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The last Will and Testament of Joseph A White

State of Georgia,
County of Bibb } In the name of God Amen.

I, Joseph A White of said County and State in view of an affair of honor about to come off, the result of which is ~~uncertain~~, convinced also that my life cannot be spared many years more, deem it right and proper both as respects my dear Child and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent manner amongst those of my Family in Savannah, and if possible beside the remains of my dear departed Wife, and be removed with the others to the new Cemetery when the proper time arrives—

2nd " I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter appointed as I am unwilling any creditors should be delayed in their rights—

3rd I give bequeath and devise unto my beloved son, christened William Mc Call White, but now called by me William Joynt White (and which said name of William Mc Call White I wish changed as soon as possible by my Executors to William Grant) my Entire Real Estate, Personal Estate, Property, rights of Property, Books, Papers, choses in action, Rents, Lands and tenements; all without any reserve or Limitation whatever—

4th I desire that the furniture used in my bed room and office, (the most if not all of it, having been the property of my beloved Wife before marriage) be taken charge of by Robert F Baldwin of Macon County by him solely to be kept until William, my son, may arrive at age or become permanently settled—

5th " I desire that my son shall receive an Education, as liberal as my Estate will allow; believing such an education far better for him than a fortune. I prefer his being educated out of the State; and all things agreeing at Georgetown College D. C.—

6th I desire in the event of my childs death before reaching the age of (21) twenty one years, that my Estate, both real and personal of every description, should within a reasonable time thereafter (provided it can be done without great sacrifice) should be sold to the highest bidder upon such terms as my Executors hereinafter named may deem best, and the proceeds thereof be divided amongst the Heirs Children of my beloved sister Maria Arabella Thompson Wife of William Thompson of Macon, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be first deducted therefrom and paid over to each of my Nephews & Nieces of my said sister Arabella as may have arrived at their apprenticeship, that is to say $500 to

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Joseph A White Will Continued

I hereby constitute and appoint my Brother in law Robert F Baldwin of Macon County and my old friend Alexander Scott of Macon Geo: my Executors of this my last will and testament— should either of them refuse to act, or remove out of the County of the State, I then constitute and appoint my old friend and comrade John B Lamar my Executor in his stead this 30th September 1852.

Joseph A White [L.S.]

Signed sealed and declared and published by Joseph A White as his last will and testament 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 30th September 1852.

Edwd L Strohecker
Alex Scott
F A Menard

Georgia
Bibb County } Court of Ordinary, September Term 1853.

Personally appeared before me Philemon Tracy, Ordinary in and for the County aforesaid, Edward L Strohecker one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of Joseph A White late of said County decd who being duly sworn deposes and says, that he signed the within will at the instance and request of Joseph A White— that said White was of perfectly sound mind and disposing memory— and that he, the said Strohecker saw Alexander Scott and F. A. Menard sign the said will also, at the request and instance of said White—

Now therefore, be it ordered and adjudged that said Will be admitted to Probate, and that Letters testamentary do issue upon the appearance and qualification of the Executors named.

Signed— Ph Tracy [L.S.] Ordinary.