

also the name of his daughter, William C. Cooper of Stirling County and
where a young man, young & disposing mind, meaning to travel, and
being about to enter the Confederate Army in defense of his country, whom my
life will be necessarily exposed to all the dangers & annoyances of war, and
I want to provide both as respects my family & myself to make this my
last will & testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1. Item: I hereby declare & appoint my beloved wife, Elizabeth Cooper,
executrix of this my last will & testament.

2. Item: I desire & direct that my executrix shall in the event of my
death, proceed, as soon as is practicable, to sell either at public or private
sale, or in any other manner to dispose of, as shall seem in her discretion
to be best for my family & children, so much of my estate, either real or personal
or both, as shall be necessary to discharge all my just debts.

3. Item: I desire & direct that after my debts shall have been paid, the
property of whatever kind remaining, shall be kept & managed by my executrix
for the support of herself and our children, & for the education of the latter;
in order to accomplish these purposes, it is my will that she have power to
sell, buy or exchange; to remove from place to place or from state to state; in
short, that she shall have as full & entire control over all such property
as I would myself, were I living.

4. Item: Whenever one of my children shall become of full age, or when
one of my daughters shall marry, then it is my will that in each case
all my estate shall be divided into many equal shares as there
shall be children living & my beloved wife counted with them, and
one of these equal shares shall be placed in the hands of a trustee or
trustees for the benefit of such daughter and her children, should
she have any, and shall not be subjected to the debts or liabilities of her
husband, nor be disposed of in any way by him - And should my wife
marry again, she shall be entitled to a child's part of the property, as
in the case of the marriage of a daughter. And in that event, too, it
is my desire that she turn over all the remaining property belonging to
the children into the hands of a trustee or trustees.

5. Item: If it should be necessary to appoint a trustee as
provided for in Item 4, above, I desire that my dear father-in-law,
Francis B. Warant, now of the State of Texas, shall be appointed such
trustee if living, & if he is not then my brother-in-law, George W. Warant of the
same state; & if he is not living, then my brother-in-law James B. Warant, also
of the same state if he is living; and in the event of none of them being in
life, then the trustee or trustees to be appointed by the court of the county
having such power whenever the property may be at the time.

Thus the twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred
and eighty-two.

William C. Cooper

Signed, sealed, declared & published by William C. Cooper as his last will and
testament in the presence of us the subscribers, who subscribe

deposited in the presence of said witness (at the special instance & request) and of each other this July 20th. Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-Four.

H. S. Greesh

W. M. Cooper

Drabelle Felt

H. S. Greesh

Georgia } Court of Ordinary of said county
Savannah County } July Term 1864.

Personally appeared in open court William Cooper, who being duly sworn deposes & saith that on the twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord, Eighteen Hundred & Sixty-Four he saw Wilcox C. Cooper (whose name appears subscribed to the foregoing last will & testament) sign seal, declare and publish the foregoing writing as his last will and testament, in the presence of this deponent, Hiram S. Greesh, Drabelle Felt and George W. Greesh, all of whom together with this deponent, signed the same as witnesses thereto, at the special instance & request of said Wilcox C. Cooper and in his presence and in the presence of each other -

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L. E. Roberts, Ordinary

William Cooper

Georgia } Court of Ordinary of said county, July Term 1864
Savannah County }
I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the last will of the within named Wilcox C. Cooper, deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well truly execute the same in accordance with the laws with the laws of this State - So help me God.

Eliza Jane Cooper

Shown to in open court this
10th. July 1864

L. E. Roberts,
Ordinary.

I solemnly depose upon my oath as witness C. H. Black, Ordway and J. P. of said
 Division County. At the court of said county of the County of Union, State of Georgia, being at the Court, one
 of the undersigned witnesses to the last will & testament of John A. Barnes, of said County, State,
 who upon oath duly administered, deposes & swears that the signature appearing to said will
 & testament, purporting to be that of John A. Barnes, is the signature of said John A. Barnes,
 that he deponent did sign, and the other witnesses, Wm. Byrd, and Wm. Collins, did each
 sign said will & testament as witnesses thereto, at the request of said John A. Barnes, in
 his presence, & in the presence of the undersigned. I, the undersigned, did read said will & testament
 & publish said will & testament as his last will & testament, that the said John A. Barnes
 was of sound & disposing mind and memory at the time of his so signing, that he was
 free from restraint, and that the said will & testament was voluntarily executed by the
 said testator -

Geo. H. Black.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 20th,
June 1865.

C. E. Roberts, Ordway.

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