

Georgia
Clarke County

In the Name of God, Amen:

I Martha C Mathews of the County and State aforesaid being in feeble health but of sound and disposing mind and being aware of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, deem it right and proper that I should while in life make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me with - I do therefore make public & declare this to be my last will and testament - hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made

Item 1st

my soul. I commit to God who gave it trusting for the salvation of the same provided by Him through the merits of Jesus Christ my body I desire to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances in life

Item 2nd

I desire and direct that all of my just debts be paid by my Executor herein after named as soon after my death as is practical

Item 3rd

I give and bequeath to my Sister Ella Bell the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars which amount I consider meagre compensation for her services & kindness during the last several years in waiting upon me & my children

Item 4th

I Will and desire that the entire balance of my Estate both real and personal to be equally divided between my three children to wit Edgar Mathews Paul Mathews and Hattie Mathews and direct that the personal property be sold by my Executor herein after named, without any Order from the Court of Ordinary but the real Estate to remain as it is until my youngest child to wit Hattie becomes twenty one years - old

Item 5th

The property Willed to my daughter Hattie Mathews in the fourth item of this Will is to be free from and not subject to the payment of, my debts of her future husband or husbands

Item 6th

Should my personal property not be sufficient after paying off the legacy named in the third item of this Will & the debts & expenses of Administration and a note of \$1000 N W Bell, holds against me - as Guardian for my three minor children named in the fourth item of this Will for the sum of twenty two hundred and six dollars & fifty five cents or what ever amount of said note if any, shall be unpaid at the time of my death - It is hereunderstood to be my desire that my said three children to wit Edgar Mathews Paul Mathews & Hattie Mathews take my real Estate subject to what ever amount may be due on the above named note at the time of my death that is to say that said real estate is bequeathed

to them less - said amt - due on on said note should there be any thing on the same at my death

Item 7th

I hereby - appoint my Brother H H Bell, Guardian of the person & property (bequeathed in this will) of my three children Edgar Matthews Paul Matthews and Fannie Matthews

First

Item 8th

I hereby - nominate and appoint my Brother H H Bell, Executor of this my last will and testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal This

1880

Martha E Matthews 

Signed Sealed published & declared by Martha E Matthews as her last will & testament in our presents who signed the same, at her request in the presence of each other and in her presence our names as witnesses hereto the day & year above written

C H Chandler

J. H. Dearing

J. R. Crane

Witness In October 2nd 1880

Second

Third

Georgia ³ Personally came before me Clarke County ³ John R. Crane one of the witnesses to the within and foregoing will of Martha E Matthews late of said County deceased who on oath saith that he saw said deceased sign and seal said instrument and heard her acknowledge the same to be her last will and testament that she did so freely and voluntarily of her own free will and accord without any persuasion or compulsion on the part of any person or persons whatever, that at the time of so doing she was of sound and disposing mind and memory, that the affiant C H Chandler J H Dearing all signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other and of the Testatrix and at her Request.

Fourth

Sworn to and Subscribed

before me this 15th day of June 1881

Asa M. Jackson

Ordinary

John R. Crane

Whereupon it is considered ordered and adjudged that said will is in common form of law duly proved to be the true last will and testament of Martha E Matthews deceased and that the same together with the probate thereof be recorded in terms of the laws Regular Term day of

1881

Asa M. Jackson
Ordinary

Fifth

Duplicata

Georgia I, Mrs. Lucy Susan Cobb, of Athens County, Georgia do make and publish this to be my last will and testament, and revoke all other wills heretofore made by me;—

First

Item 1st;— I will and bequeath all my property of every nature, and all my rights of property of every character, ~~whether~~ such property be realty or personally or in possession expectancy or remainder) absolutely in fee simple to my four children; Howell, Sarah Pope, John Addison, Lucy Middleton, and Mary Ann Lamar, share and share alike, each to take an one fifth of my estate absolutely in fee simple;— provided my Executor may create trust for either as herein after provided;—

Second

Item 2nd;— I will that my husband John A. Cobb shall act as Testamentary Guardian for each and all of my children named in item first during the minority of each and I nominate and make him such Testamentary Guardian both as to the person of each and as to all property and rights of property, I hereby will and bequeath to each, and I release him from making any bond as Guardian of each and from making returns as such Guardian of each to the Court of Ordinary or other Court having jurisdiction of Estates, minors

Third

Item 3rd;— It is my will and desire that my husband John A. Cobb, who I herein after nominate my Executor shall as my Executor and as Guardian testamentary of each of my said ~~named~~ children control and manage all property and rights of property hereby bequeathed to my said children during the minority of each of them as in his discretion may be best, either to keep the property jointly for them or to divide and keep each share separate for each; and in his discretion to use the income, and if he think needfull the corpus, for their support, maintenance and education, and such provision for the benefit of each as he thinks best;

Fourth

Item 4th It is my desire and will that my ^{said} husband as my said Executor and Testamentary Guardian of my said children shall have power in his discretion at any time without any order of any Court whatever, to sell convey or transfer by deed or other necessary writing any or all of the property and rights of property hereby bequeathed, either at public or private sale, either for the purpose of reinvestment, or for use for benefit of my said children or either of them in pursuance of this my last will; and to make any and all sale and exchanges of property at any time or often as he thinks needfull or expedient; and to make any and all writings necessary to that end as my Executor until he shall distribute my estate as hereinafter provided;—

Fifth

Item 5th It is my desire and will that my husband as my Executor, and Guardian testamentary of my said children shall only be held to account to my said children or their heirs for such portion of my estate as he shall report unencumbered, either income or corpus and that he shall distribute among the said children or their heirs at such time as he thinks best;— either holding the whole until the last is of age;— or giving a share to each as he or she becomes of age or advancing to either upon marriage before becoming of age;—

Sixth

Seventh

before marriage ^{and} before of either: it being my will to leave to his discretion absolutely when, and how, and what proportion to use of my estate of my said legacies; - and it is further my will & desire that my Executor when he turns over any portions to either shall have power to create trusts for the protection of the share due to my daughters in either of them as in his discretion proper - such trusts to be conveyed by deed as my Executor; -

Item 6th I nominate John A. Cobb my husband as the Executor of this my last will and testament, ^{and relieve of} necessity or duty of making any appointment, or returns and of all accountability for management of my estate & Executor of this will to any Court of Ordinary or other Court whatever and only ask that he have this will probated in the Court of Ordinary of Clarke County Georgia.

Item 7th It is my will and purpose to give my husband as my Executor and testamentary Guardian the widest discretion as I trust to his parental love and care - my Children and their property, and if any language of this will should be ambiguous it should be construed in the light of my desire and wish which is to place my children and their property in his care and to trust them and their property, under God to his absolute discretion as to the best course to pursue in the care of them and the control of their property. In Testimony whereof I hereunto affix my hand & seal this the eighteenth day of May 1880.

Lucy B. Cobb. 

Signed, Sealed, published & declared to be the last will & testament of Mrs Lucy Barrow Cobb, by her, in the presence of each and all of us & we subscribed our names as witnesses hereto at her request in the presence of each of other and in her presence this May 18th 1880; -

Sallie C. Barrow
P. F. Barrow,
Pope Barrow

Georgia
Clarke County } Personally came before me Pope Barrow one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and foregoing will of Lucy B. Cobb deceased who on oath saith that he saw said deceased sign & seal said will and heard her publish and declare the same to be her last will and Testament, that she did so of her own free will and accord and without any coercion or persuasion on the part of any person or persons whatever that at the time of so doing she was of sound and disposing mind and memory, that he affiant Sallie C. Barrow & P. F. Barrow all signed said will as witnesses in the presence of each other and of the testator and at her request.

Sworn to and Subscribed
before me this 5th day
of June 1880
Asa M. Jackson
Ordinary

Pope Barrow

Whereupon it is ordered and considered by the Court that the said will of Lucy Barrow Cobb is in common form of law duly proved to be the last will and testament of said deceased and that the same together with the probate thereof be recorded in terms of the laws,
Regular Term June 7th 1880

Asa M. Jackson
Ordinary