

should marry then for the whole of my estate both real & personal to be equally divided between my said wife ^{Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860} www.georgia-pioneers.com each one to share & share alike. but if my wife should not marry then for the estate to be kept and used for the family as aforesaid until her death after that to be equally divided amongst my children that may be then living or the heirs of their body. I appoint my friends Peter Alexander & William B. Adams my executors to execute this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand & seal this 4th day of August 1837.

Signed sealed and delivered in
presence of William Hall

Fleming A. Alexander
William Patterson

William G. Alexander ^{his} mark

Georgia Court of ordinary September Term 1837.

Elbert County Person ally came into open Court William Patterson & William Hall and after being duly sworn saith that they saw William G. Alexander now deceased sign the within instrument by making his mark and deliver the same as his last will and Testament and that he executed the same of his own free will. after the same was read to him and that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other at the request of the testator. and that he was of sound mind and memory at the time of executing the same & that they saw Fleming A. Alexander sign as a witness.

Sworn to in open Court this 4th of September 1837. William Hall

Attest W. B. Adams c.c.o. William Patterson

Georgia Court of ordinary September Term 1837.

Elbert County the within last will and Testament of William G. Alexander having been proven at this term of the court upon the oaths of William Hall and William Patterson ordered that the same be admitted to Record. Attest W. B. Adams c.c.o.
Recorded the 4th of September 1837. W. B. Adams c.c.o.

George Cook's Will 1837.

George In the name of God Amen.

Elbert County George Cook of the state & county aforesaid do make this my last will & testament. 1st. I recommend my soul to Almighty God & I dispose of my estate in the following manner I will one third of all my estate both real & personal to my son Abraham Cook to him & his heirs for ever. I will one other third of all my estate to William White & his heirs Cook in trust for the use & benefit of my

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daughter Peggy Smith & under her direction for the term of her natural life and if she should become a widow my will is that said one third part of my state to be vested in her & her heirs for ever & if she should die & never become a widow my will in that case is that the said third part of my estate be equally divided between all her children living at her death and if any of her children should be then dead & leave issue that the said issue take the part that their deceased parent would have taken to be vested in the said children & their heirs for ever & the survivors of them, and it is my will that both or either of the said trustees have power to transact under my said daughter's directions all things touching the said trust property & that they have power to apply to any court of record in the United States & by an order of said court have other trustees appointed to act in the premises. It will the remaining one third part of my estate to William H. Smith, John C. Smith, George G. Smith, Green W. Smith & Mary E. Smith children of my daughter Smith to them & their heirs for ever to be equally divided between them or the survivors of them & all children or any children or child my said daughter may here after have born of her body & my will is that if any of my said grandchildren should die before a devision of my estate and leave issue living that their issue take the part their parent would have taken. It is my will that before any devision of my estate be made that two feather beds & furniture be selected & set apart to be vested in all my daughter Smith's children to be divided between them & to be in addition to the part of my estate willed them. And further will to my said grand daughter Mary E. Smith one negro girl slave named Amy with all her increase as well before as after my death to her & her heirs for ever to be in addition of her part of my estate above willed to the said Mary E. If my grand daughter Mary E. Smith should die without issue my will in that case is that said negro girl Amy & all her increase be equally divided between all the children of my said daughter Smith living at the death of said Mary E. Smith to be vested in them & their heirs forever. Lastly I appoint William White & Graham to be my executors of this my last will & Testament giving them or either of them power to sell all or part of my real estate. In Testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of May 1835.

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in the present Isaac N. Davis
Robert Hester
J. Smith Jr.

Isaac Cook PPB

Georgia Court of Ordinary September Term 1835.
Elbert County Person aly came into open Court house Mr Davis, Robert Hester and
Zecharyah Smith and being sworn saith that they saw Geo-

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Cook sign seal and deliver the annexed instrument of writing as his last will and testament and that they of the place as witnesses at the request of the testator and in his presence & in the presence of each other and that they believe the testator to have been of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of executing the same.

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Isaac A. Davis

Robert Hester

J. Smith

Sown to in open Court this 11th September 1837.

Attest W. B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Georgia In Court of Ordinary September Term 1837.

Elbert County, D^r ordered by the Court that the will of George Cook be

Recorded Attest W. B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Recorded the 4th of September 1837. W. B. Nelson, c.c.o.

James Carter's Will 1837. C.R.

Georgia In the name of God Amen.

Elbert County, I James Carter of the County of Elbert and state of Georgia D^r, being of sound and disposing mind & memory do make.

ordain and appoint this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

Item 1st. I will that the following named Negroes, to wit, Patrick a man Sanders a man, mancer a man, Jack a man, Wilson a boy, Jacob a man, Harriet a woman, Caroline a woman, Amelia a woman.

Polly a woman, Viney a woman & her child Mariah, Peggy an old woman, Toby a man Mathew a boy Amy a woman & her child Louis Milly a woman & her child Esther, Letty a girl, Milly's child, George a boy, Aaron a boy, Becca a woman, Daniel a boy, Bedford a boy Rattler a man, and Artesy a man be kept together on my farm wherein

I now live by my executors herein after named & managed and controlled by them for the use benefit & support of my wife Lucy Carter and my son Robert M. Carter during the natural life of my said wife & at her death to be disposed of as herein after directed.

Item 2^d. I will that at the death of my said wife all the above named Negroes except those hereinafter named and excepted be either sold or divided at the discretion of my executors and be applied by them as herein after directed.

Item 3^r. I will at the death of my said wife to Thomas Jones, William White and young S. G. Harris in trust the following named Negroes, to wit, Mathew a boy, Amy & her child Louisa, Daniel a boy, Bedford a boy, Rattler a man and Artesy a man to be controlled & managed by them for the use of my son Robert M. Carter for and during his natural life not subject in any wise or manner to his control or management & in no way or manner subject to his debts, or contracts