

Bibb County Wills
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Georgia } I Asa & Ernest of said County being
 said County } of advanced age but of sound and dispo-
 sing mind and memory make declare and
 publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby disposing
 of all the Property I may own & possess at the time of
 my death & hereby revoking all former Will or Wills here-
 before made by me

1st I desire my Body to have the Site of Christian Burial
United to my Condition in life -

I desire all my Debt, if any, Paid as soon after my death as the same can be done -

To My Wife Gerliann Earnest I give the Sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000) in such of my Property as she may select, at a fair valuation or in money at her option if the money should be on hand; the above to her for & during her life, & at her death to be equally divided among my Six Children, Share and Share alike, in case of the death of any of my Children their descendants to take his or her Share; the above to my Wife in full & in lieu of all Claim of Dowry & of all other Claim upon my Estate of any kind.

4- I have advanced my Children Martha Sherwood
William C. Each two hundred & Fifty Dollars; and Mary
E. and Amelia Each one hundred & Twenty Dollars
and I desire Eighty Dollars shall be paid to
said Mary E. & Amelia Each, and two hundred
Fifty Dollars to Asa M. & George W. Each &
make all six equal in this respect -
All this I do

5th All the Balance of My Estate & Property of every Kind & Sort I wish Equally divided & given to my Said Six Children Share and Share alike in Case any of my Said Children should die before Child or Children such Child or Children to take the Share & part of the Deceased Parent among them; If they or Any of them die before Child or Children, then their Part & Share be divided among my other Surviving Children.

8th) be divorced from my other surviving children. I desire that all and everything owned by me shall remain under the title of my wife and shall be for their living as a sole & separate property from the debts or contracts of any husband to whom they may have and at their death to be equally divided among their children but if they have no children or descendants, then to go to my other children or descendants if any.

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Last Will & Testament of A. E. Ernest Continued

Asa M^r George W. (So Seal as George W. is of age)
 Executors of this my Last Will & Testament and I hereby
 for & three Daughters & their Property; and I
 hereby authorize them to sell and dispose of any
 of the Property in their discretion at Public or Private
 Sale; and I do not wish them to go to the trouble
 or expense of making any Return to the Court
 of Ordinary, but wish them to settle and divide
 the Estate under this Will among themselves -
 On which Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed my Seal to this as my Last Will and
 Testament this 10th day of May A.D. 1859

A E Ernest

The above and foregoing Enacted, Drafted & declared
 by Asa E Ernest as for his last Will & Testament
 in our Presence and we have hereto set our hands
 and Seals as Witnesses at his request & in his Presence
 & in the Presence of each other this 10th of May 1859

Peter Delamater

James A. Knight

S. N. Whittle

N. W. Hodgkins

Bibb Court of Ordinary May Term 1862
 Personally appeared Lewis N. Whittle who being
 duly sworn, saith that he saw said Asa E Ernest sign
 and declare and Publish the above & foregoing as
 for his Last Will and Testament that he did so
 freely and voluntarily & without any Coercion
 or Compulsion whatever, that at the time
 he was of sound and disposing mind and
 memory, that deponent subscribed the same as
 a Witness at request of said Ernest, in his Presence
 and in the Presence of the other Witnesses and saw
 them to wit: Peter Delamater, James A. Knight & N. W.
 Hodgkins do so likewise

Subscribed
 before me this May 6th 1862

in open Court

Wm. M. Riley Ordinary

Presided May 6th 1862

Prof. Riley