

**Will of John Brosnaham, 7 December 1870, Pensacola, Florida**

In the name of God, Amen.

I, John Brosnaham of the City of Pensacola, County of Escambia, State of Florida, being of sound mind and perfect memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose as follows.

First- I will and bequeath share and share alike, unto my wife Isabelle Eugenia Brosnaham and my children John Andrew Brosnaham, Georgiann Eugenia Renshaw and George Othman Brosnaham four fifths of all my possessions, consisting of City lots, improved and unimproved, lands, monies and whatever estate I may die possessed of, real and personal wherever it may be found situate and being.

Second- I will and bequeath unto my grand children John George Shuttleworth Mary Ella Shuttleworth and David Dobbs Shuttleworth the remaining one fifth of my aforesaid estate, to be divided equally between them when the youngest of my said grand children shall arrive at the age of twenty-four years, and I appoint Isabelle E. Brosnaham my wife, and my children John A. Brosnaham, Georgianna E. Renshaw and George O. Brosnaham as their guardians and trustees, to take and receive and control the said one fifth of my estate bequeathed to my said grand children, for their use and benefit. The express condition of this bequest is however, that if any or all of my aforesaid grand children shall become profigate or thriftless, then and in such an event their aforesaid guardians and trustees exercising a sound discretion shall withhold his, her, or their share or shares according as a majority of their said guardians and tresssees shall determine, but not to the entire exclusion of benefit to my said grand children, it being my intention under any circumstances that they shall receive from time to time so much thereof as may be actually necessary for their well being and support.

Third- I direct that a fair valuation, appraisement and inventory of all my estate be made by such persons as my aforesaid wife Isabelle E. Brosnaham, and children John A. Brosnaham, Georgiann E. Renshaw, George O. Brosnaham may appoint, and after being signed with the names of those so appointed, that a copy of the same shall be given by them to each of my executors.

Fourth- It is my desire that the whole estate be kept together entire as long as possible, it being my intention that my wife and

children and grand children aforesaid shall according to their respective shares enjoy the increase and profit which the property shall yield, but should it be so that they shall not harmoniously agree, in that event my said wife Isabelle E. Brosnaham and children John A. Brosnaham, Georgianna E. Renshaw and George O. Brosnaham shall appoint judicious and proper persons to divide and set apart to each one his her or their shares, and if the division so made be not satisfactory then the persons so appointed shall call a competent, discreet and impartial umpire to hear and determine the differences between them. The one fifth bequeathed to my aforesaid grand children to be given to their guardians and trustees above named and appointed by me, for the use and benefit of my said grand children and to be distributed by the aforesaid guardians and trustees at the time and upon the terms and under the restrictions in this Will heretofore mentioned, they the said guardians and trustees in their best judgment giving to the worthy and withholding from the unworthy, and for this purpose I do give to the aforesaid guardians and trustees as ample and full power over the same as I might exercise and would have if living.

Fifth- I do direct as between my aforesaid wife Isabelle E. Brosnaham and children John A. Brosnaham, Georgianna E. Renshaw and George O Brosnaham, that all monies, bonds, notes and other obligations I may die possessed of, shall be taken by them immediately after inventory of the same is made as described in item third of this Will, and by them to be managed to the best of their knowledge and ability, and when my aforesaid grand children's portions of the same is to be distributed to them, it shall be done so with the increase or diminution as the case may be of their said portions. The said guardians and trustees aforesaid not to be held accountable to them for interest or for losses. And my further Will is that in case of my aforesaid grand children marrying and proving worthy shall at the time above specified receive his, her or their share or shares, and if proving unworthy then his, her or their portion or portions intended for such party shall be withheld as aforesaid, then in such case, such portion or portions shall go and be paid to and for the use and benefit of all and every the child or children of such grand child so marrying, the same to be equally divided to and amongst them share and share alike and to be paid to such child or children at his, hers or their respective ages of twenty one years with increase or diminution of the same until paid, the said guardians and trustees aforesaid not to be held accountable to them for interest nor for losses.

Sixth- I name and appoint my wife Isabelle E. Brosnaham and my children John A. Brosnaham, Georgianna E. Renshaw, George O. Brosnaham as executors of this my Will.

Witness my hand and seal at Pensacola, this Seventh day of

December A.D. Eighteen hundred and seventy.

(signed) John Brosnham (seal)

Signed, Sealed and published  
by the testator in our presence  
as witnesses and who have signed  
as such sitnesses in the presence  
of each other and of the said  
testator.

M. G. Yniestra  
M. F. Gonzalez,  
F. E. de la Rua.

State of Florida,  
Escambia County.

I Henry Bellinger, County Judge in and for the aforesaid State and County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Last Will and Testament of John Brosnham, deceased, as the same appears of record in my office in Book of Wills, No. 4, at pages No. 1 et seq..

In Tesamony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Pensacola, this the 16<sup>th</sup>. day of December, A.D. 1909.

Henry Bellinger [signature]  
County Judge.