

State of Georgia In the name of God amen I young P. Pool of
Forsyth County & said County and State being aware of the im-
mortality of this life of advanced age and of sound and
disposing mind and memory do make and Publish and declare
this my Last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills
heretofore made by me

Item 1

My Soul I give back to it merciful author and my Body I
wish Buried in a plain Christian-like manner at Bethlehem
Church in said County with masonic rites

Item 2

I wish all my just debts Promptly Paid by my executor
hereinafter named

Item 3

Whereas I have heretofore given to four of my Sons each a horse
Bridle and Saddle Bed and Bedstead & furniture &c and to the other
Son two horses and Saddles and all a good english education
and to each of my Six Daughters all Children of my first wife
Each a good Court dress and a good feather Bed and Bedstead and
Furniture and as good an Education as the County School
would furnish for girls I therefore hereby give all my property
both real and personal of ever kind and description whatever
to my wife Maggie E. Pool and our Daughter Pearl E. Pool my future
Child or Children my said wife may have by me and it is my
will and my Desir that my wife whom I hereby appoint Guardian
of my Daughter Pearl E. Pool and any other Children or child she may
have by me shall Support cloth and educate all the Children
she may have by me Decently and Liberally whatever as well
Support herself and for the purpose she is hereby authorized to sell
either Publicly or Privately whatever property she may think it best
to dispose of whenever Pearl E. Pool or any other future Child or
Children she may have by me becomes of age or marries my
wishes is that Each of said Children shall have each a good
Bed a good Court dress a good feather Bed Bedstead and bed furniture any
of Boys a good horse Bridle and Saddle Bedstead and bed furniture

Item 4

The Remainder of the property after carrying out the foregoing

Provision of this will & give absolutely to my said wife
free from debt control or liability of any future husband;
with no annual Return made of the Condition of estate
Memo 5

I hereby nominate and point my friend and my wife
brother James Gordon of Cherokee County executor of this
my last will and Testament and request that if any
Legal Council should be necessary that my friend & P. Bell
be consulted in testimony whereof I have herewith set
my hand and affixed my Seal this June 10. 1876

Signed Sealed and Signed of P. Pool Seal
Published and declared in

the presence of the undersigned
who signed at the request of
Testator in his presence and in
the presence of each other

Signed George E. Sims J.B.
George L. Bell J.B.
H. B. Moor J.B.
H. P. Bell J.B.

Filed in office for probate in solemn form by James
S. Gordon the nominated executor this 9. Oct. 1876

Signed Wm. D. Bentley Ordinary

Forsyth County }
I, James S. Gordon do swear that this
writing is the last will & Testament of
young P. Pool deceased so far as I know & believe and that
I will well and truly administer the estate of said
Pool and according to the direction given in said will
and according to the Laws of this State & to the best of
my ability and understanding so help me God
Subscribed before

me in open Court
this 2. Dec 1876

Signed Wm. D. Bentley Ordinary }
Signed James S. Gordon

Forsyth County December Term 1878

The will of young P Pool being produced in open court for probating by the executor who has filed his petition for the same and one of the witnesses to said will G. E. Sims having subscribed the following affidavit in said will at this term of the court said G. E. Sims being duly sworn deposed and says that he saw young P Pool sign and publish the within as his last will & Testament while he of sound and disposing mind that he signed the same for him at his request and in he signed in the presence of Testator and that he saw G. I. Bell and H. B. Moor signed the same as witnesses in the presence of Testator & all signing in the presence of each other & that the same was voluntarily executed by him on the day at pursuant to have been executed

Sworn to & Subscribed

Signed George E. Sims

Before me 2 Dec 1878

Signed Wm. D. Bentley Ordinary

Forsyth County Court of Ordinary December term 1878

It appearing to the court that the Last will and Testament of young P Pool has been satisfactory proven in common form at this term of the court: it is therefore ordered that said will be admitted to record in common form & that Jas L. Johnston have leave to qualify as executor & that upon his qualifying that Letters issue to him

Signed Wm. D. Bentley Ordinary

Georgia Forsyth Co. in open court March adjourned
County Term 1879 appears C. F. Bell Geo. E.
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Subscribing witnesses to the Last will and
Testament of young P. Pool Late of said County Deceased
and after being duly sworn says that they saw
said young P. Pool sign and Publish the within
instrument as his Last will and Testament while
of Sound and disposing mind that they together
with him P. Bell witnessed the same for him
at his request and in his presence and in the
presence of each other & that the same was executed
voluntarily by him on the day the same bears date
Sworn to & Subscribed

Before me this 10 March 1879 { Signed Geo. F. Bell
Signed Wm. D. Bentley " Geo. E. Sims
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Inquire Forsyth } By his honor Wm. D. Bentley Judge of the Ordinary
County } Court for the County and State aforesaid

To Henry R Harris & Milton A Chandler executors
Greeting whereas there is a certain matter of Controversy now
pending in the Ordinarys Court of Said County between Jas S
Jordan named as etc in Last will and Testament of y^e P Pool
Deceased &c Mrs Maggie Pool & others Legates and whereas Hiram
P Bell is a material witness in Said Suit and cannot attend
our Said Court in person without manifest inconvenience
And show me that we reposing Special trust and Confidence in
your Prudence and fidelity have appointed you and you or any
two more of you are hereby authorized and required to cause the said
Hiram P Bell to personally to come before you and after being
Duly sworn to examine him concerning the Suit agreeably
to the interrogatories herunto annexed and the answer to the same
being plainly and distinctly written you are to send the same
Writ up under your hands and seals to our Said Court to be
held on the 3. day of July next together with this writ instructing
the Hon^{ble} Wm D Bentley Judge of Said County & Court This
18th Day of June 1877 Signed Wm D Bentley & officio clerk of
of the Court of Ordinary of Said County & State

(Seal)

James A Jordan

Application to prove will in Forsyth
Court of Ordinary filed
for probate in Solem form 1878

Nominated executor of

young P Pool Deceased interrogatories
to be propounded to Hiram P Bell witness to Said Deed will
and who cannot be in Court in person with manifest in-
convenience he being in the City of Washington D. C. in atten-
dance in the house of Representatives of the United States
enly. Please look upon the instrument hereto attached purporting
to be the Last will and Testament of young P Pool and say whether
or not is young P Pool genuine Signature if you say that it is
young P Pool genuine Signature how do you know it to be so
July 3. if you state you was called upon by Testator to witness
the same &c to be with you state who else was called upon

By him to witness the same
Entry 3. of your said being James Knox & Robt & Henry
B. More were called on by Testator to witness his
signature to said will. Did or did not Testator Sign
the same in the presence of all the witness did or did not
all the witness Sign the same as witness in Testator
Presence and in the presence of each other
Entry 4. Was or was not this will signed up by all the parties
to the same on the day the same bears date and did or did
not all the witness Sign said will at the request of Testator
Entry 5. Please state the condition of Testator mind when
said will was executed as to Soundness or unsoundness
& power of disposing and if he had sufficient mind to make
a will at that time
Entry 6. what reason he gave for making such if any if he went
into a general history of his Business & property and what
he said in relation to former will or wills
Entry 7 State fully all you know about the condition of mind
of young P Pool the Testator as to his actings in the execution
of this instrument - freely and voluntarily and without
Persuance or under any influence all you said in him
going to show that he did or did not make said will of
his own free will and accord this 18-jany 1879
Signed Wm D Bentley Ordinary

House of Representatives Washington District of
Columbia Washington City

{ By virtue of a
Commission to us
from the Hon Court of Ordinary of Forsyth
County we have caused James P Bell the witness
therein named to come before us who after being duly
sworn in matter of the Propounding of the will
of young P Pool for probate in the ordinary Court of
Forsyth and State of Georgia answers to the interrog-
atories attached to said Commission as follows
He answers & how examined this witness

According to be the Last will and Testament of young O Pool
of Forsyth County the Signature thereto is the true genuine
Signature of Said young O Pool I know it - for the reason that
I know it I saw him write it

July 2. he answers I was called on to witness said will being
O Sims George S Bell and H B Moor were also called upon to
witness said will

July 3. he answers that he George O Sims George S Bell and
H B Moor all witnessed said will in the presence of the Testator
and of each other and Testator signed said will in the presence
of all the witnesses

July 4. he answers the will was executed on the day it bears date
Testator signed it in the presence of all the witnesses and all the
witnesses signed in the presence of the Testator and in presence
of each other and they all signed at the request of Testator

July 5. he answers I have known young O Pool since 1841 or 1842
and I stated that at the time he signed his will he was a sensible
as I ever knew him his mind was sound and he was capable of
making a will

July 6. he answers I do not remember distinctly what he said
the best of my remembrance is that he said that he give all of his
children by his first or former wife some property amount
to each about and equal quantity and he wishes his wife
& his child or children to comfortably provided for

July 7. he answers I know of no one who ever influence
him or ever talked with him upon the subject of his
will the will was written in my office and I being the only
person present during the writing He constantly signed it
freely and voluntarily I wrote it as he requested and read
it over to him carefully after it was written I can only
answer that he came to my office and ask me to write his
will he told me how he wanted it written I wrote it as he
wished it read it over to him slowly and carefully he
approved it and signed it as I have herein stated
I sworn Subscribed to in the House of Signat Harris & Bell
Rep at Washington City D C

Signed H P Harris Corr Seal
Harris & Bell

Forsyth County, Forsyth Court of Ordinary, Georgia
Adopted Term 1879

whereas it appearing to the Court that George P Bell late
of said County deceased departed this life on the 23. day
of Sept-1878 leaving and interest propoerting to be
his last will and Testament properly signed up and
witnesses & whereas J. Jordan nominated etc in
said will died on the 9 Day of Oct-1878 filed said will
in this office & praying proof of the same in Solemn
form and that citation had been issued & Published
in the Georga Methodist & Baptist Banner newspaper
Published in the town of Cumming Ga as the Law
Directs to all parties Concerning to appear & Contest
the probating of said will if they see fit and no
objection filed & it further appearing that the said
will has been satisfactory proven in open Court
By George F Bell & E. Simon & H. B. Moore Three Swearing
ing Witnesses to said will & by the interrogatories of
William P Bell the other witness it is therefore
Ordered that said will be admitted to record in
Solemn form & that all the other proceedings be
Recorded and Jordan have to certify as aforesaid &
upon his complying with this order that Letters
be issued to him Signed Wm. D. Bentley Ordinary