

State of Georgia & Will of Elbert Hodges
Dooly County.

Dooly County Will Bk 1847-1901

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In the name of God: Amen.

I Elbert Hodges of said state and county being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, I do therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made.

Item 1st I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor hereinafter named and appointed

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Julia, I all of my house hold and kitchen furniture also my cow and heifer yearling, also my spinning wheel and 1 pair of cotton cards, also one Brass band black trunk and contents and also two spotted sows, to her own proper use, benefit and behoof forever with full power to dispose of the same by will or otherwise as she may deem proper.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my two daughters Mary Anne, wife of Thomas L Collins, and Julia, I all of my corn, potatoes, syrup, Pork and jaro for their own use & benefit forever.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son Joel, Jr. my double barrel shot gun, for his own use and benefit

Item 5th It is my express will and desire that my horse and all of my Mechanical tools be sold at public sale to the highest bidder by my Executor hereinafter named

Item 6th It is my will and desire that the proceeds from the sale of my horse and Mechanical tools be divided as follows, one hundred dollars to be given to my son Andrew C Hodges, and the balance to be equally divided between my two sons William E and Edmond, Jr. Hodges.

Item 7th It is my will and desire that in the event of the death of Edmond, Jr. my son before he arrives at age

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be given equally to my son William E. and my two daughters, Mary Ann Jane Collins and Julia F. Hodges. It is my will and desire that the remainder of my property be sold and distributed between my two daughters Mary Ann Jane Collins and Julia F. Hodges. I hereby constitute and appoint John A. Williams Executor of this my last will and testament
This November 7th 1864

Elbert Hodges

Signed, sealed declared and published by Elbert Hodges as his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned, who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other
This November 7th 1864.

Needham ^{his} Raines
mark

William Shepherd
John Sheppard

State of Georgia }
Dooly County }
Before me on the first day of February

in the year 1865 at Chambers for the purpose of proving the last will and Testament of Elbert Hodges the witnesses to said will to wit John Sheppard & Needham Raines and the will having before that time brought before me and deposited in office they the said witnesses depose and say upon oath that they saw Elbert Hodges sign and publish the same as his last will on the day & year then stated as executed by him, that they witnessed the same at his request in his presence & in presence of each other and in presence of William Shepherd the other witness whose name appears to said will that the same was voluntarily

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executed by said testator while he was of sound and
disposing mind and memory.

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Sworn to & subscribed before me this first
day of February 1865

Wm H Davies Ordinary