

Warren W. Whitehead
Charles Roach
Samuel Roberts
Rufus M. Sursey
Richard Thomas
James A. Thomas

Georgia }
Laurens County } Court of ordinary March
1840 } The Last Will and Testament of
Andrew Hampton dec'd. was produced and
proven in open Court by the oaths of James
A. Thomas, Warren W. Whitehead, Charles Roach,
and Samuel Roberts subscribing Witnesses
to said within Will, and the oaths of Benja-
min W. Hampton, John M. Hampton
and Andrew G. Hampton Executors named
in said Will, who was duly qualified as executor,
they having taken the oath required by law
to be taken by Executors, and ordered to be
recorded.

attest James Thomas, c. M.
Recorded 3rd March 1840

In The Name of God Amen

I, John G. Coates, of the State of Georgia and County
of Laurens, being in a good State of health, and
of a sound mind and disposing memory taking
into consideration the frailty of human nature
and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die, and being desirous of disposing
of my Will and Testament both civil and spiritual

do make be
my last will and Testament I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Robert Coates the following negroes to wit, Isaac Rose, Michael, Lueky, Hazet, Jacob, Elizabeth, & Moses together with their increase from this time unto my death, to him the Said Robert Coates his heirs and assigns in fee Simple. The balance of my Estate both real and personal of every description I wish to be equally divided between my Said Son Robert Coates, and my beloved wife Perty Coates - and the balance of my Child - ren should I have any other at my death the part or share upon its being so divided and which may fall to my said wife or such division I give and bequeath to my said wife only during her natural life as a widow and after her death or marriage I give the same to my said Son Robert Coates and the other Children that I may have at my death if any to be equally divided between them and If I have no other Children that any will desire is - that at my death all the property not herein given away specifically to my said Son Robert Coates and which I may own at the time of my death be equally divided between my said wife and Son, and at the death or marriage of my said wife, for the whole of my estate to belong to and be the property of my said Son forever in fee Simple I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Andrew G. Hampton of the State and County aforesaid Guardian for the person and property of my said Son Robert Coates, and I also hereby nominate constitute and appoint

my truly friends Andrew G. Hampton and
Francis Thomas Executors of this my last
will and testament be witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this the
3rd day of September 1837 signed sealed and
delivered in the presence

of John H. Spier
George Wap
John Coates

John G. Coates

Georgia }
Laurens County } Inferior court sitting for ordinary
purpose July the 6th day 1840

This day appeared John H. Spier
and George Wap in open court and after being
duly sworn deposed that they saw John G. Coates
sign seal and ~~delivered~~ acknowledge the
within instrument to be his last will and
testament and that he was of sound mind and
in good health and that they both subscribe
the same as witnesses and saw John G. Coates
sign the same as a witness, also appeared
Andrew G. Hampton one of the within named
Executors and took the oath as required by law
to be taken by Executors and after such proof the
same was admitted and ordered to be recorded

Francis Thomas clerk

Recorded July 7th 1840