

and That the said Testator at the time of signing the same was of sound and disposing mind and memory. ^{Troup County Wills, Book B, 1848-1888}
This 5th Decr 1853 Niles H. Sims Ordinary

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John Hogg
Susan M. Hogg
Hiram Dennis

Georgia } Court of Ordinary December Term 1853
Troup County } The last Will and Testament of Anthony Holloway late of said County Deceased having been proven at this regular term of the Court, it is ordered that the same be admitted to Record, It is further ordered that Allen Dennis, Hiram Howard, William J. Maxwell and Alexander Bangs be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to appraise said Estate
Niles H. Sims Ordinary

Recorded 7th December 1853 Niles H. Sims Ordinary

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen! I George Croft of
Troup County } said State and County being of advanced age, but sound in mind and of disposing memory deem it right and proper both as respects myself and family, that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me do therefore make ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other heretofore made by me
I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner
I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executors and Execution hereinafter appointed
I desire and direct that my Executors and Executors shall manage the property as may seem most advantageous and profitable for the good of all concerned provided the principal of the property be not infringed on, but the profits arising from planting or hiring out the Negroes be applied to the support of my wife Mary Croft and my son George - my son George to be supported and educated untill he is able to support himself and then he must get into some business as soon as possible so that he may support himself. The little Negroes that I herein have distributed and bequeathed can be taken away at my death, except those given to Sons George and Ray they must remain untill they are capable of receiving them or become of a mature age
I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Lyon and her children the Girl Mariett and her little infant sister now at the breast for their sole and separate use, free from the disposition or control or debt of a present or future husband and as she has much more than any of the balance of my children, I hope she will be satisfied with these two for her part of the Negro property
I give and bequeath unto my Son Edwards Children Boy Tom forever
I give and bequeath unto my Son Obelard Boy Sam forever
I give and bequeath unto my Son George Boy Anthony and girl Hannah and unto my Son Ray Boy Samuel and girl Salia which Negroes they are to have over and above the balance of my Children
I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin at the death or marriage of my wife Mary Croft Boy Oren and child Sarah to have and to hold forever
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary L. Croft wife of P. L. Croft

and her children girl Caroline for their sole and separate use and benefit which girl Caroline she has now in her possession and which she retains in possession I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary L. Harper and her children for their sole and separate use, free from the debts, liabilities or contracts of her present or a future husband and equal share of all the negro property on hand at the death or marriage of my wife Mary Croft, not specifically bequeathed by name with the other distributees named in the next item

I give and bequeath unto my son Edwards children (that is to say they are to have one share) and sons Cleveland, Sey and George and my daughter Mary L. Harper as specified in the above item all the negro property not specifically bequeathed by name on hand at the death or marriage of my wife Mary Croft, to be equally divided among them

I desire and direct that the house and lot in which I now live be sold at the death or marriage of my wife Mary Croft and be equally divided among all my living children

I hereby constitute my wife Mary Croft Executrix and my son Benjamin Croft and P. O. Harper Executors of this my last Will and Testament My wife Mary Croft to be my Executrix as long as she remains my Widow and no longer and ~~after her marriage~~ ~~should she marry~~ ~~her children~~ my Executors may then divide the little property as herein specified. I trust and hope my Executors will like my son George under their care and protection until he may be able to do for himself, This 28th July A. D. 1853 all erasures and interlineations before signing

(L.S.)

Signed sealed declared and published by George Croft as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribe our names hereto in the presence of said Testator (at his special instance and request) This 28th July 1853

Geo Croft

Attest

F. W. Ferrell

W. B. Wood

N. B. Sheppard

Georgia Court of Ordinary in vacation 19th Decr 1853

Strong County } Personally appeared before me William B. Shepherd who being duly sworn depose and saith that he signed the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Geo Croft as a witness, that he saw F. W. Ferrell & W. B. Wood sign the same as witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence of the said Testator and at his special instance and request, and at the time of signing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he done so freely and voluntarily and of his own accord and also personally appeared Mary Croft the Executrix in said Will and being duly sworn saith that the said Testator acknowledged in her presence that he did sign the foregoing instrument as his last Will and Testament and that at the time he was of sound & disposing mind and memory sworn to before me this 19th Decr 1853

N. B. Sheppard

Wiley Perkins Ordinary

Mary Croft

Georgia Court of Ordinary February Term 1854

Strong County } Whereas the last Will and Testament of George Croft Decd was regularly proven in vacation upon the oath of N. B. Sheppard and Mary Croft and A. B. Croft on the 19th day of December 1853 It is ordered at this regular Term of the Court that the said last Will and Testament of George

Croft Dead be admitted to record and that Mary Croft and A.B. Croft be regularly qualified as Exors. ^{Troup County Wills, Book B, 1848-1888 in Wordcuff and J.N. McDonald be} ordered that George Lamm-
J.W. Harrington William Smith 1848-1888 in Wordcuff and J.N. McDonald be
and They are hereby appointed and authorized to appraise said Estate and
Make returns in Terms of the Year
Wiley Holins Ordinary

Recorded 9th February 1854

Wiley Holins Ordinary

State of Georgia } In the name of God! Amen!!
Troup County } Sarah Hill of said State and County being of sound
and disposing mind and memory do make publick
and declare my last Will and Testament in words following To Wit
My negro Woman Mariette having been a most faithful servant I desire
shall go to such one of my children as she may select at such reasonable
price as may be assessed, and all my bells and bedding I wish equally
divided between my three daughters
All the balance of my Estate, I direct shall be brought into Kothapet with
the Estate of my deceased husband and so divided among my children
as that in the aggregate and ultimate division of both Estates each of the
children shall be equal in their amounts and this division to be made
upon the basis laid down of advancements in my deceased husband's Will
And whatever Notes I may be possessed of against any of the children
shall be charged to them in the division, whether payable to me or taken
up by me from others

I nominate and appoint my son Benjamin H. Hill Executor of this my
last Will and Testament. In testimony of all which I hereunto set my
hand and seal and publish and declare the foregoing as my true last Will
and Testament the 4th day of August 1853 Sarah Hill

Signed, sealed, published & declared
in presence of us, who attest the same
in presence of Testatrix & her acquiesced

Henry Long
William J. Harrington
Thomas Cameron

Court of Ordinary Troup County February Term 1854

Before me Wiley Holins Ordinary in open Court at this Term being the
sixth day of the month came William J. Harrington and Thomas Cameron
being two of the witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Mrs Sarah
Hill late of said County deceased, and who are known to me to be credible
witnesses and they being duly sworn in open Court do depose and say that
they were each present with Henry Long the third witness and saw the
said Sarah Hill sign publish and declare the paper writing now proposed
for probate by Benjamin H. Hill the Executor nominated therein purporting
to be the last Will and Testament of said Sarah Hill deceased to be her last
Will and Testament and that each of the witnesses attested the same as
witnesses in her presence and so also did Henry Long the other witness
that she was at the time of sound and disposing mind and memory and
did the same freely and voluntarily, sworn to and subscribed in open
Court February 6th 1854

Wiley Holins Ordinary }
William J. Harrington
Thomas Cameron }