

Elephair Shehee

Georgia Washington County

In the name of God Amen

I Elephair Shehee of the State and County aforesaid being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner following to wit

Item 1st I hereby give and devise unto Francis F. Fennille my negro woman Betty and her child Hannah an infant now about three weeks old, and also my negro woman Silvy and her children and one feather bed and furniture upon the trust and to and for the use and interest and purpose hereafter expressed and declared, and concerning the same, that is to say, in trust to pay unto or suffer and permit my daughter Clarissa W. Fennille and the children she now has or may hereafter have to receive and take the service work and labour of the said negroes and their increase during the life of my said daughter Clarissa W. Fennille, and from and immediately after her decease my will and desire is that the said negroes and their increase be conveyed and assigned by my said trustee or his successors unto the children of my said daughter, Clarissa W. Fennille in fee simple. The said negroes and their increase or the profits arising from their labors at no time and under no circumstances to be subject to be taken for the debt of Robert Fennille or any other person.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Brantley the following named negroes to wit Stephen & Ben & if she should die leaving no children then my will and desire is that said negroes go to Clarissa W. Fennille & her children under the same trust as expressed in item 1st.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter, Olga Robison the following named negroes to wit Annie, Cherry & Charles.

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elephair Nell the following named negroes to wit Sepher & Bob, and should she die leaving no children, then said negroes to go to Clarissa W. Fennille and her children under the same trust as expressed in item 1st.

Item 5th My Will and desire is that all the balance of my property not disposed of in the above items be sold by my executor hereafter named and after paying my just debts, that the balance remaining from the sale of said property be equally divided between my two sons viz: Ephraim Shehee and John Shehee and the children of my son Ephraim Shehee.

Item 6th I hereby constitute and appoint Francis F. Fennille Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I Elephair Shehee have set my hand and seal this the first day of June 1840

Elephair Shehee

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Elephair Shehee as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us and in the presence of each other. Have signed our names as witnesses.

George Higgins
Robert Chapman

Elephair Shehee

Georgia Washington County

Personally appeared before me Augustus D. Jernegan Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said County Francis J. Tennille Executor of the last Will and testament of Elephair Shehee late of said County deceased who being duly sworn deposed and said that the foregoing is a true copy to the best of my recollection and belief of the last Will and testament of said deceased as probated and admitted to record in the Ordinance office of said County that the Original Will and record thereof were destroyed by the fire in Fowden's Mill said County in the month of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this April the 28th 1860

A. D. Jernegan Clerk

Francis J. Tennille

Isaac Smith

State of Georgia

Washington County

In the name of God Amen

I Isaac Smith of the County and State aforesaid being advanced in age but of sound and perfect mind and memory, knowing that life is uncertain and death is certain and knowing that all men are born to die do make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Item 1st It is my Will and desire that after my death my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner and that my Soul return to God who created it to rest with him forever

Item 2 My Will and desire is and I hereby direct that all my just debts that I may be owing at the time of my death be paid with as little delay as the nature of my estate and circumstances will admit of by my Executors hereafter named and appointed

Item I leave to my wife Asenah Smith during her natural life One half of my dwelling House in which we now live, One negro woman Bridget about fifty years of age, One small mare My Buggy and Harness, two Cows and Calves, two heads of Hogs, the feather Bed and furniture, My House and Relative furniture or as much thereof as may do her Comfortably, and at her death the remainder with the exception of the House to be sold agreeable to law and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided among all my children then living and the representatives of those of my children that may be dead, The House to go with the tract of land upon which it stands

Item 4th I give to my Daughter Calia Hart wife of Samuel W. Hart two hundred Dollars in addition to what I have already given her

Item 5 I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha James