

Will of Hardy A. Hootes, Dec'd.

Georgia, In the name of God, Amen,
In County, of S. Hardy A. Hootes, of said State and County
being in feeble health, and the uncertainty of
life, deem it right and proper both as respects
my family and myself, that I should make
a disposition of the property with which a kind
Providence has blessed me, do therefore make this
my Last Will and Testament, —

Item 1st, I desire and direct that my Body, be buried in
a decent and Christianlike manner, suitable
to my Circumstances and Condition in life,
My Soul I trust, shall return to Rest with
God who gave it, as I hope for eternal salvation
through the merits and Atonement of the blessed
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose Religion
I have professed and, as I nobly trust, enjoyed
for many years, —

Item 2nd, I desire and will that all my just debts
be paid without delay by my Executors during
after appointed time, as far as willing, my Creditors
should be delayed in their rights, —

Item 3rd, I desire and direct that my beloved wife M. M.
Hootes after receiving the inheritance from the
Estate of C. P. Gloyd, (her father) if it should
not be enough to make her equal with a
Child's part in my Estate, then my Executor,
to pay her enough money, to make her equal
with my children, (that is a Child's part of
said Estate, — Item 4th = I give, bequeath,
and devise to my Children, (viz): S. M. Hootes,
S. E. Hootes, L. E. Hootes, J. F. Hootes, G. Hootes,
and Wm. Hootes, and should my wife M. M.
Hootes bring a belied or belidew, &c, or them,
to receive a belid's part; as the above men-
tioned children, The above named children
to have all of my Estate, after complying
with Item Third, — Item 5th = I desire that
my Estate, be kept together, and worked for
the benefit of my children, until the year

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Child becomes of age, and as one of them becomes of age, he or she to draw out their part, of said Estate; unless in the judgements of my Executor it would be best to have a division sooner, then to sell said Estate, and have a division among all the Children.)

At Lee Co., Ga. July 1st 1867 - I hereby Constitute and appoint my beloved Brother J. B. Hootes, Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, this July 1st 1867,

Hardy A. Hootes, Esq.

Signed, Sealed, declared and published by
Hardy A. Hootes, as his Last Will and Testament
in the presence of us the subscribers who
Subscribed our names hereto in the presence
of said Testator, (at his special instance and
request,) and of each other, July 1st 1867,

Thomas Whitsell,

Lee County Wills 1854-1891
J. W. Hootes,
www.georgiapioneers.com, 1867.

Georgia. Court of Ordinary Dec. Term 1867. It appearing to the Court
Lee County, that James Hootes, Executor named in the Last Will and
Testament of Hardy A. Hootes, deceased, has this day presented in open
Court for probate in Common Pleas, said Last Will and Testa-
ment with two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who
testify to the due execution of said Will; It is therefore
ordered by the Court that said Last Will and Testament
of Hardy A. Hootes, deceased, be admitted to Probate in Common-
Pleas, and be Recorded in the Record of Wills, & that
Letters Testamentary be issued to said James H.
Hootes, the Executor appointed by said Will as
required by Law; And it is further ordered that Richard
F. Waller, Andrew J. Nixon, Alfred H. Breedlove,
Virgil A. Clegg, & Robert L. McDonald, be over-
hurly appointed Appraisers to value & appraise the
Estate of said Testator; and that warrant of
Appraisement be issued according to
E. D. Watson.

Courtney