

Georgia
Bibb County

I being mindful of the uncertainty of life and of the importance both as it respects myself and my family, to make and disposition of that property with which a kind Providence has blessed me I make this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1st Item - I desire that my body shall be buried in a Christian like manner, suitable to my condition in life.

2nd Item, I desire and direct that all my just debts shall be promptly paid by my Executors hereinafter appointed.

3rd Item - I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter Geraldine A. Griffin, a piano, a watch, her wardrobe and furniture all of which she is now in possession of, & ever has had under her special control and management, And also One Thousand Dollars for the purpose of purchasing her a servant Steamship, as I have often designed to do, but should my daughter Geraldine prefer to appropriate said sum of money, to any other purpose more agreeable to her wishes, she is at Liberty to do so, upon consultation, and advisement, of her Trustee who I shall hereinafter appoint.

4th Item The bequest as contained in the above third item to my daughter Geraldine, I desire to be over & above, an equal division of the rest of my property between her and my son James W. Griffin.

5th Item I desire and direct that all the property I possess of whatever kind and character it may be, shall be equally divided between my two and only children Geraldine and James, except so far as that I have already bequeathed and given in the third item to my daughter Geraldine - I desire and direct in the division of my Estate, between my Daughter & Son, that my son James shall have and take as a part of his legacy in my Estate, my interest in the firm of Cater & Griffin which I value at four thousand Dollars, and which he is to receive at that valuation, and whatever profit or loss, may grow out of his said interest in said firm, shall be received and borne by himself. And in no event shall any losses growing out of said firm fall upon the interest of my daughter Geraldine in my Estate, but shall be borne entirely and exclusively, out of the interest that my son James receives as his share.

6th Item All the property the property that I have herein bequeathed and given, and that may be set apart out of my Estate for my beloved daughter Geraldine, shall be for her sole and separate use free from the disposition of, & not subject in any

manner to the debts contracts and liabilities of any husband she may have, And I do appoint my faithful & trusty friend Peter Solomon as Trustee of the property herein bequeathed and given to my daughter Geraldine And should my friend Peter Solomon, fail to accept the office of Trustee, it is then my wish and desire that the Judge of the Superior Court, shall select some trusty capable and responsible person, to manage said trust property for my daughter.

9 Item It is further my desire, that should said Trustee of my daughter, deem it advisable to loan out any money that may come to his hands upon interest or put it in real estate or other property he is at liberty to do so

8 Item I hereby constitute and appoint my friends Peter Solomon Nathan C Munroe and my son James W Griffin as the Executors of this my last will and testament.

This 25th day of March 1852.

I signed, sealed published and Larkin Griffin 
declared in presence of us.

Wm J Holt

P & Browne

Thos J Coker

Court of Ordinary, June Term 1854

Before me Philimon Tracy Ordinary in and for Bibb County, Georgia personally appeared William J Holt & P & Browne who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw the testator Larkin Griffin sign the within paper as his last will and testament - that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of said signing, and that as far as they know and believe that he was in the full and free possession of all his faculties - that the signed said will as witnessed at his special intent and request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other - and that they saw Thomas Coker the other subscribing witness do likewise.

June 5th 1854. P Tracy

Ordinary

P & Browne

Wm J Holt

Whereupon it is ordered that said last will and testament be, and the same hereby is admitted to record, and letters testamentary be issued to Peter Solomon, one of the Executors in said will named: - he having taken before me the foregoing and legal oath.

P Tracy
Ordinary

Georgia,
 Bill County) I Larkin Griffin of said County's State, being
 being of sound mind and memory, do make and
 publish this as a codicil to my last Will and testament, which
 was signed, sealed and declared as such by me on the 25th day
 of March A.D. 1852 in presence of William J. Holt, J. C.
 Saward & Thos. J. Cates as witnesses. It being my intention
 that this shall be in addition to and explanatory of the
 Sixth (6) item of said Will.

It is my will and desire that my beloved daughter Geraldine
 in case she shall die without being married or, in case she shall
 hereafter be married, but have no child or children born to her,
 shall have the right and power to dispose of by Will, all the
 property or effects I have in my said Will (to which this is a
 codicil) bequeathed and given to her and that my bequest
 out of my Estate for her. And in case of her being married
 without having child or children born to her and she dying
 without disposing of the same by Will, and leaving her
 husband and survivor, then that one half of said property bequeathed
 to her, shall go and belong to my son James W. Griffin and
 the other half to the husband of my said Daughter.

Should my said daughter Geraldine marry and have
 child or children, then after her death, the said property to
 descend and go to such child or children as she may have, share
 and share alike.

It is my express desire that any husband my said
 daughter may hereafter marry, shall during the life of my
 daughter only receive and have the income or usufruct of said
 property bequeathed to her to the use support and maintenance of
 my daughter, her husband and any child or children they may
 have. And without any accountability to the Trustees of
 my said Daughter for such income or usufruct, It being for
 their support and maintenance.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix
 my seal this May A.D. 1854

Larkin Griffin (Test)

Signed, sealed, declared and published by Larkin Griffin
 as a codicil to his Will dated March 25th A.D. 1852 in presence
 of us the undersigned witnesses, who subscribe our names here
 in presence of said Larkin Griffin, at his request and in
 presence of each other this May 15th A.D. 1854

Thos. J. Cates

William J. Holt

James B. Nottingham

Georgia,
Bills County } Court of Ordinary - June Term 1854

Personally appeared in open Court Cassius B Nottingham subscribing witness to the within codicil, who being duly sworn depone and says, that he saw Larkin Giffen, the testator, well published and declare the within as a codicil to his will dated March 25 A.D. 1852; that at the time of said signing said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory, and in the free and full exercise of his faculties; that he the said Nottingham signed said codicil in the presence of the testator and at his special instance and request; and that he now the time other subscribing witnesses Thomas R Lamer and William Davis as likewise.
C B Nottingham

Macra, 7th November 1853

In the name of God: Amen - I Charles Thompson being in sound mind and disposing memory do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others..

I wish my wife to have all my property together as long as she remains my widow for the use of her and my children. I wish her to buy and sell property as may be best for the Estate. I wish her to give such property as she may think best to my children as they may want having it appraised so that in the end they may all be equal.

In a word I wish her to do any and every thing that may be deemed best for the good of my children and mine of my Estate as I would do if living. I wish this state of things to go on so long as my wife remains my widow, but should she marry, I then wish my Estate to be divided between her and my children then and then alike.

I then give to my wife the portion of property whatever it may be to her for her sole use during her natural life and at her death to go to all her children then in life and the representatives of such as may be dead if any that is to my children and any she may have by any subsequent marriage share and share alike.

I give to Mary M Davis and my son Charles when he arrives at the age of twenty five or twenty six the portion of property that may go to my daughter by any portion of this Will for their sole use during their natural lives and at their death to go to their children should they have any if not I wish them to give a portion of one half of any way they may wish, the other half to go back to my children then in life and the representatives of such as be dead if any. Women should they not desire