

Simon Hale of Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860  
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Georgia } In the Name of God Amen.  
Elbert County } I Simon Hale of Said County do make  
This my last Will and Testament.

First I command my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner  
Second I direct that all my just debts be paid without unnecessary delay

Third I have given to my daughter Mary M Tucker Two Thousand and Eighty dollars in property heretofore

Fourth I have also heretofore given to Joseph Seville in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter Louisa S Almond and her children Sixteen hundred dollars

Fifth I give to Joseph Seville in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter Louisa S Almond during her natural life the sum of one thousand dollars the interest to be appropriated annually to her support and benefit and at her death said sum and any unappropriated interest to belong to her children

Sixth I give to John H Jones of Ellenton in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter Mary M Tucker during her natural life the sum of one thousand dollars the interest to be appropriated annually to her support & benefit and at her death said sum and any unappropriated interest to belong to her children Should she have any but should she die without lineal descendants living at the time of her death

then said sum of money to go to and rest in the children of my daughter Louisa

Seventh I give to John H Jones of Ellenton in trust for the use and benefit of the Methodist <sup>Epicopal</sup> Church South at Ellenton the sum of Five hundred dollars to be held by him in trust and the interest to be appropriated annually as shall be demanded for the best interest of said Church the sums of money in the three last items are to be made up out of what is on hand or money due me at my death if there be any

Seventh Then I give all the remainder of my property to my beloved wife Susan to be held and enjoyed by her during her natural life or widowhood and upon her death or marriage then my will is that the whole of my property and estate be given to her to divide taking into consideration

which has been hitherto or may be hereafter given by me  
in my lifetime Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860, into two equal  
parts said division to be made as far as practicable with  
out waste and one half thereof or one equal part I give to  
Joseph Seville in trust for the use and separate use  
of my daughter Louisa S. Seville during her natural life  
free from the control of her present or any future husband  
and at her death to go to her children

Eighth The remaining half or one equal part I give to the  
said John H. Jones in trust for the use and separate use  
of my daughter Mary Kuehler during her natural life  
and at her death to go to her children Should she have any  
but should she die without issue descendant living at  
the time of her death then said Estate to go to and rest  
in the children of my daughter Louisa and if any  
of the children of either of my daughters should Mary  
have any should he dead at the death of their respective  
Mothers leaving issue living at the death of said  
Mothers then the said issue to take the part their deceased  
parents would have taken under the several items of this  
will I nominate the said John H. Jones and my  
beloved wife Susan as Executor and Executrix of this  
my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I have signed my hand and  
sealed this 14th day of February 1859

Simon Hall *(Seal)*

Signed Sealed and published in our presence and signed  
by us in the presence of the Testator & in the presence of each  
other this 14th day of February 1859

John C. Andrew  
L. H. C. Martin  
Robert Hester

Georgia 3 Court of ordinary March term 1859  
Elbert County 3 Personalty came into open Court before  
Andrew L. H. C. Martin & Robert Hester  
and being duly sworn said they saw Simon Hall sign  
and seal the within instrument of writing as his last will  
and Testament and that they 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

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Same to wit on the 7th day of February 1859  
Severn in Open Court John C Andrew  
This the day of March 1859 L H C Martin  
Albert W H Edwards Ordinary Robert Hester

Georgia } Court of Ordinary March Term 1859  
Elbert County } The Within Will of Simon Hall deceased  
having been proven at this regular term  
of the Court on the Oaths of John C Andrew L H C Martin  
& Robert Hester three of the Subscribing Witnesses  
It is ordered by the Court that said will be Recorded  
this 7th day of March 1859

Albert W H Edwards Ordinary  
Recorded the 7th day of March 1859  
Wm H Edwards Ordinary

Examined by a Committee of the Grand Jury  
at the March Term 1859

M Christian  
W D Andrew  
S H Nelson

### Alice Nelms Will 1859

Georgia } In the Name of God Amen  
Elbert County } I Alice Nelms of Said State and County  
being of sound and disposing mind and  
Memory do make and publish this my last Will and  
Testament

- 1st I direct and desire that my body be buried in a decent  
and Christian like manner suitable to my Circumstances  
and Condition in life My soul I trust will return  
to God Who gave it
- 2d I direct and desire that all of my just debts be paid by my  
Executor herein after to be appointed
- 3d I give and bequeath at and after my death to my son  
 Nathaniel H Nelms my Daughter Elizor J Nelms and my  
Daughter Martha H Nelms my tract of land wherein I