

State Georgia
Chattooga County } I William Crook
of the County of Chattooga and State of
Georgia. Being well stricken
in Years, and sensible of my Liability
to sudden Death. At the same Time being
in the enjoyment of good health, and in the
Apprehension of myself, and in the Estimation

of others of sound Mind and Discretion, and desirous of settling my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity to do so, do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others previously made and published by me.

And first and principally I commit my soul into the Hands of my creator, who gave it, and my Body to the earth, from whence it came. And to such worldly Estate, as it has pleased God to intrust me, I dispose of the same, as follows.

Item 1st. It is my Will and Desire, that all my just Debts shall be paid and discharged by my Executors herein after named and appointed out of the corpus of my Estate as soon as convenient after my Decease.

Item 2^d. It is my will and express desire that Eliza M. Moore wife of George M. Moore Clarinda W. Moore wife of Robert M. Moore all at the Time of writing this my Will of Marshall County State of Mississippi, and Eliza Jane Glenn wife of Jesse A. Glenn of the county of Chattooga and State aforesaid, and being my two eldest and youngest children, shall have nothing more of my personal or real Estate, they each of them having had all of my Estate, I allowed for them, and which has been given to these husbands by me after their marriage.

Item 3. It is my will and desire, and I hereby give to my said Executors in First Seven Hundred Dollars to and for the Use of my Daughter Mary E. Thomason wife of Dr. Thomason and their children, she may and has had by her present or future husband, for their sole and separate Use, free from the Control and Liability of her present or future husband, which said sum is to be controlled and managed by them, as they may deem most beneficial for my said daughter and her children, and which said sum is to be set apart for their Use, twelve Months after the Death of my wife Sarah L. Crook.

Item 4. It is my will and desire, that all my Estate both real and personal, after the payment of my Debts and Funeral, as well as the Expenses incidental to the Execution of this will, belong to my beloved wife Sarah Latimer Crook untill her Death or Marriage, and I give and bequeath to my said wife all of my (Household and Kitchen Furniture absolutely, not only during her lifetime or widowhood, but at her death to dispose of as she may see proper, and at the Death or Marriage of my said wife Sarah L Crook, it is my will and Desire, that all my Estate both real and personal (except my household and Kitchen Furniture, which I have given my said wife absolutely, be equally divided between my two Sons Leander W Crook and Alexander C Crook.

Item 5. And I hereby authorize my said Executors to sell any of my said Estate publicly or privately for cash or on credit, they may deem expedient (be it by public or private sale) either for the payment of my Debts, the raising of the Trust Fund or to contrall and manage my entire Estate, as to increase the corpus of it, my said wife Sarah L Crook not to be deprived of her Lifetime or Widowhood Estate, out of it. And I further give my said Executors this Power to sell my portion of my said Estate at any Time after my Death, and to reinvest any surplus funds belonging or coming to my said Estate, in any Manner, that they may deem proper, and that shall be advantageous to my said Estate, and which does not destroy the Interest my said wife, during her Life or Widowhood, may have in it, but she shall have the same Interest in any Investment my said Executors may make in any change of my said Estate, and to make and take good and legal Titles to the same.

Item 6 And I hereby constitute and appoint my two and only Sons Leander W Crook and Alexander C Crook my Executors of this my last will and

Testament.

And if either one of my said Executors above named, should die or refuse to qualify the survivor or one that qualifies shall have all the power and discretion, I have given my said Executors, and I hereby give to him all the power and repose in him every Trust, I have given to them jointly.

And I do declare this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all others.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this the Twenty Ninth Day of December 1854

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Signed sealed declared and published by Williams Crook as his last will and Testament in the Presence of us the subscribers, who subscribed our names hereto, in the Presence of said Testator (at his special instant and request), and of each other this 29 Day of December 1854

Wm M. Shropshire
Samuel Hawkins
Benjamin Moyers