

Georgia
Bibb CountyThe Last Will and Testament of
Margaret Groce.

I, Margaret Groce of said County and State being in feeble health but of sound and disposing mind and memory, being desirous so to dispose of my property that after my decease it may be enjoyed and possessed by my children, do make ordain and publish this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all and every will that I may have heretofore made, and whereas my husband Lewis J. Groce and myself did previously to our marriage enter into a marriage settlement by which all my property was vested in Thomas Gilbert to be by him held for my sole and separate use with power therein issued to make a testamentary disposition of the same. Now in execution of said power I do hereby devise and bequeath unto William A. Wilborn all my property both real and personal consisting of a Saw mill, and Land annexed known as Groce's upper Saw Mill adjoining lands of Riggins, Cobb, Bull & Davis, also Wagon and four mules, 10 Log cut & fifteen head of Cattle, a house & lot in the City of Macon known in the plan of said city as Lot no one on Washington Avenue being the house I now occupy, also the household & Kitchen furniture, together with four Negroes Black Lewis Lybie & Chaney - all said real estate being in said County of Bibb, to be by him held in special trust for the use of my children and it is my will & desire that my husband Lewis J. Groce should occupy the house & lot & keep the family together as heretofore but as the children come of age or my daughters marry it is my desire that they receive their equal portions of my said Estate & I do hereby vest the portion of my daughters in my said trustee for their sole and separate use free from the debts and liabilities of my husband they may marry.

It is my will & desire that my property heretofore vested in my said Trustee for the use of my children be controlled & managed in the manner last aforesaid to sustain support & educate my children.

I hereby appoint William H. Wilborn the Executor
of this my last will & Testament. In testimony
whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and
seal this 29th day of May 1857
Signed sealed and published in presence
of us and each of us and in presence
of the Testatrix atty &c

Stephen Collins
Th. E. Sanders
Washington Pol

Margaret Brooke

Court of Ordinary July Term 1857

Georgia }
Bibb County } William H. Wilborn the Executor
of the foregoing last will & Testament of Margaret
Brooke late of said County deceased, having pro-
duced said last will and Testament unto the
Ordinary's Court in and for the County of
Bibb for probate; when Stephen Collins and Washing-
ton Pol two of the subscribing witnesses to said will
came forward and being duly sworn depose
and swear that they saw the said Mrs Margaret
Brooke the Testatrix sign, seal, publish & declare
the said foregoing instrument as her last will &
testament freely and voluntarily, ~~without~~ without
compulsion, and that they signed said will
together with Th. E. Sanders as subscribing witnesses
thereto at the special instance and request of
Testatrix and Th. E. Sanders signed the same in
the presence of Testatrix and depose as a sub-
scribing witness - and that at the signing of the same
the said Testatrix was of sound disposing mind
and memory,
Sworn to and subscribed
before me this July 6th 1857
W. H. Murphy Ordinary

Georgia
Bibb County } Upon the application of William C.
Willborn Executor of Margaret Groce for
letters testamentary, he having the will of the
said Margaret Groce ^{produced} in open Court
in common form by two subscribing wit-
nesses to said will and having taken the
usual oath ordered that letters testamen-
tary issue to the said William C. Willborn
the Executor named in said will, and
that the will be admitted to record.

July 6th 1857

W. T. Mapey
Ordinary

State of Georgia, Bibb County -
In the name of God amen,
I Elizabeth Thrupp of the County of Bibb
& State of Georgia, being of advanced age
and knowing that according to the Course of
Nature, I shall soon depart from this world
determine its rights and proper, both as to respects
my family and myself, that I should make
a disposition of the property that I now possess
of, I do, therefore, make this my last will and
testament, hereby revoking and annulling all
others, heretofore made by me.

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be
buried in a manner suitable to my circum-
stances and Conditions in life My soul, I
trust, will return to rest with God who gave it
as I hope for Eternal Salvation through the
Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Item 2d I give and bequeath to my son
John V. C. Thrupp, my negro boy Dick who
is about sixteen years old and yellow
skinned, to his own proper use, benefit & behoof
and free from any charge whatever