence what-
ever that at the time of the signing of the said will

mind and memory that deponent signed the said will as a witness in presence of said testator and at his special instance and request and in the presence of the other witnesses W. H. Stevens & W. G. Bently and that they saw me subscribe the same
 Sworn to and subscribed } W. D. Bennett
 before me in Open Court }
 February 2nd 1863 }
 Angus Morrison }
 Ordinary }

Court of Ordinary Brooks County Georgia
 February 2nd 1863.

Thomas C. Redding Executor named in the last will and Testament of Elhannan Redding late of said County deceased having produced the will of said deceased in Open Court and offering the same for probate, having at the same time in Court the only witness that could be obtained and he W. D. Bennett having taken and subscribed the foregoing affidavit in open Court and the court being satisfied that the same was sufficient to allow the same to record.

It is therefore Ordered by the court that the said will be admitted to record having been proven in common form of Law and that Letters Testamentary issue to Thomas C. Redding the Executor, upon his taking the usual oath of office February 2nd 1863

Angus Morrison
 Ordinary

Georgia { I Thomas C. Redding do solemnly swear that this writing
 Brooks County } contains the true last will and Testament of the within
 named Elhannan deceased so far as I know or believe and
 that I will well and truly execute the same by paying
 first the debts and then the legacies contained in said
 will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend
 and that I will make a true and perfect inventory
 of all such goods and chattels and a just return thereof
 when thereunto required. So help me God.
 Sworn to & subscribed in open court. J. C. Redding
 this February 2nd 1863