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Last Will of E. J. Williams late of Berrien Co.
Georgia
Berrien County In the name of God Amen

I Ezekiel J. Williams of the State and County
aforesaid being advanced in age, but of sound and
disposing Mind and Memory do make, Pub-
lish and declare this to be and contain my
true last Will and Testament, Hereby revoking
all former Wills by me made.

Item 1st I desire that after death my bod-
y be buried in a decent and Christian like man-
ner my Soul I commend to my God, and I
trust in his Salvation through the atonement
made by the Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ

Item 2nd I desire and direct that my
just debts be paid as early as practicable af-
ter my death

Item 3rd I make no provision in this Will
for my 5 eldest Sons, William W. James E.
Griffin C. John J. and Winfield E.
Williams, because I have already advanced to
each property valued by me at \$25⁰⁰. Four
Hundred and Twenty five Dollars

Item 4th
I give and bequeath to my daughter
Margaret A. Lewis (\$100⁰⁰) One Hundred Dollars
and to her daughter and to my Grand daughter
Theodora E. Lewis, \$100⁰⁰ and Hundred Dollars
to my daughter Elizabeth A. Purvis I give and
bequeath \$200⁰⁰ Two Hundred Dollars. To my
daughter Nancy A. Willis I give and bequeath
\$50⁰⁰ Fifty Dollars. Having advanced to
her \$150⁰⁰ One Hundred and fifty Dollars
and to my daughter Eliza J. Lewis I give
and bequeath \$25⁰⁰ One Hundred and
twenty five Dollars. I have advanced to her

to be paid in the manner and within the period of
time hereinafter limited and directed
Item 5th

The rest and residue of my estate Real
and Personal, of which I may be seized and pos-
sessed, wherever located I give and devise a
bequest if she survive me to my beloved Wife
Flora Williams for and during the period of
her natural life, And after death remain-
over to my Son Irvin A. Williams, And in
the event of the death of my Wife before I die
then I give devise and bequest said real
and residue of my estate direct to my son
Irvin A. Williams in either event subject
to the payment of the pecuniary Legacies
mentioned in the 4th and preceding Items
of this Will if said amounts are not
paid in my lifetime in which event said
pecuniary legacies shall not be paid again
but shall be considered and held as such
in the manner following to-wit to my
daughter if unpaid by me while in life
the several amounts bequeathed each at
any time within 3 years from the Probate
Record of this Will, without interest, leaving
it to the discretion of my Executors which shall
be paid first, stopping to the wants and nec-
ties of the several legacies and making the
selection to whom or which the payments shall
be first made and my Grand daughter Ther-
esa O. Lewis to be paid at any time within 3
years from the Probate and Record of this Will
Without Interest

Item 6th

I hereby nominate, constitute and
appoint my sons William Williams and J.
A. Williams Executors of this my Last Will and
Testament

Continued

I Ezeiel J. Williams have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal. This 25th of Oct 1899
E. J. Williams

Signed, Sealed, Declared and Published by
Ezeiel J. Williams as his last Will and Tes-
tament in the Presence of the Undersigned who
subscribe our names as Witnesses thereto in the
presence of said Testator, at his Special instance
and request and in the presence of each
other This 25th day of October 1899

W H Griffin
E J Lamb
W H Sneed

State of Georgia }
Berrien County } I W H Sneed and E J Lamb
do swear that we as well as W H Griffin saw
the within named E J Williams sign and
publish the Within paper, as his last Will and
Testament that we subscribed the same as
Witnesses thereto at the special instance and
request of said E. J. Williams and in his
presence, as did also W H Griffin that the said

Williams signed the same freely and Voluntarily
and was at the time of such signing of sound
and disposing mind and memory.

Done to and Subscribed

Before me July 2nd 1888

Wm S. Sneed

Ordinary Bl.

W H Sneed
E J Lamb

J A Williams & W. W. Williams

vs

Elizabeth A. Davis

John J. Williams

W. E. Williams

J. E. Williams

M. A. Lewis

G. E. Williams

Nancy A. Whitist

Olga J. Lovitt.

Propounders of the last

Will of E. J. Williams

in Saleem forge

Ordinary Court

Berrien

County of

Original Interrogatories to be
submitted to W. H. Griffin a material Witness for
the Propounders who resides in Townsends County
1st Interrogatory.

Do you know the parties and
where do you reside.

2nd Interrogatory.

Will you look at the attached will
and state if you ever signed the same as a
Witness and who were the other Witnesses to said
Will, and at whose instance and request was
the same signed, and in whose presence

3rd Interrogatory

Was the said Will signed and published
as the last will and testament of E. J. Williams
and did he sign the same voluntarily and what
was the Condition of his mind at the time of
said signing.

4th Inter

State all you know that will benefit
the Propounders

H. B. Peoples, Clerk
for Propounders

Due and legal notice as aforesaid copy of written Interrogatories waived, taking time of filing & issuing Commission waived. And Consent that J. W. Kelly take the Within Interrogatories.
This June 5th 1888,

J. E. Williams
J. J. Williams
Betty Purvis
W. E. Williams
J. E. Williams
M. A. Lewis
Nancy A. Willis
Olga J. Lovett

W. W. Williams and
J. A. Williams

Propounders of the Last Will of E. J. Williams

^{vs.}
Elizabeth Lewis et al
State of Georgia
Lawrence County

By virtue of an agreement between the parties in the case of W. W. Williams and J. A. Williams propounders of the last Will of E. J. Williams vs. Elizabeth Lewis et al pending in the Court of Ordinary of Berrien County the undersigned acting as Commissioner has caused W. H. Griffin a Notary in said Cause to come before me who being duly sworn true answers to make to the annexed Interrogatories deposes and answers as follows

To the First Interrogatory He answers
I reside in the County of Lawrence and know the parties in the Case above styled.

To 2nd Interrogatory He answers I have examined the Will hereto attached. I signed the same as a Witness in the presence of E. J. Williams at his special instance and request.

and in the presence of other witnesses whom I do not remember, The testator signed the same in my presence

To the 3rd Interrogatory He answers -
That E. Williams signed said Will voluntarily and published the same as his Last will and Testament he is of sound memory and discretion and was about that business solemnly and deliberately and gave the best of reasons for his Action

To the 4th Interrogatory he answers -
I know nothing further that will benefit the Propounder Answered, Subscribed and Sworn to before this 16th day of June 1888 W. A. Griffin
McDuffy Commissioner

State of Georgia } We William Williams and I
Berrien County } Williams do solemnly swear that
this writing contains the true last will of the within
named E. J. Williams deceased so far as we know
or believe and that we will well and truly
execute the same in accordance with the law of
this State so help us God, } W. W. Williams
S. A. Williams

Silas Tiggart
Ordinary,
Filed no Office May 9th 1888, Proven in solemn form
and admitted to Record, and Letters Testamentary
issued July 3rd 1888.
Recorded July 5th 1888

Silas Tiggart Ordinary
Examined and Approved
July 11th 1888
J. J. Parrish