

And the witnesses with reference to the codicil have say: They
have no recollection of the execution of the above mentioned Will
known & before me

This June 27th 1853

Wm. M. Miller C. C. C.

John B. Coft

Joseph H. Lanyon

Edward J. Harden

Witness July 15, 1853.

In the name of God amen. I Ralph C. 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 re-
assure my soul to him trusting in the all sufficient merits of an
admirable Saviour.

I give, devise, and bequeath all my property, real and personal, sub-
ject to the legacy hereinafter mentioned, to my executors herein-
after 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 law directs in cases of intestacy.
But as I have three or four hundred acres of idle 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 deter-
mine 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 accumu-
lated fund to the support and maintenance of the widows
and orphans of deceased Protestant Episcopal laymen 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 or
Robert Brooking, Stephen Elliott Habersham, 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.

you do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Ralph E. Elliot deceased, so far as you know or believe, and that you will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and at then the legacies contained in the said will, so far as his goods and chattels will amount to, and the law above me, and that you will make a true and correct inventory of all the goods and chattels of the said deceased, and that you will make a true and correct return of the same to the court of probate, to which you are sworn to deliver on this 14th day of Decr 1853 - Sworn, Mr. Miller, J. C. C. 3

Signed, Sealed, Published, and declared by the said Ralph E. Elliott as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses this 29th day A.D. 1853. One thousand eight hundred and fifty three
 Mrs. Rea Habersham
 Alfred Woodbridge
 Woodbridge Hudson

Ralph E. Elliott

Probate of will

State of New York
 County of New York.

Present. Mrs. W. Miller Esq. Ordinary for the county of Chatham in the State of Georgia.
 Personally appeared Mrs. Rea Habersham subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Ralph E. Elliot late of Chatham County Georgia deceased, who being duly sworn deploith and saith that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Ralph E. And deponent further saith that the said Ralph E. at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was, to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief of mind and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that Mrs. Rea Habersham (the deponent) and Alfred Woodbridge, & Woodbridge Hudson in the presence of each other and of the said Ralph E. and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Shown to before me in New York
 this twenty second day of July 1853
 John W. Mullen C. C. C. } Mrs. Rea Habersham.

J. P. Willberger of Savannah State of Georgia do make public and declare this as and for my last will.
 To Wit:

I first commend my immortal Being to him who gave it, and my Body to the Earth to be laid in my own lot and I wish along side my departed wife at Bonaventura, to be there deposited with little expense or ostentation by any executors herein after named.

First. My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid by my executors herein after named.