

Will of
Mrs Drake
to
children
No 22

In the name of God, Amen I, Maria Drake of Santa Rosa County and State of Florida wife of C. J. Drake being weak in bodily health but of sound mind disposing mind and memory calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how my little estate with which it has pleased God to bless me shall be disposed of after my decease while I have strength and capacity so to do, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all other last wills and testaments by me heretofore made and first I commend my immortal being to him who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be buried with little expense or ostentation and as to my worldly estate consisting chiefly of a few cattle God has blessed me with I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit: My will is that all my last debts and funeral charges shall be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall be found convenient by my children. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Jeannetta A. Adams wife of J. Adams five cows and calves those that she once had the use of with their increase forever I give and bequeath to the heirs of my late and beloved son Dear Peter S. Lonsberry five cows and calves and their increase forever with a desire they shall not be disposed of but to agree in the raising of his children I give devise and bequeath to my beloved son Albert P. J. Drake one yoke of my oldest Steers (embroke) to have and to hold the same to him and his executors administrators and assigns forever The remainder of my cattle my will is that they be equally divided equally between my son Wm. P. Cobb and my last children by my second husband C. J. Drake In the division of said cattle my will is if my children cannot agree in the division they can get three disinterested persons to arrange said division As to my household furniture my will is that it be equally divided between my children by my second marriage In testimony whereof I the said Maria Drake have to this my last will and testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal this twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy

Maria Drake (seal)

Signed sealed published and delivered by the said Maria Drake as and for her last will and testament in presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

E. B. Howell
Thomas A. Lee
G. W. Sayfield

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D. A. Chaffin Clerk of Court