

# The last will & testament of Edward Cross, Jr.

Signed in the presence of <sup>his</sup> ~~Edward Cross~~ <sup>marks</sup>  
 Wm. <sup>marks</sup> ~~Thompson~~ <sup>marks</sup>  
 Samuel Dickey

Georgia Putnam County I Come as to the personal property by  
 the oath of Samuel Dickey Subscribing Witness in  
 open Court this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1823  
 Thad B. Ray Secy

Georgia Putnam County In the name of God Amen  
 I John Hamilton Posey of the  
 County and State aforesaid being in a weak and  
 debilitated state of body, but of a sound mind and  
 memory, blessed be almighty God for this same do make  
 & ordain this my last will and testament in manner  
 and form following (or) I trust it is my will and desire  
 that all my property both real & personal be equally  
 divided between my beloved wife Polly Posey and my  
 daughter Maria Elizabeth Posey But if the Child  
 with which my wife is now pregnant should be born  
 alive and true it is to have an equal share with  
 its mother and sister Martha. The division to  
 take place whenever my executors may think best -  
 I will that Lewis be sold immediately. I wish my wife  
 to change her lot of negroes if she chooses by paying  
 the difference if there should be a difference. As it  
 may some time after my decease before any division  
 takes place it my will that my executors conduct  
 the business as best to promote the interest of the  
 legates. After a division has taken place it is my  
 desire if Charles Hunt live convenient that he  
 should act as Guardian for my child or children as  
 the case may be. Just I appoint as my executors  
 my beloved wife Polly Posey and my friend Josiah  
 Thompson and Charles Hunt in witness whereof  
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day  
 of December 1822

Test  
 James Allen  
 J. A. Blackmon  
 Josiah Thompson

John W. Posey Seal

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 Georgia 3 Proven in open court as far as the justice  
 of Putnam County & at property by James & Ellen subscribing  
 witnesses to the same, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1823 Thad<sup>rs</sup> B. Rice & Co

The last Will and Testament of Stephen W. Harris and

In the name of god Amen, I Stephen W. Harris being weak  
 of body but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain  
 this my last will and testament, 1<sup>st</sup> I recommend my soul to  
 god 2<sup>nd</sup> I give unto my beloved wife my house and lot in the town  
 of Eatonton, and all my household and kitchen furniture  
 my Carriage Phorses and the house negroes, the house and  
 lot where negroes to be held during their life and widowhood  
 and at the happening of either want to be equally divided among  
 my wife and my surviving heirs, children and the heirs  
 of those who may die 3<sup>rd</sup> I give the balance of my property  
 both real and personal to be equally divided among myself  
 and children to them and their heirs forever.  
 It is my wish and desire that my Alabama property should be  
 sold by my Executors in such manner as they see best or  
 credit as they may deem best. It is further my wish my  
 negroes except what I have given to my wife should be sold  
 out by my Executors as they may deem best to the utmost  
 ultimate benefit of the estate without regard to the highest  
 price. Lastly I do hereby appoint my wife executrix  
 and my friends E. P. Foster, Sebastian Jones, William  
 Williams my Executors but if my wife should marry again  
 I wish her executrixship to cease, and the other Executors or their  
 survivors to continue, and I further appoint my wife Testam-  
 entary Guardian to my daughter and my friends E. P.  
 Foster, Sebastian Jones testamentary Guardians to my sons,  
 Signed sealed this fourteenth day of September 1822

In presence of  
 John S. Smith  
 E. P. Foster  
 Geo. Anderson  
 Pulaski Holt

Stephen W. Harris

Georgia 3 The within will was duly proven in open court  
 Putnam County by John S. Smith and John Hudson subscribing  
 witnesses to the same this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1822

William, Parson & Co