

Georgia ~~Lowndes~~ County

In the name of God. Amen!

I William Coulter of  
of the County and State aforesaid being of sound disposing  
mind and memory and desirous of disposing and settling  
my worldly affairs Estate while I have health and strength  
do to do do hereby publish and declare this my last will  
and Testament hereby revoking all others by me made.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that as soon after my Death as convenient  
with the nature of such business that my Executors herein  
after appointed proceed to pay all my just debts as I have  
no desire that my creditors should be delayed in receiving  
what I am justly due them.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Coulter and  
my beloved son John Coulter my land where I now reside  
known as lot- (459) Four hundred and fifty-nine in the  
Twelfth District of Originally Irwin but now Lowndes  
County

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath grant to my beloved wife Draney Coulter  
all the balance of my Estate both real and personal prop-  
erty including a Negro Girl named Draney about seventeen  
years of age during her natural life and widowhood  
after her death my desire is that my Executors shall  
sell all the Estate of my wife and make an equal division  
among my Daughters and their children free from the  
disposition of their present husbands or any future Husbands.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> My will and desire is that my two sons William Coulter  
and John Coulter shall have and equal share of the above  
property left in their Mother's hands or Possession.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> My will and desire is that should my wife Draney Coulter  
marry, the property of mine left by me in her possession  
shall be immediately sold and an equal division made  
between her and the balance of my children as previously  
directed by me in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Item.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> That should either of my beloved sons die intestate  
the other Brother shall heir his part of the Land named  
in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Item.

Item 8

revert back to her brethren and sisters

My will and desire is that my son William Coultter shall act as agent for my two Daughters Sarian Poland and Martha Stirkland and there children.

Item 9th

My will and desire is that my son John Coultter shall act as agent for my Daughters Franey Saffold and Eliza Mannen and there children

Item 10th

I do hereby constitute and appoint my worthy and Trusty sons William Coultter and John Coultter my Executors to Carry out the provisions of this my last will and Testament.

Signed Sealed published and declared in the year of our Lord (1857) and on the 24th day of October Eighteen hundred and Fifty seven.

William Coultter.

In the presence of us  
William Holloway  
John W. Holloway  
William R. Holloway

State of Georgia Court of Ordinary of said County  
Brooks County } February Term 1863

Personally appeared in open Court William Coultter and John Coultter the Executors of the last will and Testament of William Coultter late of said County do and produced in open Court William R. Holloway and John W. Holloway two of the witnesses to said will, who after being duly sworn depose and say that they saw the said William Coultter the testator sign seal and declare and publish the instrument now presented as his last will and Testament freely voluntarily and of his own accord and without any compulsion whatever or influence whatever that at the time of the Execution of said will said testator William Coultter was of sound and disposing mind and memory that deponents signed the said Will as witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence of the other witness William R. Holloway and that they saw the testator and deponents in the presence of said

Georgia } Court of Ordinary of said County  
Brooks County }

February Term 1863

Two of the witnesses of the foregoing will having been brought into open Court, and they having taken and subscribed the foregoing oath in open Court and the Executors having shown that they had notified all the Heirs at law, within the limits of this State with a written notice of the time and place that said will would be produced for probate and there being no objection to the same

It is Ordered by the Court that said will be admitted to record having been proven in common form of law and that letters Testamentary issue to William Coulter and John Coulter named Executors upon their taking and subscribing the usual oath of Office this February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863.

Angus Morrison  
Ordinary

Georgia } we do solemnly swear that this paper contains the  
Brooks County } true last will and testament of William Coulter dec'd  
so far as we know or believe and that we will well and truly administer on all and singular and pay all his just debts so far as the same will extend and the laws require us and then pay all the legacies contained in said will, make a just and true appraisement of the same and a just return thereof when thereunto required to help us God

Done to & subscribed  
in open Court February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863 }  
Angus Morrison  
Ordinary

William Coulter  
John Coulter

Recorded March 15<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Angus Morrison  
Ordinary  
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