

Georgia
Bibb County

I In the name of God Amen; I Edmund Gilbert of the County and State
of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind and memory; do make, ordain
declare and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and
form following to wit

Item 1st My will is that all my just debts be paid

Item 2nd My will is that my son Josephus Gilbert receive ~~from my estate~~ ^{one} ~~of~~ ^{one} of them to be furnished as those were that my other children receive
My will further is that my three sons Edmund A. B. John B. and Julius C. Gilbert
each receive one Bed; that will make my childrens equal in this article
of Beds

Item 3rd My will is that all the Negroes I may own at my Death be divided into
seven lots and drawn for at the prices that they may fairly appraise or value
at by the following Children to wit. Rebecca Stalins Children Edmund A.
John B. Julius C. and Josephus Gilbert A. B. Catharine Sneed and Josephus Gilbert
in Trust for Sarah Frances Sims; which is to be accounted to them in part
their distributive share of my estate

Atom 4th My will is that the balance of my Estate both real and personal be sold by
my Executors at such time and place as they may think best for all concerned
and be equally divided between all of my Children Share and Share alike
after each one accounting for what he or they have received from me as follows:
Sophiah W Biddle has received \$2200 twenty two hundred dollars Rebecca M Staley
received in ^{her} life time \$725 Seven hundred and twenty five dollars, Edmund A
has received \$700 Seven hundred dollars, John B has received \$750 Seven hundred
and fifty dollars, Malcomb J received in his lifetime \$700 Seven hundred
dollars, Elias has received \$1100 Eleven hundred dollars, A B Cuthbert
received has received \$1000 one thousand dollars, Sarah Francis Mims has received
\$1000 one thousand dollars, and Josephus Gilbert has received \$800 eight
hundred dollars) or may receive hereafter from me or from my Estate.
Taking the same in part of their distributive Share of my estate, and in those
cases where my children have died and left child or children said child
or children shall receive that portion that would be coming to its parent
if in life, so as to make all of my children in the final settlement of my
Estate share equally. Malcomb J Gilbert's children receive

Item 5th My will is, this that the portions of My Estate that would be going to My daughter
ter Sophia W Bixbee be given and equally divided between her three daughters
Mary Walker Marthy Simpson and Commiller Williams

Item 6th I now will and bequeath to My beloved son Josephus Gilbert all that part of
My Estate that would be going to My Daughter Sarah Francis Minis (In trust
for her, her and her children receiving all the benefits of the same he the said
Trustee administering to her wants whenever necessary to the full amount of the
income of the same either by Rents, hire or Interest he the said Trustee to be the
sole judge and Manager of the same so long as the said Sarah Francis Minis
shall live and at her death to give the said Share to her children in fee simple

Item 7th I Likewise appoint My sons Julius C & Josephus Gilbert to be Executors of this
My last will and testament and they are hereby made and constituted the
same

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the
thirtieth day of May Eighteen hundred and fifty six. Signed and Sealed
in the presence of

William Wagon
Jas H Ligonston
J. H. Gilbert

Edmund Gilbert

the
Bibb County

Court of ordnance 12 Aug 1858

In open Court personally appeared before me
William T. Maffey ordnance of Bibb County
Willam R. Maffey Loc 12 Simonson
John R. Gilbert subscribing witnesses
to the annexed foregoing last will & testament
of Edmund Gilbert who each after being
duly sworn depose & say: That said
sign seal publish & declare the annexed foregoing
as for his last will & testament - That said
testator was of sound mind & memory and
executed the same freely & voluntarily without
coercion or restraint from any one
That said testator signed that same in our
presence & we signed in his presence & in
presence of each other

William T. Maffey
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