

Georgia
Elbert County } Court of ordinary January adjourn Term 1843.
Burrell Bobo and being sworn
Personally came in and depose that he subscribed his name as a witness to the annexed
instrument of writing in the presence of John Skelton the testator and in
the presence of Joshua Totman & Barnabas Barron the other witnesses and
that he believes the testator was of sound mind & memory at the time
that he signed the Codicil as a witness in the presence of the testator
in the presence of Barnabas Barron, Joshua Totman & John Crum &
that he believes the testator was of sound mind at the time.
Sworn to in open Court this 6th February 1843
Attest Wm B. Nelms, c. c. o. Burrell Bobo

Georgia
Elbert County } Court of ordinary January adjourn Term 1843.
It is ordered and adjudged by the Court that
the within will has not been sufficiently proven to
convey the real estate but is good as to the personal property and
as such be Recorded
Attest Wm B. Nelms, c. c. o.

Appeal
We the jury find the within instrument to be the last will
& Testament of John Skelton deceased & that the same
be admitted to record in the Court of ordinary as such
Thomas J. Bowman
Foreman
Recorded the 10th day of October 1843
Wm B. Nelms, c. c. o.

Polly Dickey's Will 1844
Georgia Elbert County. In the name of God Amen
I Polly Dickey of the state and county aforesaid being of a sound mind
but of feeble body, make this my last will and Testament.
First I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and
Christian like manner. my soul I trust shall return to God
who gave it to rest with my savior Jesus Christ in whom I
have long trusted as my hope of eternal salvation.
Second. It is my will that my brother Bedford Harper and my
Doctor fees be paid their demands, so far as they are legal
and just out of my whole estate. But that my husband John
Dickey shall pay all other demands against him, and myself out
of his own part of my estate which I shall in this will bequeath
him.
Third. I give and devise my negroe girl Mary to Elizabeth Ham

Item Fourth. I give and devise my negro woman Lucinda and her three children which negroes shall be valued to her as her portion of the sixth part of the half of my estate and if they shall amount to more than her portion of my estate she shall pay it back to the other legatees.

Item Fifth. It is then my will that my estate be divided into two equal parts in such manner as may be most satisfactory to my negroes. The one half of the above division I give and devise to my husband John Dickey, the other half I give and devise to my brother Bedford Harper, my sister Elizabeth Darden and Eleanor Worrill, my nephew John R. Worrill and my nieces Lucinda A. Lofton and Olivia Lowery equally share and share alike. It is not my intention to give my niece Lucinda A. Lofton more than her sixth part of the half of my estate but that she shall have the above negroes at their valuation.

Item Sixth. It is my will that in the division of my negroes none of them be forced to belong to or become the property of any of my relations legatees to one half of my estate where the negroes are unwilling to go. but that each legatee permit such negro or negroes to choose their own master and that they be required to receive in place of the negro the value of the same according to the award of some two or three just and impartial persons whom my Executors may choose to value said negroes.

Item Seventh. I appoint my Brother Bedford Harper and James Lofton Executors to this my last will and Testament.

Signed, and sealed this 27th day of October in year 1843

In the presence of witnesses

Acknowledged before us this

2nd Novr. 1843.

M. A. Christian

Wm. B. Kelms

Polly Dickey. 

Georgia } Court of ordinary March Term 1844.
Elbert County } Personally came into open Court M. A. Christian and William B. Kelms the subscribing witnesses to the within and foregoing will and being sworn saith that they saw Polly Dickey sign & seal the within and foregoing instrument as her last will and Testament and that these deponents signed the same as witnesses at her request and in the presence of the testatrix & of each other, and that they believe the testatrix was of sound mind at the time of executing the same Sworn to in open Court this 4th day of March 1844

Wm. J. Roebuck J.S.C.
Jemimah S. Warren J.S.C.
William Mills J.S.C.

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Wm. B. Nelms
J.S.C. Christian

Georgia } Court of ordinary March Term 1844.
Elbert County } It is ordered by the Court that the within be recorded.
Attest Wm. B. Nelms, c.c.o.
Recorded the 5th day of March 1844. Wm. B. Nelms, c.c.o.

William Bowers Will 1844.

Georgia } The Last will and Testament of William Bowers of
Elbert County } said State and County In the name of God Amen.
I, William Bowers considering the uncertainty of this
mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do hereby
Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last
will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.
First I ordain that all my just debts be paid out of my effects
Second I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly Bowers
all the property both real and personal whereof I am possessor
during her natural life or widowhood then to be equally
divided among my several children and that each child
that is not of age shall at the time of their arriving at
the age of Twenty one receive equal to those already
married that is to my several sons which is married I have given
one Horse Bridle & saddle to the value of seventy five dollars one
cow & calf to the value of twelve dollars and sow & Pigs to the
value of Four dollars and Bed & furniture to the value of twenty
dollars. To my daughter which has become of age I have
give one Feather Bed & furniture to the value of Fifty dollars
one cow & calf to the value of twelve dollars and one saddle
worth twelve dollars also one sow & Pigs to the value of Four
dollars and other various articles of property to the value of Ten
dollars.

Third. I constitute and ordain my wife Polly Bowers & my oldest
son Job Bowers my Executors to this my last will and Testament
by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and Forty three William Bowers Seal
mark

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named William Bowers to
be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed
names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

John Stoner
William Jones
Pleasant Burnett