

The State of Alabama This day personally appeared before  
Dallas County SS3 Mr Thomas Seely one of the District  
Witness to the foregoing Will. who being duly sworn saith that  
he saw Elizabeth D. Clark, sign the foregoing Will, and heard  
her declare it to be her last, will and Testament, that he  
signed it as a Witness in the presence of the Testators and  
that the other Witnesses thereto signed the same in the presence  
of the Testators and in the presence of each other and that  
the said Testators was at the time of Making the same, and  
of Sound Mind and Memory known before him this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1828. (Signed) Thomas Seely  
S. Whaw, Sergeant of C. C. D.

Know all men by these presents that I Mary Cook have made constitute and  
appointed authorized and appointed and by my place and by these  
presents I do make constitute authorized and appointed and my place and  
that just Oliver C. Brooks of Wayne County in the State of Mississippi  
to be my attorney for me and in my name and to my use to defend  
attach seize take sue for lay receive and receive by all lawful ways and  
means whatsoever of and from all and every person or persons whatsoever  
whom it with shall or may concern and particularly of and from  
George G. Brooks his heirs executors or administrators or any of them  
also from Ezra M. Tate and ~~William H. Tate~~ their heirs  
executors or administrators or any of them all and every sum and  
sums of money debts due demands goods chattels effects and things  
whatsoever which are or hereafter shall be and grow due being  
payable or belonging unto me upon or by virtue of any bond execution  
agreement or deed or by any other way or means whatsoever and to  
adjust and settle accounts with all and every person and upon receipt  
recovery of any such sum or sums of money debts due effects or other  
things or any part thereof sufficient acquitances and discharges for  
me and in my name from time to time to make and give giving  
me by these presents granting unto my said Attorney full power and  
Authority in and touching the premises in my name to sue pursue  
and attach impeach imprison condemn and prosecute any person or  
persons and there and thereof again to acquit also for me and in my  
name to appear and my person to represent in all and every Court  
or Courts or other places as demandant or defendant in any suit  
or action also to sell transfer or assign any note or notes in my  
favor also sell and make title by deed assignment or otherwise of  
any lot or parcels of land in the Town of Cahaba and State of  
Alabama or any land elsewhere likewise Attorney or Attorneys

personally to do and perform all other matters & things in  
and to the premises and every part thereof requisite and necessary as fully  
as I myself might or could do was I personally present, and  
so hereby ratify and confirm all and whatsoever my said attorney &  
counsel of his substitutes shall legally do or procure or cause to be done  
in and to aching the premises or any part thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my  
seal this eighteenth day of August A. D. 1824

Attest  
Stephen Hill

Mary Ann Cook  
mark

State of Alabama

Dallas County I personally appeared before me George G Brooks a  
Justice of the peace within and for the County of Dallas  
May 2<sup>d</sup> 1825  
Stephen Hill the subscribing witness to the foregoing  
instrument and made oath that the above mentioned  
Mary Cook put her cross thereunto to his name  
and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her  
act and deed.

George G Brooks J.P.

In the name of God. Amen. I William Ruddle of the County of Dallas, and State  
of Alabama being law in health but of a sound mind and memory do make and execute  
this to be my last Will and Testament, first it is my desire that my just debts be paid  
in and out of such parts as I may, after have apply for that purpose.

Item. I give to my Wife to wit: Solomon, Wm. Sicy and Lewis together. One horse  
Saddle and bridle to be worth one hundred and fifty dollars. Also one Bed and Furniture  
Five cows & pigs. Two Cows and calves to her and her heirs for ever.

Item I give to my son Edmund Ruddle now in Georgia One horse. Saddle and bridle  
together. A Classical Education Extra Horse. Saddle and bridle. to be worth Two hundred  
& fifty dollars.

Item. It is my desire that all my other children that I ever have or may hereafter have be educated  
first of my Estate. My desire is that the balance of my property be equally divided between my  
children that I ever have or may hereafter have in whole.

And if either of my children should die before they come to the age of twenty one or marry. he or  
she by dying their part of my Property shall return to the surviving children to be equally  
divided provided they have no lawful issue.

Item. My desire is ~~that~~ that if my children should all die before they arrive to the age of  
twenty one or have any lawful issue. My desire is that all my Property be divided between  
my brother Peter Ruddle Edmund and my Nephew Miller Ruddle son of William Ruddle son  
Item It is my desire that all my childrens property remain undivided until one of my children  
becomes of age or marries. When my desire is that the property be <sup>equally</sup> divided between all my  
children.

Also my desire is that my kinshable property be sold on Twelve Months credit