

Elisha S Cook's Will

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The State of Georgia Muscogee County

I Elisha S Cook of said County being now in ordinary good health and of disposing & deliberate mind & purpose & knowing the uncertainty of life and wishing to dispose of my estate to take effect after my death as I have after proper consideration long intended do hereby make public & declare the following as my last will & testament and revoke all others heretofore made by me

Item 1st I hereby direct my executors herein named to pay off all my just debts out of the effects of my estate and to collect all debts which may be owing to me and to receive all property & effects which may be coming to me from my Father's estate or from any other source whatever

Item 2nd I hereby give & bequeath to John G Cook James F Cook and Mary Stockdale the sum of one thousand dollars each to be paid to them out of my estate to have & to hold to them their heirs and assigns forever

Item 3rd I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Miss Nancy Cook the residue of my estate of every kind & character after paying the legacies above mentioned to be used & held by her for and during her natural life and at her death I give the said residue to the above named John G Cook James F Cook & Mary Stockdale in equal shares to have & to hold to them & their heirs and assigns forever

Item 4th I hereby constitute & appoint John G Cook & James F Cook the executors of this my last will & testament with full power to carry out the same and with authority to sell any part of my estate which may be necessary to pay debts or to make division among the legacies named in this will reserving to my daughter the right to occupy my interest in the plantation left by my Father if she desires to do so during her natural life

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 2⁷ day of November 1863
Elisha S Cook

We do certify that we at the request of Elisha S Cook lawfully sign seal & publish & declare the above instrument as his last will & testament that we subscribed the same in his presence as witnesses and in the presence of each other John Ligon Isaac F Beahm
W A Japraw

Georgia Muscogee County

On this 17th day of September 1864 Before me John Johnson Ordinary in vacation comes Nancy Cook & files the within writing as the last will of Elisha S Cook dec^d of said County And it appearing that the persons named as executors of said writing to wit John G Cook and James F Cook are both in the U S Army and cannot in

Georgia Muscogee County I John G Cook do solemnly swear that the annexed writing contains the true last will of the herein named Elisha S Cook late of said County deceased to me and I have or believe that it is and was the true and correct and lawful last will of said Elisha S Cook and I have signed my name to this certificate in the presence of the said Nancy Cook and Isaac F Beahm and W A Japraw witnesses and in the presence of each other and in the presence of the said John Ligon and John Johnson Ordinary in vacation and I have signed my name to this certificate in the presence of the said John Ligon and John Johnson Ordinary in vacation and I have signed my name to this certificate in the presence of the said John Ligon and John Johnson Ordinary in vacation

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person prepared said writing And said Mary Cook being the wife
 or of decedent & legatee under his will and she having it in posses-
 sion and being desirous of taking same measures for the preserva-
 tion & security of said will asks that the same may be proved in
 common form of law & admitted to record And John Sigars
 one of the subscribing witnesses to said writing being at
 so present who being duly sworn an oath says that he was
 present when said writing was executed & declared & published
 by said Elisha S Cook as his last will that at the time of execu-
 ting & publishing the same said Elisha S Cook was of sound
 and disposing mind & memory that so far as witnessing known
 or believes he did it voluntarily of his own accord with-
 out any undue influence or compulsion that he signed the
 same in presence of deponent Isaac S Brooks & P. A. Johnson
 who at the request of said testator signed their names as
 witnesses in the presence of the testator & each other
 Sworn to & subscribed before me J. John Sigars
 this 19th September 1864 pro Johnson

Ordinary

Georgia Muscogee County - Court of Ordinary 1864: October term
 The foregoing writing admitted to record as the last will
 of Elisha S Cook decd - see minutes page 8 - October
 10th 1864 pro Johnson Ordinary

Joseph W. Hill's Will

Georgia Muscogee County

I Joseph W. Hill of the County and State aforesaid do
 make certain public and declare the following as my last Will
 and Testament

I think that my Executor shall keep up my Plantation in Har-
 bor County Alabama with the negroes and their increase for
 three years except it may be necessary to divide or give off any of the
 said negroes wherein after provided until my four children Wm
 Samson Hill Joseph Henry Hill Emma Leabrook Hill and
 Ch. Stewart Hill or any future issue be one that become
 of age or marry. That my wife Theriatta W. Hill & children
 shall be amply and liberally supported out of the profits and
 proceeds of said estate without any charge whatever for the
 maintenance of any of them and that my wife shall have the rearing
 management and education of my children and I charge her with the
 maintenance and education which shall be proper and liberal according
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