

Dooly County Will Bk 1847-1904
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Georgia The Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Oliff
Dooly County

In the name of God Amen
Benjamin Oliff of the County and State
Georgia being of advanced age & at this time
had health but of sound ^{disposing} mind & memory & knowing
that it is appointed unto all men to die, do make public
order & declare this to be my last will & Testament in the
manner and form following

Item first It is my will and desire that my Execu-
tors hereafter to be appointed shall pay all my last
debts as soon as possible

Item Second It is my will & desire that settlement
of land in the 7th District of Baker County supposed
to contain three hundred acres be the same more or
less be sold as soon as possible not sacrificing by
the sale for the benefit of the heirs and creditors

Item Third It is my will and desire that my
beloved Wife Elizabeth Oliff have fifty acres of Land
in the North West corner of lot of Land number one
hundred and thirty three lying in the first Dist Dooly
County Geo. To have and to hold the above parcel
of Land with all the rights members and apper-
tinences thereto belonging for her own use benefit
forever in fee simple

Item fourth It is my will and desire that my set-
tlement of Land on which I now live remain unsold and
that my wife and such of my Children as live with her
live thereon untill the youngest Children viz
Martha Caroline & Margaret Caroline are twenty
years of age or untill they are both married after
which I wish the Land sold for the benefit of the
heirs

Item fifth It is my will that my two Negroes viz
Saber a man & Lucy a woman remain on the planta-
tion and labour for the support of my family

Item sixth It is my will and desire that the
remain on the plantation a sufficient number of slaves

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 Muler of County of Dooly and of the State of Georgia for the support and
 comfort of my family. The above mentioned Negroes and
 stock to be sold when my youngest Children are Twenty
 Years old or when a distribution is necessary by Marriage
 or death. It is my will and desire that the remainder
 of my stock of every kind be sold as soon as Expedient

Item Eighth. As my two oldest Sons viz John T. Oliff
 and William T. Oliff have each of them had of my real
 Estate Three hundred and sixty dollars, and as my son
 Joseph has had one hundred and seventy dollars and my
 youngest son Gadock has had fifty dollars It is my
 will that as soon as the money is realized out of the part
 Estate to be sold that my two younger sons Joseph and
 Gadock receive so much of it as will make them equal
 with my older sons John T. and William T.

Item Ninth. It is my will and desire that if there
 is any money left from the sale of property after
 complying with the foregoing part of this will
 that it be equally divided between my Daughters Elizabeth
 B. and Joannah who are both of age.

Item Tenth. It is my will and desire that my wife
 Elizabeth Oliff have as her own right and property and
 to dispose of as ~~she has own right and property~~ she may
 see proper my Library & all my Household and kitchen
 furniture

Item Eleventh. It is my will and desire that my
 plantation tools remain on the plantation for the use
 of the same.

Item Twelfth. It is my will and desire that when
 my two youngest Children are twenty years old and
 the sale and distribution of my property taken place
 that my wife and six Daughters viz Elizabeth B.
 Joannah Mary Susannah Martha C. & Margaret
 have each of them with what they may receive
 between now and then their portions with my older
 sons John T. & William T. if my Estate amount

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born thirtieth. After the twelfth item is completed
with there is my young estate left it is my will and
desire that it be divided Equally amongst my wife and
two Children named in the will above
Item fifteenth. It is my will and desire that
my two youngest sons Joseph and Gadlock be the
executors to this will & Testament with power and
authority to manage the property as to them may
seem proper hereby giving them full power to rent out the
land and hire out the negroes keep them together as to
them may appear most convenient and Advantageous

Signed sealed published and declared this
eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fifty one

Witnessed in the presence of
Council Clerk } Benjamin Olliff
J. A Johnston }
Churchwill Patrick D. R. }

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Dooly County

Personally came in open Court
Gadlock Olliff one of the Executors of Benjamin Olliff
late of said County deceased and produced before me
the last will and Testament of the said Benjamin
Olliff and Felix A Johnston a subscriber being witness to
said will who being duly sworn deposed and saith
that he saw Benjamin Olliff the Testator sign
read & declare and publish The instrument
now presented as his last will and Testament
freely Voluntarily and of his own accord and
without any Compulsions or influence whatever
that at the time of the Execution of the said will
said Testator was of sound and disposing mind
and memory that deponent signed said will
in the presence of the Testator at his request

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Instance and request and saw Counsel Clark and Churchwell Patrick do likewise and each of the subscribing witnesses signed in well in the presence each other

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July 1856
J. H. Johnson
Clerk of Court

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Whereupon it is considered Ordered and Adjudged by the Court that the last will of Benjamin Oliff deceased be and the same hereby admitted to Record as the last will and Testament of the said Benjamin Oliff deceased the same having this day been proved by the oath of Felix A. Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses to said will and it is further ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary issue to Gadrick Oliff as Executor in terms of the Statute in such cases made and provided July the 7th 1856

Morgan & DeGraffenreid
Attys for Executor