

Last Will & Testament of Martha Mathews

Georgia In the name of God Amen

Bibb County } I Martha Mathews of said County Widow of Timothy Mathews Esq. late of said County deceased being old and infirm, but of sound mind and disposing memory do make publish and declare this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and cancelling all others heretofore made by me -

1st It is my Will & desire that my body be committed to the ground, with proper Christian burial service & in all things suited to my condition in life, trusting in a blissful eternity through the merits and death of my Saviour, Jesus Christ -

2nd It is my Will & desire that all just debts I may owe at the time of my death, if any shall be paid by my Executor or Executors herein after mentioned as soon as possible -

3rd I give, devise and bequeath share & share alike to the children of Mrs Martha Ross the present wife of John B Ross Esq now born together with any others that may be hereafter born to her, the following property viz: the plantation in said County now owned by me known as the Williams place, formerly, belonging to Mrs Flewellan & containing about eleven hundred (1100) acres; also the following negroes, viz: Ann her three children Tom, Bill & John - Milly & her two children Churrian & Rachael, also Jack & her children together with the future increase of said negroes above mentioned -

4th I give and bequeath one Bed, Bedstead & half a dozen Silver Spoons to Mary Ross daughter of Mrs Martha Ross, wife of John B Ross Esq -

5th I give and bequeath my two negroes Alph & Miles also two mules to Wm L. Furlow -

6th I give and bequeath my two negroes Clarke and Hal, to James Wellynick -

7th I give and bequeath my two negroes Leby and Charles to the children of Topley L Holt, as well any children he may hereafter have, as those he now has to them all share & share alike -

8th I give and bequeath my woman Nancy her two children Ann and Sarah together with their future increase, to the children of Mrs Margaret E. Furlow present wife of Timothy M. Furlow Esq, as well to any children the said Mrs Furlow may hereafter have, as to those she now has, to each and all share and share alike -

9th I give and bequeath my ^{negro woman} Blary & her child Cageria, together with their future increase to William C Redding junior.

10th It is my Will and desire that four of my mules shall be sold & the money received therefor placed at interest, which interest received thereon, I wish used & applied to keep my grave yard in proper order and repair and I appoint John B Ross and William S. Furlow as trustees for me and said fund to take charge of the same and carry this into effect -

11th I give and bequeath the balance of my mules and horses not herein before disposed of, to the children of Mrs Martha Ross, wife of John B Ross in the same way & manner as the property in item 3rd is therein given to them -

12th I hereby nominate and appoint my good friends John B Ross Esq and Timothy M. Furlow Executors of this my last Will & Testament

This 20th day of May in the year of our Lord 1856

Martha Mathews

Signed, Sealed, Declared and Published by Mrs Martha Mathews, as her last Will & Testament, in presence of us, the subscribers, who have each subscribed our names hereto, in the presence of the said Mrs Martha Mathews at her special instance and request, and in the presence of each other. This the 30th day of May in the year of our Lord 1856. The words 'my last will' in the fourth line on this page having been intimated before signing.

James Myrick
Nancy Myrick
Joseph S. Lacey
Leonidas Holt

Georgia }
Bibb County } I Martha Mathews widow of Timothy Mathews late of said County deceased being old and infirm but of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make declare and publish this codicil to my last Will and Testament

At 1st I give and bequeath to Mary Rofs daughter of Martha L Rofs wife of John B Rofs Esqr all property of whatever kind I may become in possession of before my death that has not been disposed of in the above mentioned Will
" 2nd I hereby nominate and appoint my good friends John B Rofs Esqr and Timothy M. Furlow Esqr my Executors of this my codicil to my last Will and Testament. This the 30th day of May in the year of our Lord 1856

Martha Mathews

Signed Sealed Declared and Published by Mrs Martha Mathews as the Codicil to her last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who have each subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the said Mrs Martha Mathews at her special instance and request, and in the presence of each other. This the 30th day of May in the year of our Lord 1856. The word declared on this page in fourteenth line being intimated before signing.

James Myrick
Nancy Myrick
Joseph S. Lacey
Leonidas Holt

Georgia }
Bibb County } I Martha Mathews of said County believing myself of sound mind & memory do make and declare this my additional codicil to my last Will & Testament in order to settle any future doubt & dispute of & concerning the last Will & Testament of my late beloved Husband Timothy Mathews dated 14th October 1846 and proven on the 5th day of November 1846 in the said County.

Item 1st It is my Will & pleasure that said last Will & Testament of my said late beloved Husband Timothy Mathews shall ever & remain valid & undisturbed in law & equity
Item 2d It is further my will & pleasure that at my death that all the estate & property referred to and embraced in the 1st & 2d item of my said late beloved Husband's said Will shall devolve & go to and become the property of William Furlow the survivor & legate in therein named.

Item 3d It is still my will & pleasure that this my Codicil shall in no manner affect or disturb any other or prior disposition of my estate either real & personal or otherwise whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal. Published and declared after being duly signed in my presence & tested in the presence of each other. This 30th day of May 1856

Martha Mathews
James Myrick
Joseph S. Lacey
Leonidas Holt

Bible Court of Ordinary

February Term (2^d day) 1857

Personally appeared in open Court, before me Wm. T. Mapey, Ordinary of said County, John B. Rofs & Timothy M. Furlow Executors of Mrs. Martha Matthews & produced her foregoing, last will & testament & also the two Codicils thereto to wit, one dated May the 20th 1856 & the other dated June 18th 1856 & which last codicil is hereto attached the othe being hereon written and also one of the witnesses to said will & two codicils, to wit Wm. Leonidas Holt which said witness being duly sworn depose & says that he saw said Mrs. Martha Matthews the testatrix sign seal declare & publish the instrument now presented as her last will and also the said two Codicils thereto freely voluntarily & of her own accord & without any compulsion or influence whatever: that at the time of executing said will & said two Codicils said Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind & memory, that this deponent signed said will & Codicils as a witness in the presence of the Testatrix & at her special instance & request & saw the other witnesses to said will & Codicils do so likewise & that all the witnesses signed the same in the presence of each other sworn to & subscribed before me

in open Court Feb^y 2^d 1857.

W. T. Mapey, Ordinary,

Leonidas Holt

The Last Will and Testament of Olive Dillard

Georgia }
Bible County }

In the name of God Amen—

O Olive Dillard being in feeble health and knowing that all must die— being of sound mind and memory do make publish and declare This my Last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made

I wish all my just debts paid as soon as possible after my decease

I give my son Manning Dillard my land & corp or Bounty Warrent for Eighty (80) acres of land— If the warrant is located in my lifetime & give him the land to him his heirs forever— This in full of all claims on my estate

all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal after the payment of all my just debts I will and devise to be equally divided into five equal shares or parts and distributed as follows. One share to Susan B. Dillard (wife of Perry Dillard) and the children of said Susan B. Dillard— To the sole and separate use of said Susan B. Dillard & her children born or to be born during her coverture with my son Perry Dillard One share to my daughter Nancy Morris & her children to her and their sole and separate use free from the control or debts of her parent or any future husband One share to my daughter Maryann Dillard. One share to my daughter Maryann Dillard in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter Phoebe Dillard & her children One share to my son Royant Dillard his heirs forever