

Georgia
Bibb County

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Book of Ordinary
June Term 1865

Ordinary, this places the last will and testament
of Nathan Murrey late of this County, deceased, now lying this
unproven in open Court by Nathan M. Murrey, one of the Exors
in said Will named and appointed, and whereas the same has
been duly proved in common form of law by the oath of two of the
qualifying witnesses thereto, viz. Simeon G. Groves and J. M. Parker; the
last Will and testament of Nathan Murrey is admitted to probate and
ordered to be recorded accordingly.

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Ordinary

State of Georgia Bibb County
In the name of God Amen

I John Bowman of
said state and county, being of advanced age and
knowing that I must shortly depart this ~~life~~ ^{world},
deem it right and proper as it respects myself and family
that I should make a disposition of the property with
which a kind providence has blessed me. I do therefore
make this my last will and testament in manner and
form following hereby, revoking all former wills by
me made.

First. I desire and direct that my body be buried in a
decent and christian-like manner suitable to my condition
in life and without any ostentation whatever. My soul
I trust shall return to rest with God who gives it and hope
for eternal salvation through our blessed Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.

Item second. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid
without delay by my executor hereinafter named and am unwilling
that my estate should be delayed in their right.

Item third. I give and devise to my beloved wife
The plantation on which she lived in Bibb County when
I married her, also my stock of horses mules cows hogs &c.
four or wheat and oats in said plantation the plantation
valued at (\$5500) five thousand two hundred & fifty
I also give to my said beloved wife all the plantation and
blacksmith shop and in place and all the furniture
and kitchen furniture that I now have that it is
where I married her and I give my executor

Item fourth

I do hereby give and devise to my beloved wife Martha the following Negroes, together with their future increase if any at the time of my death (To wit) Fara Chaney Frank and his wife Flora and Flora's children and grand children as follows Eliza and her children George and Frank, Betty and her child Martin Gide Susan and her child Harriet Jerry Seaborn and Penelope Anthony Cary and Cary's eighteen in number And I also give my said wife two thousand dollars (2000) in cash all of which property I give to my said wife with full power to do with as she please and to dispose of the same at any time before or at her death, the eighteen Negroes in this item above mentioned being valued at \$7200

Item fifth

I have already given my oldest daughter Catherine A. Smithy late wife of Larkin Smithy in her life time two thousand five hundred & fifty (2550) dollars in cash with a part of which money two negro girls were bought by my son in law Larkin Smithy said girls being named Frances & Susan which two girls together with the property I now herein bequeath to my grand children the children of the said Catherine A. I desire to be placed in the hands of my son in law Larkin Smithy for the purpose of making a support for himself and family until the youngest child of my said late daughter Catherine A. shall become twelve years of age when said property both land and negroes with all their increase if any shall be equally divided between my grand children being the surviving children of my said daughter Catherine A. (To wit) Nancy Jane Samue Washington John Bowman Elizabeth Catherine Mary Semmes Stephen Larkin and Sarah Frances the said property to be subject to the control of the trustee for my said grand children to be herein after appointed

Item sixth

I give and bequeath to my said grand children above referred to in item fifth my plantation on the east side of the Samuelgee river known as the Pop place valued at \$3500 I also give and bequeath to them my negro man Washington Negro Woman big Becky Negro woman Milly and her four children to wit Louisa Adeline Emily and one valued at \$3000 and all the future natural increase of any of said negroes And the balance of my daughter Catherine A. A children share of my of my estate when and as taken into the account the property now bequeathed to them and the money heretofore given to their Mother as herein before referred to I desire to be paid in cash by my executor to my grand children trustee herein appointed who must pay over to my grand sons above named their share of said money as they become of age and to my grand daughters their share when they marry a man of

Item 7 { I have already given to my second daughter Mary Windsor wife of Alfred Windsor negro girl Nancy Negro man yellow Frank and negro girl Caroline and I now give and bequeath to my said daughter in addition to the above my Negro man Mackley and Margaret his wife and their four children Henry Mary Shadrach and Lot making in all nine Negroes valued at \$4300. I also give to my said daughter Mary Windsor the plantation in Monroe county at which he husband & her reside valued at \$2500. I also give to her in addition to the negroes first named in this item the following other Negroes (to wit) Archie a man and Sally his wife and their two children Chaney & Aaron and their two grand children Henry & William Sucky and her child fine and Arnet a girl these last named negroes bring nine in number valued at \$4700. I also give with all the Negroes named in this item this additional increase if any as they may stand at the time of my death. All said property and all the interest which my said daughter Mary Windsor may have in my estate to be given to her and her children in proper and legal form free from the disposition of her present or future husband.

Item Eight { I have already given to my oldest son Robert Negro woman Dolly and her two children Greens Henry and a Negro boy Anderson four in number valued at \$1100 and five hundred dollars in cash I now give and devise to him and to my youngest son John M. jointly and equally the upper part of my plantation on the west side of the Savannah River bounded as follows beginning at the north west corner of lot of land No 368 and running West North and East with my out side boundary until it strikes the corner of Thence down said river until it strikes the mouth of my Mill creek Thence up said creek until it strikes the line of the West side of fraction No 369 Thence along said line to the beginning point Each of the share of my said sons Robert & John M. in said plantation being valued at five thousand and one hundred & 100 dollars. I also give to my said sons Robert and John M. in joint and equal interest my Negro man old Long and his wife Chaney the interest of each of my sons in said Negroes being valued at \$300.

Item Ninth { I also give and bequeath to my eldest son Robert my Negro man Isaac Peter and my Negro woman Mary and her five children Alfred Bob Emily Bernadine and Maria being seven in number valued at \$3500 with the natural increase if any of my said property and all the interest which I now have in valued at \$4000.

Item Tenth { I have already given to my said son Robert Sally & her children...

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and Caroline valued at \$1700. When given her another child (without increasing said valuation) I also give to her my said daughter all the tract and Enclosure of plantation on the Ocmulgee River on the west side not given and included in the division to my sons Robert and John M. in 1790. This portion of said plantation given to my said daughter being supposed to contain about 483 acres and valued at \$6500 I also give to my said daughter the natural increase of the negroes included in this item if any as they may stand at my death.

I give and bequeath ^{the} property to my daughter Teresina
 the following property to wit, Clark & Liley his
 wife and Liley six children viz Frank David Henry
 Anna Lencia and Thomas and Solomon my wagoner
 and Hannah his wife and John Edwin in Kinder
 together with all their future ^{natural} increase if any said prop-
 erty valued at \$4950 And I further will and direct that the
 property I have now given as well as that which I have
 heretofore given my said daughter Teresina, she keep
 be kept together for the benefit of her and her four children
 William three James Rice Sarah Rice and Robert Rice
 during the natural life or widowhood of my said daughter
 and in the event of my daughter's marriage that the Court
 appoint Commissioners to divide said property and
 all the money she may get from my estate and what they
 may make over and above their their support between
 my said daughter Teresina and her four children
 as named above and assign to my daughter her portion
 the balance to remain together under the management of
 a suitable guardian to be appointed by the Court until
 her eldest child becomes of age when he will take his portion
 in like manner as his Mother did the balance to remain as
 before until the second son becomes of age when he
 will take his portion in like manner And when Sarah
 three my grand daughter becomes of age or marries a
 man of age or when he becomes of age then the remainder
 of said property to be equally divided between her and my
 grand son Robert Rice

I have already given to my fourth daughter Julia &
 Scott wife of Robert Scott Negro man Dick and his wife
 Melly and her two children, Annam & Edmond and Betsey
 valued at \$700 - I now give her in addition Minnie
 Rachel and her four children Emanuel, Mary, Jeff & Sarah free
 value at \$1000. I give them with all their future labor and increase
 making on all ten Negroes value at \$4600 also the following
 to the four Negroes, Emily, Silas and Mahaly his wife Oliver &
 Mary valued at \$2000 together with all their future increase
 making on all ten Negroes value at \$4600 also the following

I further give and devise to my said daughter Julia & a one half equal interest in the plantation & lands purchased from James W. Armstrong which one half interest I appraise and value at \$3250 all which said property herein given I will and direct to be vested and given in a proper, ^{legal} manner to my said daughter and to her children free from the debt or disposition of her present or any future husband.

Item Thirteenth { I have heretofore given to my youngest daughter Lucy A. Long wife of Jesse L. Long. The following negroes Isaac and Dinah his wife, Mariak and her four children, Hobt Maysami Willis & Frances and negro woman Sylvia and her four children Julia Joanna Lauren and Ina Anna valued at \$5000, also I now give to my said daughter Lucy A. the following other negroes to wit, Lenny Allan Mummy Sidney Kelly and her infant child Charity and Lucy Ann valued at \$4050 with all their natural increase, with the future natural increase of said negroes. I also give to my said daughter Lucy A. the other one half equal interest in the plantation and lands I purchased from James W. Armstrong to run the same in connection and joint equal interest with my daughter Julia & Hobt as directed in Item twelfth of this will. Said half interest being valued at \$3250 all which said property herein given I will and direct to be vested and given in a proper and legal manner to my said daughter Lucy A. and to her children free from the debt or disposition of her present or any future husband.

Item fourteenth { I give and devise to my youngest son John M. the one half equal interest in the upper part of my plantation on the West Side of the Ocmulgee River the said upper part being fully described in Item eight of this will the other half equal interest being therein given and devised to my son Robert. The interest of my son John M. being valued at \$5100 also give to my said son John M. a joint and equal interest with his brother Robert in negro man old Tom & Chaney his wife his interest in said negroes being valued at \$300. I also give to my said son John M. the following other negroes to wit, Peter Lamar and his wife Litty and their five children viz, Margaret Litty Ann Phillis Annalee and Sallie Eliza Clarissa and her four children viz, Alfred, Nicholas, Charles and Harriet Looe Isaac Emily and Mary my sister in number together with all their future natural increase of any said negroes. I value said negroes at \$8150 I also give to my said son John M. \$1000 worth of stock on the only land he has

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and I desire of my property not hereinbefore disposed of in this will be sold by my executor on such terms as they may deem most advantageous for the interest of my heirs and the money collected together with all monies that may be due me and that all my just debts be paid as directed in the second clause of this will and all special bequest in cash be all paid and that my five children property (to wit) Mary Winslow John M Bowman Thomas A Rice Helen Holt and Lucy A Long and also the share of my late daughter Catherine A Smithy children as specified in the fifth item of this will taken into consideration & account the several amounts which all and each of my said children and the share of my said deceased daughter have heretofore received and the amount herein bequeathed and given to them be made equal in money to the amount of property heretofore given and herein bequeathed to my son Robert and after the equalizing paying & distributing the same that the balance which shall remain in the hands of my executor be paid over share and share alike to my said children and grand children that is to say the grand children taking the one share to be equally divided between them that the Parent would have been entitled to if living the shares coming to my several daughters and their children to be secured to them in legal and form as has heretofore been directed and specified in this will

Item Sixteenth { I do further will and direct that the property heretofore given in items third and fourth of this will to my beloved wife Martha H. is on the express condition and intended by me as her full ^{entire} share and interest in my estate and in lieu of and satisfaction for all the interest of Dower in the land of which I may die seized and possessed, and I direct that when my executor may be ready to turn over said property to her she my said beloved wife Martha H. be required to sign a legal and proper acquittance and discharge for all and every right of Dower she may have in my said estate

Item Seventeenth { I hereby nominate and appoint my son Robert Bowman Trustee for my grand children, the children of my late daughter Catherine A Smithy I also hereby nominate and appoint my son William H. Brown guardian for my grand children William Rice James Rice Sarah Rice and Robert Rice

Item Eighteenth { I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sons Robert Bowman and John M Bowman executors of this my last will and testament I do not revoke any of the said John Bowman

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of paper set my hand and seal this the twenty first
day of February in the year of our Lord 1855

John Bowman

Signed Sealed published and
declared by the said John Bowman
as his last will and testament
in presence of us who at his request
in presence of each other have subscribed
our names as witnesses hereto

The word in said plantation in
item eight and the words her infant
child Charity in item thirteenth being
interlined before signed

Peter Solomon
Henry J Lamar
A. G. Monroe

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Whereas I John Bowman of the county and State
aforesaid did on the 21st day of February 1855 sign seal declare
and publish my last will and testament in the presence of Peter
Solomon Henry J Lamar and Nathan G Monroe who signed
the said will as witnesses and whereas I am desirous of altering
and changing a devise in said will and testament I therefore
I therefore make and publish this codicil to said will

First } I revoke and change so much of the thirteenth (13th) of said will
as gives to my daughter Lucy A Long and her children certain
property specified in said item, consisting of land & negroes
and money. My said daughter Lucy A Long being now dead.
Except in so far as the negroes already in the possession of my
son in Law James Long specifically described in said item
by their names and the value thereof stated at \$5000, five thousand
dollars

Second } I give and bequeath to my grandson William Henry Long
only surviving child of my late daughter Lucy A Long
the property that I give to Lucy A Long and her children in
my will above referred to should he live to be twenty one years
of age. But should my said grandson die before he
arrives 21 years of age then said property I give to my
other lawful heir exclusive of my wife Martha H. to
whom I have heretofore given in my said will the part
share I assign for her, to be equally divided between
them on the same principles of distribution as set forth
in my will

Third } I appoint my son Robert Bowman trustee for
my said grandson William Henry Long

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Sealed and delivered and published by John Bowman as the
 Comat to his will and Testament of the 21st day of February 1855
 in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our
 names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his
 Special instance and request and of each other
 This seventeenth day of September A.D. 1855

Peter Solomon

Henry G. Lamar

M. G. Monroe

Georgia
 Bibb County }

Ordinarys office January adjourned

Term 1856

Before me William S. Mapes ordinary for
 said county, personally came Robert Bowman executor
 of the last will and Testament of John Bowman late of said
 county deceased and produced the last will and
 Testament of said John Bowman and the Codicil of said
 will annexed and the witnesses to said will (to wit)
 Matthew G. Monroe Peter Solomon & Henry G. Lamar
 which witnesses being duly sworn depose & say that
 they saw John Bowman the Testator sign said declare &
 publish the said instrument now presented as his
 last will and Testament and Codicil freely voluntarily
 and of his own accord & without any compulsion or influence
 whatever, that at the time of the execution of said will and
 codicil said Testator was of sound & disposing mind &
 memory that deponents signed said will and Codicil as
 witnesses in the presence of the Testator & at his special
 instance and request and in presence of each other

Sworn to and subscribed)
 before me this 21st day
 of January 1856

M. G. Monroe

Peter Solomon

Henry G. Lamar

Wm S. Mapes
 ordinary

Upon the application of Robert Bowman executor of
 John Bowman deceased for letters Testamentary showing the
 will of said John Bowman proven in open court in
 solemn form by these subscribing witnesses to said
 will and having taken the usual oath of executor
 ordered that letters Testamentary issue to the
 said Robert Bowman one of the executors
 named in said will and that the will be
 admitted to record in open court
 Done Term 1856

Wm S. Mapes

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