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The Last Will & Testament of E. Gilbert
Georgian
Bibb County

In the name of God Amen.

I Edmund Gilbert of the County and state aforesaid, 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 2^d } My will is that my son Josephus Gilbert receive from my estate two beds, one of them to be furnished as those were that my other children received

My will further is that my three sons Edmund at John Bond Julius C. Gilbert each receive one bed that will make my children equal in the article of beds

Item 3^d } 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 appraised or valued at, by the following children to wit Rebecca Staley Child

Edmund at, John B, Julius C. and Josephus Gilbert at G. Catherine Breed and Josephus Gilbert in trust for Sarah Frances Minns which is to be accounted to them in part of their distributive share of my estate.

Item 4th } My Will is that the balance of my estate both real & 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 my children

Share and Share about. After each one accounting for what he or they have received from me as follows

Josephus W. Biddle has received \$22.00 twenty two hundred dollars, Rebecca M. Staley received in her lifetime \$725.00 seven hundred twenty five dollars, Edmund at, has received \$700 seven hundred dollars John B, has received \$750 seven hundred & fifty dollars Malcolm I, received in his lifetime \$500 seven hundred dollars, Julius C has received \$14.00 fourteen hundred dollars and Catherine Breed has received \$1000 one thousand dollars

Sarah Frances Minns has received \$1000 one thousand dollars & Josephus Gilbert has received \$800 Eight hundred dollars or may receive hereafter from me or from my estate. Taking the same in part of his 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 and to make all of my children in the final settlement of my estate share equally Malcolm I. Gilbert's children receiving their share in the same manner

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Item 6th

would be going to my daughter Sophie, W. Bidelle be given equally divided between her three daughters Mary, Walter, and Simpson & Commislar Williams.

Item 6th

I now will and bequeath to my beloved son Joseph Gilbert all that part of my estate that would be going to my daughter Sarah Frances Mims (see trust for her her and her children receiving all the benefit of the same) her said trustee administering to her wants when ever necessary to the full amount of the income of the said either by rents hire or interest he the said trustee to be the sole Judge & manager of the same so long as the said Sarah Frances Mims shall live and at her death to go 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 31st day of May Eighteen hundred and fifty six Signed sealed & called in the presence of

William Wynn
Joel R. Simonson
John L. Gilbert

Edmund Gilbert

Georgia Court of Ordinary 12th Jan 1857

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In open court personally appeared before me William T. Magee, Ordinary of said County William Wynn Joel R. Simonson subscribing witnesses to the annexed & foregoing last will & testament of Edmund Gilbert who each after being duly sworn depone that & sayeth each for himself says he saw Edmund Gilbert 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 the same in our presence & we signed in his presence and in presence of each other.

Subscribed & sworn to in open court this 12th Jan 1857
W. T. Magee Ord.

William Wynn
Joel R. Simonson
John L. Gilbert