

hundred and fifty eight and of our Independence the Eighty second
Edward C. West
Surrogate

You do solemnly swear that the 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 the debts and then the legacies contained
in the said will as far as his goods and chattels will
thereunto extend and the law charge you as that
you will make a true and perfect inventory of all
such goods and chattels, To Help your Soul

Sworn to before me
this 14th day of April
1858

John P. Ellis
C. C. J.

William C. Elliot

State of Georgia

In the name of God. Amen. I William W Johnston of the City
of Savannah in the County of Chatham and State aforesaid do make and declare
this to be my last Will and Testament Hereby revoking and making null and
void all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made. -

1st

I direct that all my funeral expenses and any just debts I may owe at the time
of my death be paid.

2nd

I give and bequeath all my Estate to my Wife Sarah to have and to hold all
said Estate both Real and Personal together with the debts due to me when collected,
to her during her widowhood a natural life, This bequeath, to be expressly in
lieu of dower or any other interest which she can claim in my Estate, and
from and immediately after the marriage or death of my said Wife I give and
bequeath all my Estate aforesaid to my children Frances, Margaret, (now the Wife
of William A. Briggs) William Jasper, and George Lewis, to be divided into equal shares,
the share that shall fall to the said Frances, Margaret, I give and bequeath the same
with its future increase to my said Executor hereinafter to be named his Executors
and Administrators in trust nevertheless to and for the sole separate use of my said
Daughter during her natural life (not to be subject in any manner to the debts
contracts or engagements of her present or any future Husband with whom she
may intermarry) not to be charged or subject to any debt to be contracted by her
unless expressly so charged by her in writing - with the written consent of said
Executor or whoever shall succeed him as duly appointed successor or trustees
in the premises and from and after the death of my said daughter I give and
bequeath the said share so allotted to her to any child or children or lineal
representatives of children, who shall take said share as their immediate
ancestors would have done if living (who may be living at the time of the death
of my daughter share and share alike if more than one, to them their heirs and
Executors administrators and assigns forever in common and not

joint tenants. But if my said daughter should die without leaving any child or lineal representatives of children then the share so given to my said daughter I give and bequeath the same (if she my said daughter so die neither leaving a child or lineal representatives of children living at the time of my daughters death) to my surviving children share and share alike or the survivors of them for and during the term of their or his natural life, and after the death of either of my surviving children the said William Jasper and George Lewis to the children of the said William Jasper, and George Lewis, respectively share and share alike if more than one, to them their heirs Executors and Administrators and assigns forever, and as to the shares so originally given by me to the said William Jasper and George Lewis I give and bequeath the same to each of them respectively for and during the term of his natural life and after his death to the child or children of the said William Jasper or George Lewis respectively, but if either of my said sons should die without leaving a child or children or lineal representatives of children living at the time of his death, then I give and bequeath the share of my said son so dying to the survivors of my said children and so on to the last survivor upon the same considerations and limitations as have been heretofore expressed the share of my daughter to be secured as aforesaid.

Lastly - I nominate and appoint my friend William Lake of the City of Savannah to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament

in witness whereof I herunto set my hand and seal at Savannah aforesaid this sixth day of April one Thousand eight hundred and fifty two. —

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William W. Johnston as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in presence of said testator

M. Sheftall Jr.

W. H. Lloyd

A. Russell

Thos. Eden J.P

William W. Johnston {L.S.}

State of Georgia }
Chatham County }

In Chambers

Present - John Bilbo, Esq., Ordinary for the County of Chatham

Personally appeared Thomas Eden

Subscribing witness to the above instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William W. Johnston late of Chatham County deceased, who being duly sworn, deposed and said that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said William W. Johnston And deponent further said that the said William W. Johnston at the time of executing the said instrument of writing, was, to the best of deponent knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that he, Thomas Eden (the deponent), and William H. Lloyd, Allen Russell and Modocan Sheftall Jr. in the presence of each other, and of

the said William W. Johnston and at his request signed their names as witnesses
to the due execution of the same,
Sworn to before me this
twenty-fifth day of June 1858
John Bilbo. O. C. C.

Thos. Edon

I William Lake do solemnly swear, ^{that} this writing contains the true last
Will of the within named William W. Johnston 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 thereunto 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
13th. day of July A. D. 1858
John Bilbo. O. C. C.

Wm Lake

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen,
City of Savannah } I Ann S. Norton Widow of the City of Savannah
in the County of Chatham and State of Georgia approved, to make
and give 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. As soon after my decease
and decent Christian burial, as may be done conveniently I direct all
my just debts to be paid. Item second. To my son in law
Benjamin L. Cole, I promise give devise and bequeath the following
named negroes slaves, to wit: Cornelia and her six children, Leason
Richard, Mary Ann, Lewis Present and Daniel, and the future issue
and increase of the females; in trust, nevertheless, to and for the
sole and separate use benefit and behoof of Ann Cecelia Jones, dur-
ing her natural life; and from and immediately after her decease,
then in further trust, for the use and benefit of my three grandchildren
Benjamin F. Cole, Robert H. Cole, and William H. Cole equally to be
divided between them in fee simple, share and share alike, as tenants
in common; but no share to be delivered to any one of said grandchildren,
until his arrival at the age of twenty one years; and, in case of the death
of any one of such my grand-children before arriving at the age of twenty
one years, then the share of such grandchild so dying under twenty one years
is to go to and vest in the survivors equally, and be delivered to such
survivors, on their arrival, respectively, at the age of twenty one years, and
if but one of said grand-children shall arrive at the age of twenty one
years, then all said property is to be delivered to and vest absolutely in
such surviving grand-child: and provides further, that none of said
property is to be delivered to any of said grandchildren until the death
of said Ann Cecelia Jones.

Item 3rd.

To my said son-in-law Benjamin L. Cole I give
devise and bequeath my lot of land, with the buildings and improve-