

Georgia
Elliott County
Court of Ordinary
July Term 1853
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The within Will of Abraham Parks having
been proved at this regular term of the Court on the oaths of James T. Richardson
and William Myers two of the witnesses

It is ordered to be recorded this 4th July 1853

Wm B Nelson - Ordinary
Recorded July 11th 1853

Calvin S. Moore's Will 1853

Georgia
Elliott County
In the name of God Amen
I Calvin S. Moore of the State and County aforesaid
calling to mind the uncertainty of life and desiring the certainty
of death and now in full health, but of sound and disposing mind and
Memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament revoking all
other wills by me heretofore made -
First I will my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust,

Second - It is my will that all my just debts be paid -

Third, I give to my wife Nancy during her widowhood my whole estate
(after paying my just debts) If my said wife should marry then the
property shall be equally divided between said wife and lawful children
If the proceeds of this my estate are insufficient to educate and
support my wife and children then my Executors shall sell any part
or all of my estate privately or publicly and my Executors shall control
my estate in any other way they may think most advantageous to
said wife and children,

Fourth - I hereby nominate and appoint Robert Eberhart and Nathan
Colesby my Executors to carry into effect this my last will and
Testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this thirty first of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty
three

Signed Sealed and acknowledged

By Nathan C. Booth

George Eberhart

Wm H. Colward

Calvin S. Moore, Testator

Georgia
Elliott County
Court of Ordinary
October Term 1853

Personally came John H. Colward and Nathan C. Booth
in open Court and being sworn said that they saw Calvin S. Moore

signed and seal the within instrument of writing as his last will and Testament and that they together with the said witnesses signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his request and in the presence of each other and they believe the Testator to have been of sound mind at the time he executed the same

Given to in open Court

this 3^d of October 1853

Attest Wm B Nelson Ordinary

John W Colburn
Nathaniel Birch

Wm B Nelson

Georgia Court of Ordinary
Elbert County October Term 1853

The within will of Calvin S. Woods deceased having been proven at this regular term of the Court on the oaths of Nathaniel Birch and John W. Colburn two of the subscribing witnesses

It is ordered by the Court that said will be recorded

Attest Wm B Nelson Ordinary

Recorded October 4th 1853

Ralph Blackwell's Will 1853

Georgia In the name of God Amen!
Elbert County Being of sound mind but of advanced years, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, I make my last Will and Testament, In life I have been much harassed on account of my property, Now that I am in a measure relieved from said troubles, I hope I may be permitted to dispose of it as I desire - and the motto of Heaven rest upon the man, who seeks to disturb my will or frustrate my intentions - First - then, I give & bequeath to my nephew Joseph P. Blackwell, a son of my deceased brother Paul Blackwell, the following slaves to wit: Mary, Jenny, Rachel, Ann & the female child just born, Lucinda, Malinda, Elbert, Agnes and Bill and such children as may hereafter be born of any & all the aforementioned women, All these slaves I will and give to my said nephew Joseph P. Blackwell.

Second - I give and bequeath to Peter W. Alexander, now of Savannah, in this State, my boy Turner. Having full confidence in the said Peter W. Alexander, I give Turner to him, with the hope that he will take care of him, protect him, and secure to him all the enjoyment, comfort, and liberty which the laws of this State allow to the slave. As the laws are opposed to emancipation, I cannot give the said Turner his freedom I therefore give and bequeath him the said Turner to the said Peter W. Alexander, and desire and request him the said Peter W. to do the best for him that he can.

Third - I direct my Executor hereinafter to be appointed, to cause my lands, horses, stock, household plantation utensils and tools