

Croft Dead be admitted to record and that Mary Croft and A.P. Croft be regularly qualified as Executors of It is further ordered that George Lanier J.W. Harrington William Smith James M Woodruff and J.W. McCendon be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to appraise said Estate and Make returns in Terms of the Year  
Wiley Holins Ordinary

Recorded 9<sup>th</sup> February 1854

Wiley Holins Ordinary

State of Georgia } In the name of God! Amen!!  
Stump County } Sarah Hill of said State and County being of sound  
and disposing mind and memory do make public  
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 held and bedding I wish equally  
divided between my three daughters

All the balance of my Estate, I direct shall be brought into Notahpot 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 die 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1853  
Sarah Hill

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

Henry Long  
William J Shappington  
Thomas Cameron

Court of Ordinary Stump 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 Shappington 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 6<sup>th</sup> 1854

Wiley Holins Ordinary

William J Shappington  
Thomas Cameron

Whereupon it is ordered and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing is regularly prepared and proven to be the true last Will and Testament of Sarah Hill late of said County deceased and that it be admitted to record as such and that letters Testamentary do issue to Benjamin H Hill the Executor upon his taking the oath prescribed by Law which oath was duly administered in open Court. It is further ordered that William Shappington Henry D Phillips, Henry's Slaughter, Thomas Learmont and David Dandson be appointed to appraise said Estate in Terms of the Law  
*Wiley H Sims Ordinary*

Recorded 9<sup>th</sup> February 1854

Wiley H Sims Ordinary

State of Georgia } In the Name of God Amen!  
 Group County } I Jane Sledge of said State and County labouring  
 under bodily infirmities and feeling that I must shortly depart  
 this life deem it right and proper both as respects my kindred and myself  
 that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence  
 has blessed me therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby Reserving  
 all others heretofore made by me

1<sup>st</sup> Item I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like  
 manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life and that over my  
 remains be erected a neat and substantial marble tablet with inscription  
 My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it

2<sup>nd</sup> Item I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor  
 hereafter appointed as I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed in  
 their just rights

3<sup>rd</sup> Item I give and bequeath to Collins M Sledge for his generous conduct towards  
 me my negro woman Julia about (39) thirty nine years of age and her two  
 children Harriet a girl about (18) eight years of age and Faciah a boy about  
 (6) six years of age and Harry a man 28 twenty eight years of age and his  
 child Ann (7) years of age

4<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath to my Sister Elizabeth McColey for the same she has always  
 borne me my negro girl Rust about (19) nineteen years of age and her girl  
 about (17) seventeen years of age

5<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath to Annue McColey for kindness and attention to  
 me my negro girl Mary about (17) seventeen years of age, and negro girl Selig  
 (usually called Jim Brown) about (16) sixteen years of age

6<sup>th</sup> Item The Residue of my Property both Real and personal whomever and whatever  
 it may be I give and bequeath and desire to the Brother Sisters of my  
 deceased <sup>husband</sup> John Sledge or their legal Representatives and to my own Brother  
 and Sister or their legal Representatives to be equally distributed share  
 and share alike

7<sup>th</sup> Item I do hereby constitute and appoint Collins M Sledge and James McColey  
 Executors of this my last Will and Testament this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Octr 1853

Signed sealed declared and published by Jane Sledge as her last  
 Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed  
 our names here to in the presence of the Testatrix at her special instance  
 and Request and of each other Octr 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

*Jane Sledge*  
*Abner Stanton*  
*Robt V Piddie*  
*Robert M Childs*