

Last Will and Testament of Benjamin F. Owens

Nothing is more certain than death, and nothing more uncertain than the time it may arrive. Therefore I Benjamin Franklin Owens of the County of Bibb and State of Georgia, being free in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and ordain this as my Last will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

First, Above all other things, I desire that my immortal spirit given me by a great and good Lord should return unto him who gave it, and in humble confidence upon the merits of an all atoning Saviour Jesus Christ, and that on the morning of the Resurrection it shall arise to enjoy the presence in an Eternity of Bliss.

Secondly, It is my will and desire that all my just debts shall first be paid then I leave to my wife Elmyra Owens the use of all my property both real and personal to bring up and to educate my sons Benjamin Franklin Owens and William Henry Owens and her son Charles William Hargrove until my son William Henry Owens shall arrive at the age of twenty one year and then I give to my wife Elmyra A. Owens one third part of the said property both real and personal then remaining and I give the balance of every description whatsoever to be equally divided between my son Benjamin Franklin Owens, William Henry Owens and Charles William Hargrove or the survivors of them their heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly, I give to my son Benjamin Franklin Owens my Collar Button containing a portion of the binding of General Washington's Revolution my margin.

Fourthly, I give to my son William Henry Owens my silver Button.

Fifthly, I give to my step son Charles William Hargrove my pencil case as a memento of me and of my affection for him.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my affectionate and beloved wife my family Bible.

Seventhly, To my highly respected Father in law the Rev. John Williamson I present and leave my pocket watch as a testimony of my ardent esteem and affection.

Lastly, I desire that no appraisement of my property be made and I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Elmyra A. Owens and my friend Charles Williamson and C. Belmont whole and sole Executors and Execution of this my last will and Testament and hereby invest them with full power and authority to sign, seal and deliver

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 of my property at public or private sale and in
 way they may deem best calculated to promote the
 interests of my wife and children as I myself
 or could do in my life and settle all my business
 in that way they shall consider best.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal this 14th June Anno Domini 1823
 hundred and thirty three.

Signed, acknowledged and
 declared in presence of
 Rich^d M. Goldrick
 Tho^s F. Myche
 Judith C. Tucker

Wm. F. Owens

Georgia }
 Bibb County } Court of Ordinary in Chambers. At
 their Honors John Campbell Assessor
 and R. B. Washington

Personally appeared Rich^d
 M. Goldrick a subscribing witness to the foregoing
 instrument, who being duly sworn deposes
 and says that he saw Wm. F. Owens declare and
 acknowledge and declare the same to be his
 will and Testament, and that at the time
 of sound mind and judgment and without
 further declares that he saw Thomas F. Myche
 and Judith C. Tucker sign their names as
 witnesses.

Richard M. Goldrick