

State of Georgia) In the Name of God Amen
Early County, St. Martha, N. Dist. of said State
& County Being of sound and disposing mind and
memory; knowing the uncertainty of life and the
certainty of death desire it proper and right both as
respects my self and family that I should of
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 my body be buried
in a decent & Christian like manner suitable
to my circumstances & condition in life. My soul
I trust shall return to rest with God - who gave it
as I hope for Salvation through the merits and
attonement of the blessed Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.

Item 2nd, I desire and direct that all my just debts
be paid as soon as possible by my Executor hereinafter
named & appointed.

Item 3rd I give bequeath and devise to my two youngest
Children Rebecca & Wm James Grist my undivided
fourth interest in lot of land number one in
the 38th Dist of said County and in Trumbull one
in the 6th Dist of said County & State & an undivided
fourth interest in west half of lot of land number
twenty two in the 5th Dist of said County & State and
an undivided half interest in lot of land number
three hundred and fifty six in the 36th Dist of said
County and the East half of lot of land number fifty
nine in the 5th Dist of said County & State. The above
devise is made to Rebecca & Wm James Grist in exclusion
of my other three Children for the following reason
Lena, Saddle & Carrie Grist own in their own right
and by deed each one fourth interest in the following land
Lot number one in the 38th Dist, & number one in the
6th Dist and one fourth interest in the west half of
lot number twenty two in the 5th Dist of said County
Now should Lena, Saddle & Carrie Grist make and
execute to Rebecca & Wm James Grist giving them
equal interest in lot of land number one in the
38th Dist & number one in the 6th Dist, & an equal

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interest in the West half of lot number twenty-two in the 6th Dist
of said County of said State her above property which I now
bequeathed to Rebecca & Wm James Gist to be equally divided between
my five Children Emma, Sadies, Laura, Rebecca & Wm James Gist
until they shall

11th I desire that no disposition be made of my House & Lot where
I now live in the Town of Oglethorpe said County & State, that it be
kept as a home for my five Children all or either one of them
till they are all married or have homes of their own this said
house and Lot to be sold at private or public Sale as my
Executor may see fit dividing the proceeds equally between my
five Children, I desire that all my House hold & Kitchen
Furniture be kept & in said House where I now live for the
Benefit and Use of my five Children or either one of them
as long as they may live on said Lot, then it is my intention
to be equally divided between them.

12th I desire and would be glad when my youngest
Child arrives at the age of majority that Anna Sadies and
Laura Gist my three eldest Children who are in their own
right one fourth interest each in Lots of Land number one
in the 28th Dist and one fourth interest each in the 6th Dist of said
County & one fourth interest each in the West half of said number
twenty-two in the 6th Dist of said County would allow
A.R. Gist & Ann Maria Walker the Heirs of Rich Gist they
being the oldest Set of Children of my husband to have an
equal Share with them in their interest of said Land
and should they decide to do so then I desire that they
Share equally with Rebecca & Wm James Gist in those
Lands Lot number one in the 28th Dist & number one in
the 6th Dist and West half of number twenty-two in
the 6th Dist of said County. But not otherwise.
13th I desire that my Children Emma, Sadies, Corrie,
Rebecca & Wm James Gist continue to live in the house
till my youngest Child arrives at the age of majority or
till they are all married & not break up and scatter about
but all live together.

14th I desire that my Brother W.C. Cook take Charge of
my business and manage it as he sees proper
for the best interest of my Children. I desire that he
take Charge of my Children & manage & direct for them
Control them in all things as he sees proper. I do
appoint my Brother W.C. Cook Guardian of the person

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of the person & property of my Minor Children
The County Court & appoint W. C. Cook Executor
of this my last will & Testament this 2nd day 1888.

M. R. Smith.

Signed & sealed delivered & published by Martha R. Smith
as her last will & Testament in the presence of the
undersigned who subscribed our names here in
in the presence of said testatrix at her special instance
& Request in the presence of each other this 2nd day
1888.

A. J. Hightower
Jas. W. Hester
J. H. R. R. R.

Recorded July 18th 1888
Thos. H. Hester
Ordinary, CC

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