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Last Will & Testament of Charles Collins dead  
 The Will of Charles Collins  
 of Macon Geo.

I Charles Collins of the County of Bibb State of Georgia being now in health of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of life & desiring to make a proper disposition of my worldly effects which I may leave at my death do therefore make & enact & publish this to be my last Will & Testament, that is to say.

First; after my just debts are paid off and discharged the residue of my Estate real personal & mixed I give & bequeath & dispose of as follows to wit: To my Wife Sophia Collins I give & devise & bequeath my dwelling house & lots where we now reside in the City of Macon, with all the other improvements on said lots and all the furniture in or attached to said house and my carriage & carriage horses together with the following name & mares viz: Ben, Cornelius, Elizabeth, Hannah, Martha & the small child Eugene, Lucy & Wright, as also my garden place just outside the City limits of Macon on the Western River and also the Bank Stock now standing in her name on the books of the Manufacturers Bank Macon say Ten thousand dollars in value for & during her natural life. But at the death of my said Wife all of this is to belong in possession as it will at my death vest in & remain to & in my two Sons Appleton P. Collins & Oscar P. Collins and at his death it is to be equally divided between my said two Sons share & share alike with their heirs forever.

Having heretofore given to my son Thomas W. Collins now deceased what may be considered his full portion of my estate say Five thousand & dollars his children would not be entitled to any part interest in my property but nevertheless I will bequeath to each of his children while living the sum of (\$100) one hundred dollars per annum until they arrive respectively to the age of eighteen years at which time as to each one respectively said legacy is to cease. And this provision is to be in full discharge of all claims which the heirs of my son Thomas W. Collins might suppose themselves entitled to from my estate.

Then; all the rest residue & remainder of my Estate real and personal & all my property & rights of property whatever I give & devise & bequeath unto my two Sons Appleton P. Collins & Oscar Collins to be equally divided between them their heirs share & share alike forever in fee simple;

And I hereby nominate & appoint my said Sons Appleton P. Collins & Oscar P. Collins Executors of this my Last Will & Testament with power to them or the survivor of them to sell at public or private sale such of my property as may be needed to carry out my wishes herein expressed and to make disposition distribution by private or public sale of the whole or by sale of a part and a division of the rest in kind or both to canvas in any sale for this for this latter purpose But in case either son should die without such division having

Mr. Saw Charles Collins the said Testator subscribe this instrument  
our presence - and he at the same time published & declared the  
So subscribed to be his last Will & Testament - He & we at his request  
& in his presence did here sign our names as witnesses thereto

Bibb Court of Ordinary  
February Term 1865

On hearing the foregoing Petition and it being shewn to the Court  
true and Paid well having been proved By the oath of George  
Harrington one of the Subscribing Petitioners.

admitted to probate & Records in Court in form and that J<sup>W</sup> Ware  
Stephen Collins, B<sup>Y</sup> Overton, P<sup>R</sup> Smith & R. Blanton are  
appointed appraisers of said Estate & further that Letters Testamentary be  
issued to A. P. & C. Collins they having taken the usual Oath of office  
in all things else comply & touching such case made & provided  
By the Court Feb<sup>y</sup> 6 1865

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The Petition of A. P. & C. Collins Respectfully sheweth unto your  
County, & that Charles Collins of said County lately died Testate leaving  
their Mother & 5 Sons & Nephews the Children of Thomas W. Collins  
W. W. L.

No 1  
as heirs to decd Estate they now A P & O Collins now come into Court  
this July Term and ask your Honor to admit the will of Charles  
Collins decd to probate the same in common form and to appoint  
appraisers to appraise said Estate and also to issue Testamentary  
Letters of Administration to Said Petitioners and Petitioner's  
ever pray'd C  
July 6 1868  
A P Collins  
O C Collins

A. B. Collins  
A. C. Collins  
Platt

Georgia  
Bibb County  
No 2.

2 Bibb Court of Ordinary Feby Term 1865 Personally came  
& Hardin one of the subscribing witnesses to the for-  
mish & Testament Says he saw Charles Collins sign Seal & make  
declare the foregoing as and for his last will & Testament and  
was of sound disposing mind & memory and that he signed  
truly and of his own accord and that he signed in the pre-  
sence of the witnesses and at his request aid in the presence of the witnesses  
He further says that they all signed along the presence of  
himself and the other  
witnesses to be subscribed to before  
me this 6th day of Feb 1865