

request of the testator & that they also saw Benjamin Burch sign the same as a witness in the presence of the testator & at his request sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 5th day of May 1840

Attest Wm B Nelson c.c.o.

Benjamin Smith
James Bawner

Georgia } Court of ordinary May Term 1840.
Elbert County } It is ordered by the Court that the within will and Testament of Smith Cook be Recorded

Attest Wm B Nelson c.c.o.

Recorded the 5th of May 1840. Wm B Nelson s.c.c.o.

Examined by the Grand Jury at the Sept Term 1840

Isaac H. Clarke
Jesse Willey
R. W. Linnell

James Ridgway's Will 1840

Georgia } In the name of God Amen
Elbert County } I James Ridgway of the State and County aforesaid being aged and infirm in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, to wit:

1st I resign my body to the dust from whence it came, to be decently buried and my soul into the hands of God who gave it

2nd It is my will that all my just debts be paid

3rd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth all my estate both real and personal, during her natural lifetime, and in the event that there should be more than is necessary for her support, she may give off to any one of my children what she can spare, provided she does give to such an one more than an equal share of my estate, and after the death of my said wife, it is my wish that the whole of my estate be equally divided between all my children (or their legal representatives) each one accounting for the amount he or she may have previously received

4th It is my wish and desire that my beloved daughter Mary M. Ridgway (who is too infirm to support herself) should be and remain with my said wife, and be

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supported out of my estate, and after the death of my said wife, that my said daughter Mary R. shall receive an equal share of my estate.

I do nominate and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Executrix, and my son Robert C. Ridgway Executor to carry into effect this my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of May 1840.

Signed and acknowledged before us

Joseph Sewell

James Browner

W. A. Christian

James Ridgway

Georgia } Court of ordinary November adjourned Term 1840
 Elbert County } Personally came into open Court. Joseph Sewell
 Ira Christian and James Browner and being
 sworn saith that they saw James Ridgway sign seal and
 deliver the above and foregoing instrument of writing as
 his last will and Testament, and that they signed the
 same as witnesses in the presence of each other and in
 the presence of the testator and at the request of the testator
 and that they believe the testator was of sound mind at
 the time he executed the same.

Sworn to in open Court this 3^d of
 November 1840.

Attest W. A. Nelson, c.c.o.

Joseph Sewell

James Browner

W. A. Christian

Georgia } Court of ordinary November adjourned Term 1840
 Elbert County } the within last will and Testament of James
 Ridgway deceased having been proven in open
 Court upon the oaths of Joseph Sewell, Ira Christian and
 James Browner. It is ordered by the Court that the
 same be admitted to Record

Attest W. A. Nelson, c.c.o.

Recorded the 3^d day of November 1840. W. A. Nelson, c.c.o.

James A. Brown 1841

Georgia } In the name of God Amen.

Elbert County } I, James A. Brown of the State and County aforesaid
 being old & infirm in body, but of sound mind &
 memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament.