

State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary Term 1853.
Chatham County

Present John W. Mullen Esq. Ordinary for the County of Chatham.
Personally appeared Moses Auburn subscribing witness to the
aforesaid instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will
and testament of A. Sutcliffe late of Chatham County
deceased, who being duly sworn depose and saith that he
was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly
executed by the said Abram. And deposes further saith
that the said Abram Sutcliffe at the time of executing the
said instrument of writing was to the best of deponent's
knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind,
memory and understanding; and that Moses Auburn (the
deponent) and Ephraim Sudden and R. Carford in the
presence of each other, and of the said Abram and at his
request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution
of the same.

Sworn to before me this

6th day of June 1853

Geo. W. Mullen C. C. C.

Moses Auburn

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last
will of the within named Abram Sutcliffe 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
the said will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereto
extend and the law charge me; and that I will make a true
and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels - So
help me God.

Sworn to before me this

6th day of June 1853

Geo. W. Mullen C. C. C.

J. W. Cunningham

Recorded July 18. 1853.

will of Samuel J. Capels.

State of Georgia }
Chatham County

In the name of God Amen!

I Samuel J. Capels, of the county and state aforesaid, minister
of the Gospel, do make, ordain, and publish this my last will and
testament, in manner and form following, hereby revoking all
former wills by me at any time heretofore made -
Item first I commit myself, soul and body to God, trusting for salvation
through the merits of Jesus Christ my Lord.

Item second Whereas I am indebted as guardian to my daughter Susan
Cory Capels, in the sum of eleven hundred dollars - the interest
thereon having been appropriated to her maintenance and education -

of her bond, Section 22. I hereby appropriate my negro man slave Andrew to the payment (as far as his value will go) of said indebtedness and direct that the balance of indebtedness be paid out of my house and furniture, and to this end, I empower my executrix and executor herein after named to sell said negro man slave, and as much of said furniture, as will be necessary to compose said end, at such time & place for such price or prices, in such manner and on such terms as they my said executrix and executor, shall or may think best, it being my wish and desire that my executrix and executor should not sell the said negro man slave Andrew out of the family, if sold at all; And I hereby give them full discretion and power, if they deem it best to hold said negro man slave Andrew, as guardian of said Louisa Gray Caspels, at their valuation, and as payment ~~for debts~~ of such my indebtedness to said Louisa Gray Caspels.

Third. The rest and residue of my furniture, of every kind, and also my negro woman slave Margaret, and her child or children, and also my horse, buggy, gold watch, and spectacles, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary R. Caspels, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth. My library of books, after the selection of a few books each, by my other heirs, under the direction or inspection of my executrix and executor. I give and bequeath to my sons Abraham Walter Caspels and Samuel J. Caspels, share and share alike, and if they cannot agree upon a division, I direct my executrix and executor to make the division - said bequest of books being to my said sons, share and share alike, their heirs and assigns forever.

Fifth. To each of my five children, Abraham Walter Caspels, Eliza M. Caspels, Samuel J. Caspels, Mary Talenah Caspels, and Louisa Gray Caspels, I give and bequeath the sum of twenty dollars, to each and every of said children, his and her heirs and assigns forever.

Sixth. The rest and residue of my estate and effects, of whatever nature or kind, after the payment of any debts I may owe, (other than the said debt to Louisa Gray Caspels,) I give, devise and bequeath to my son Samuel J. Caspels, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Seventh. It is my desire and earnest request that my said wife, and all my said children may live together, until some change shall take place such as to make a different arrangement desirable.

Eighth. And I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my beloved wife Mary R. Caspels, and my brother Thomas J. Caspels executrix and executor of this my last will and testament, and guardian of the person and property of my daughter Louisa Gray Caspels.

Ninth. I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Savannah on this twenty eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Tenth. Witness my hand and seal, at Savannah on this twenty eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Eleventh. I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Savannah on this twenty eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Address and also witnessed.

Item sixth

Having kept a diary of my religious experiences, a history from an early period of my Christian life, and as these manuscripts now fill several volumes, and these may be found something both to warn and encourage young Christians, and especially young ministers, it is my desire that my Executor or Executrix should submit the same to the Rev. John Slybourn, Rev. Dr. Hoare, or some other competent person for inspection and publication if deemed worthy, all such parts being of course left out as are impertinent to the object designed.

Item tenth

Having written during my residence in Savannah, a manuscript termed "America's Discoverer" I leave the same to my son Samuel upon case of his death, to my son Walter requesting that the subscription list be completed, the poem published and the affairs appropriated to the completion of the education of said legate Samuel, or if of later date, to divided equally between my two sons.

S. J. Coffey (35) June 14th 1858

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared as a part of this will and testament, by the testator in our presence and witnessed by us in his presence and manifested by us in his presence, and the presence of each other at his request This 28th March 1858.

John B. Rofs

Asst. H. Lashon

Edw. S. Harden

State of Georgia
Chatham County

County of Ordinary. July Term 1858

Probate of will.

Present John W. Millen Esq. Ordinary for this County

Personally appeared John B. Rofs ^{Edward S. Harden & Asst. H. Lashon} ^{Subst. C. B. King} to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the true last will and testament of Sarah Samuel S. Coffey - late of Chatham County decd. who being duly sworn depose and swear that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Samuel S. and depose further that the said Samuel S. at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was, to the best of depose's knowledge and belief of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that John B. Rofs (the depose) and Asst. H. Lashon, and Edw. S. Harden in the presence of each other, and of the said Samuel S. Coffey, and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn to before me this 27th day of June 1858.

John B. Rofs

Edw. S. Harden

Asst. H. Lashon

Mr. W. Millen, C. C. C.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Samuel S. Coffey 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 the said will, as far as his goods & chattels will thereto extend and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and proper inventory of the said goods & chattels.

And the witnesses with reference to the codicil thereto say: They have no recollection of the execution of the above mentioned Will or of the same.

This June 27th 1853

Wm. M. Miller C. C. C.

John B. Coft

Joseph H. Ladson

Edward J. Harden

Witness July 15, 1853

In the name of God amen. I Ralph E. Elliott of Chatham county in the State of Georgia, though sick in body being of sound and disposing mind do make and publish this my last will and Testament.

In the first place I devise and bequeath I commend my dear family to God and humbly beg his protection and care and of resign my soul to him trusting in the all sufficient merits of an adorable Saviour.

I give, devise, and bequeath all my property, real and personal, subject to the legacy hereinafter mentioned, to my executors hereinafter named, in Trust nevertheless for the support, maintenance and education of my wife and children, until my youngest son reaches the age of sixteen years, then to be distributed to my said wife and children as the said directs in case of intestacy. But as I have three or four hundred acres of tide swamp land not under cultivation, I direct that any surplus proceeds of my property after providing for my wife and children as above directed to be invested in the purchase of negroes for the purpose of bringing under cultivation said vacant swamp lands. But in case my executors shall unanimously determine upon another use of such surplus proceeds, I give them the power to so change their disposition under an order from the proper court.

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Bishops and Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Georgia and their successors forever the sum of one thousand dollars in Trust to invest the same securely, and accumulate the interest for the space of ten years after my decease, and from and after that time to devote the interest of such accumulated fund to the support and maintenance of the widows and orphans of deceased Protestant Episcopal Bishops of the Diocese of Georgia.

In case of the marriage of any of my daughters I direct that the share of my estate which she may receive under this will be settled to her separate use and benefit by an ante nuptial contract.

I hereby nominate and appoint Robert Habersham Sr. Robert Breckin, Stephen Elliott Halesham, and my son William Henry Elliott (from and after the time he shall attain the age of twenty one years) Executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other and former wills by me made and declaring this to be my only last will and Testament.