

# The last will and testaments of George Crawford Deceased

Georgia  
Spalding County. In the name of God, Amen! I George  
Crawford of the County and State a-  
foresaid being in feeble bodily health  
but of sound and disposing mind and memory and being  
desirous of making such a disposition of my worldly  
affairs as will be satisfactory to myself, and produce that  
peace of mind, which sustained by a Christian hope,  
may smooth my passage to the grave, do more declare  
and publish this my last will and testament hereby  
revoking and totally annulling any and all other wills  
which I have heretofore made at any time.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath my soul to God who gave  
it and my body to the Earth from which it was  
taken, to be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner,  
trusting in the merits of a crucified and risen Jesus  
that this body shall have a glorious resurrection and at  
the final day this mortal shall put on immortality.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Melvina Crawford a house and lot in the  
City of Atlanta County of Fulton and State aforesaid—  
The same being a part of city lot No (81) Eighty One—  
and on Backum Street fronting on said street City lot  
and running back, One Hundred feet adjoining the lot  
of William Crawford on One side and Martha Pearce  
on the other— Also two negro girls, viz; Minna about  
Fourteen years old, of dark complexion, and Fannie  
about Fourteen years old of yellow complexion—  
And also Fifteen Hundred dollars in cash, and one  
bed and bedstead and furniture and trunks  
Also One Fourth part of the residue of my Estate  
both real and personal.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Emily R  
Barkley wife of Andrew Barkley one Fourth of  
all my Estate both real and personal after  
deducting the specific legacies herein before mentioned  
for costs during during her natural life and after  
her death to her child or children now in being  
or hereafter to be born. The negroes I have here-  
before given to my daughter Cynthia R Barkley  
are still to remain her subjects to the same limitations  
as one mentioned in the preceding part of this  
item in my will with the condition that she is to keep and  
take care of the old negroes by the names of Calup and Tilton  
as long as they live.

44 Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Martha Edwards wife of Thomas Edwards One Eighth part of the residue of my Estate after deducting the specific legacies mentioned in Item 2<sup>nd</sup> of this will for and during her natural life and after her death to her children now in being and hereafter to be born. The negroes I have heretofore given her to remain hers subject to the same limitations as are mentioned in the preceding part of this <sup>item</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Susan A. Hightower wife of Simon Hightower One Eighth part of the residue of my estate after deducting the specific legacy mentioned in Item 2<sup>nd</sup> of this will, for and during her natural life and after her death to her child or children now in being or hereafter to be born. The negroes I have heretofore given her to remain hers subject to the same limitations as are mentioned in the preceding part of this item -

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary Ann Flowers wife of Henry Flowers One Fifteenth part of my Estate after deducting the specific legacies mentioned in Item 2<sup>nd</sup> of this will to her during her natural life and after her death to her child or children now in being or hereafter to be born. The negroes I have heretofore given her to remain hers subject to the same limitations mentioned in the preceding part of this item.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Susan Ann McBrown wife of Augustus McBrown One Fifteenth part of the residue of my Estate after deducting the specific legacy mentioned in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Item of this will to her during her natural life and after her death to her child or children now in being or hereafter to be born. The negroes I have heretofore given her to remain hers subject to the same limitations as are mentioned in the preceding part of this item.

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Jane Rangford daughter of W. H. Rangford One Fifteenth part of the residue of my Estate after deducting the specific legacy mentioned in item 2<sup>nd</sup> of this will to her during her natural life and after her death to her child or children and should the said Jane Rangford die without issue living then her part of my estate shall go to, and be equally divided between her mother's grand children and I hereby appoint

Andrew Barclay Guardian for the property herein bequeathed to the said Anne Langford to be managed and taken care of, by him and the profits arising therefrom to be applied to her benefits until the said Anne shall arrive to years of maturity.

Item 9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to Susan Ann Edwards daughter of my Grand son John Edwards One Sixteenth part of the residue of my Estate after deducting the specific legacy mentioned in Item 2<sup>nd</sup> of this will to her during her natural life and after her death to her children or children and should the said Susan Ann die without issue living then her part of my estate bequeathed to her shall go to her Parish children if any be should have living, and I hereby appoints Andrew Barclay Guardian for the said Susan Ann to take care of and managed the property herein bequeathed to her and the profits arising therefrom to be applied to her benefit until she arrives at years of maturity. It is my will and desire that the said Andrew Barclay shall take charge of the said Susan Ann and raise and educate her in a suitable manner until she arrives at a proper age to take care of herself and her property, and then her part of my estate to be delivered to her.

Item 10<sup>th</sup> It is my intention that the negro property which I have heretofore given to the legatees stated in this will shall not be taken into the account in the distribution of my estate, but shall continue to be then subject to the ~~distribution~~ distribution upon which it was originally given.

Item 11<sup>th</sup> I appoint James A Goodman and Thomas B Edwards Executors to this my last will and testament, "The words One Sixteenth of my Estate after deducting the specific legacy mentioned in Item 2<sup>nd</sup> of this will" were interlined before signed on 2<sup>nd</sup> page.

George Cranford

The above and three foregoing pages were declared published signed and sealed by George Cranford at his last will and testament in our presence and at his request this Fifth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven

A. A. Caulding  
W. L. Denberry  
W. B. Foster

The Spalding Court of Ordinary May Term 1858  
Came into open Court at this regular term of the Court,  
A. A. Gaudin, W. D. Denberry and J. D. Lacey and  
being duly sworn depose and say that they saw George  
Crawford sign and publish the within and foregoing  
as his last will and testament while of sound and  
disposing mind, that they witnessed the same for  
him at his request and in his presence and in the  
presence of each other, that the same was executed  
voluntarily on the day its purports to have been executed  
From to and subscribed before me in Open Court  
May 1858.  
James A. Manlyham  
Ordinary  
A. A. Gaudin  
W. D. Denberry  
J. D. Lacey

Georgia Spalding County Court of Ordinary May Term 1858  
Present J. A. Manlyham Ordinary -  
I do solemnly swear that this  
writing contains the last true will and testament  
of the within named George Crawford deceased as  
far as I know or believe. And that I will well  
and truly execute the same by paying first the  
just debts and then the legacies contained in the  
said will as far as his goods and chattels will  
thereunto extend and the law charge me. And  
that I will make a true and perfect inventory  
of all such goods and chattels. So help me God  
From to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of May  
1858  
J. A. Manlyham  
Ordinary  
Thomas C. Edwards  
J. A. Goodrum

Recorded July 7th 1858  
J. A. Manlyham  
Ordinary