

John M Cox.
Last Will and
Testament.

State of Georgia Cherokee
County, In the name of God
Amen, I John M. Cox
of said State and County being

of sound mind and memory
and knowing that I must shortly depart this life
do hereby make and proper both as respects my
family who may self that I should make a dispo-
sition of ~~my~~ the property with which a kind Provi-
dence has blessed me do therefore make this my
last will and testament hereby revoking all others
heretofore made by me.

1st Item I desire and direct that my body be buried
in a decent and christian like manner suitable to my
circumstances and condition in life My soul I trust
shall return to rest with God who gave it.

2nd Item I desire and direct that all my just debts
be paid without delay by my executor herein after
appointed and I am unwilling my creditors should
be delayed in their just rights.

3rd Item I ~~desire~~ ^{give} and direct to my beloved
wife Irene for and during her natural life (only) all
that tract of land lying and being in the County of
Cherokee and State of Georgia known and distinguished
by No: Four Hundred & thirty two (432) Four Hundred
& thirty three (433) Four Hundred & thirty four (434)

Five Hundred & three (503) Five Hundred & four (504) and
all that part of Lot No. 505 Five Hundred & five that
part of Lot No. 506 on the North side of Little River
between the North side of Little River, all said numbers
adjoining and taken together containing three Hundred
& seventy acres more or less and all in the 15th Dist. of
the second section in said County fractional Lot No.
three hundred & thirty seven in the twenty first District
of the second section in said County containing seventy
four acres more or less with all the rights appurtenant
appertaining to ~~the~~ said lots of land in any way
belonging to her ~~and~~ for her use and benefit during her
natural life after which said tract of land I desire
and wish my Executor to dispose of and divide
equally between the heirs of her body to wit: Sarah
Jane Chisham and Malissa Cox, I also give
and bequeath to my beloved wife Irene in her

useful manner) my Plantation Wagon and two Mules
such as she may select from my mules the farming
utensils used on and belonging to the Plantations of
every description whatever also all my cattle and
hogs of every description also all my household
and kitchen furniture belonging to and used
on said Plantation all given and bequeathed in
the name aforesaid

4th Item I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife for and during her natural life (only) my
negro man Adam about twenty three years old Negro
woman Mariab about thirty seven years old Negro
boy Bob about seven years old and after her
death is over then to be equally divided between the
children of her body as often named in the 3rd Item
5th Item I give bequeath and do give to my daughter
Melissa forever my negro girl Lydia about three
years old to her own proper use and benefit
forever

6th Item I do give and wish my Executors to see my
negro woman Fannett about 37 years old Set off
Hand m. Six Hundred & Forty Nine in the 16th Dist.
3rd Section Cherokee County Geo. also in 1852 in the
3rd Dist. of the 3rd Section in said County also
one mule and carriage also two notes in the hands
of Moore & Alfred given by Jas. Cooper for Six
Hundred and Forty two Dollars each to our date
28th December 1851 the other due 28 Dec. 1852 also
also one note of bond of J. J. Glenn given by
J. F. Knott for about Five hundred dollars. Said
discribed notes to collect together with the money arising
from the sale of said negro woman and said lots of
land and mule and carriage forth my Executors to
apply to the payment of my just debts and if any remain-
ing to be divided equally between my two eldest children
to wit Elizabeth Ann Pyron Mary Martha Banks and
John W. Cox.

7th I hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend
David Putnam Executor of my last will and testament
this April 21st 1857

John W. Cox Seal

Sealed, sealed declared and published by
John M. Cox as his last will and testament
in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed
our names here to in the presence of said testator
at his special request this April 21st 1857

Thos. B. Coock

Thos. J. Wilder

David Putman

Georgia
Cherokee County } Court of Ordinary

May Term 1857

The within last will and testament
of John M. Cox having been duly proven at this
regular term in open Court upon the oaths of Thos.
B. Coock Thos. J. Wilder & David Putman ordered
by the Court - that the same be admitted to record

J. C. Maddox C. C. C.

Georgia Cherokee County.

Personally appeared before in open
Court at the May Term Eighteen Hundred and fifty
one of the Court of Ordinary of said County, David
Putman who being sworn deposeth and saith that
he was nominated Executor by the last will and
testament of John M. Cox late of said County
deceased that he present has and does hereby renounce
and refuse the Executorship under said will fully
and entirely that he has not intermeddled therein with
~~not~~ ~~directly~~ any views of defrauding the Creditors Legates
or other concerned in said Estate and that he
will not intermeddle therein.

David Putman

John C. Maddox C. C. C.

Recorded June 23rd 1857

J. C. Maddox C. C. C.

1) Arena Cox 3 State of Georgia Cherokee County
 1) Adm'r. Bond 3 Know all men by these presents
 that we Arena Cox and Paul
 W. Bird & Allen Sawhon securities are held and
 firmly bound unto the Justices of the Superior
 Court sitting as a Court of Ordinary for
 said County and their successors in Office
 in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars
 to the payment of which sum well and truly
 to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors
 and Administrators of us and each of us jointly
 by these presents subscribed with our hands
 and sealed with our seals this fifth day of
 May 1857

The condition of the above obligation is
 such that whereas the above bound Arena Cox
 has this day applied to Mr. John W. Mauldix
 clerk of the Court of Ordinary of said County for
 and has obtained temporary letters of Administration
 with the will annex of the Goods and Chattels rights
 and Credits of John M. Cox deceased one of the
 above bound Arena Cox shall carefully collect and preserve
 from waste or loss all the Goods Chattels and effects of
 of the said John M. Cox deceased and shall make or
 cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all
 such estate and the same being so preserved to sum-
 der up such estate and effects with the inventory afo-
 said unto the legal and proper Administrator and or
 before the first Monday in July next or so soon
 thereafter as the Court of Ordinary shall direct with
 all their other duties and things therein and justly
 perform the to be void otherwise to remain in full force in law

Tested and approved

John W. Mauldix

Arena Cox
 P. W. Bird
 Allen Sawhon

Provided L. 1857