

The Last will and Testament of James H Towns deceased

State of Georgia In the name of God: Amen.

Town County I James H Towns of said County and State being weak and feeble in body but of disposing mind and memory do make

Know 1st

After the payment of my debts and the procuring the testimonials of friends hereunto after mentioned I give all my Estate real and personal to my beloved Mother during her natural life, and I desire the property to be received and managed and controlled by my friend Benjamin H. Hill as trustee for my Mother and request him to look after her interests generally and contribute as far as possible to her ease and comfort so long as she shall live. After the death of my Mother I give the said Estate real and personal to my Cousin Anne Elizabeth Towns to her sole and separate use, power, and to her children (if she should ever have any) free from the debts or dispossessions of any future husband.

Item 2nd

I direct that a gold watch (or other suitable article as he may select shall be purchased and received by my friend Benjamin H. Hill as from me, not to be of less value than two hundred and fifty dollars. I also give him such of my law books as he may select from my library.

Item 3rd

I desire my Mother free abt she is at liberty to give any portion of my Estate to my Cousin Anne Elizabeth Towns at any time during her life. This is left discretionary with her.

Item 4th

I appoint my friend Benjamin H. Hill Executor of this my last will and Testament.

Item 5th

I direct my real Estate to be sold in such manner and on such terms as my Executor shall think best and such a home provided for my Mother as she shall choose. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and published this as my last will and Testament this 18th May 1853 signed sealed published and declared in presence of:

John C. Courtwright
R. B. J. Montgomery
Wm. H. Smith

Court of Ordinary Town County Georgia June Term 1853.

Benjamin H. Hill the Executor mentioned and appointed therein having in open Court propounded the paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James H. Towns deceased and moved the probate of the same as such last will and Testament and John C. Courtwright Judge R. B. J. Montgomery and James A. Long the intervening interposes to each side being duly sworn in open Court did depose and say, on oath that they were present and saw the said James H. Towns sign seal publish and declare the said paper writing here now propounded as aforesaid to be his true last will and Testament that at the time he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and did the same freely and voluntarily and without compulsion and of his own accord. That they the undersigned do attest the same as witnessed in writing in the presence of the Testator and at his instance and request and also in the presence of such others. It is therefore adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing is sufficiently proved and that the same be admitted to record as the last will and Testament of said James H. Towns deceased and that letters testamentary do issue to said Benjamin H. Hill on his taking the oath provided by law said oath was

Accordingly a finding is made: It is further ordered that Robert A. Morgan
Samuel G. Wright, Thomas B. Woodward, Edmund L. Harris, John and
Charles be and they are hereby appointed appraisers of said estate.
Wiley H. Smith Clerk

Recorded, 8th June 1853.

Wiley H. Smith Clerk
