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Georgia } The Probate Court of the County of Bibb
 Bibb County } of Bibb County Georgia

Considering the Uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, I do make and Publish this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following:-

I It is my Will, and I do hereby direct, that all my just debts be paid, the Claim of Dr Collins being the first to be settled.

II I give and bequeath to my Niece, Mrs Sarah M. Armstrong during her natural life and to her Children after her death, the following named Slaves with the issue of the females; to wit, Lucy and Polly and Emma, Children of the said Lucy.

III I give and bequeath to my Sister Mrs Elizabeth Pratt the Sum of one thousand Dollars (\$1000).

IV I give and bequeath to my Nephew George Holcomb in Trust for his Children John and William the Sum of two hundred Dollars (\$200).

V I give and bequeath to my Nephew Michael Pratt and my Nieces, Margaret Pratt Mrs Louisa Seymour and Mrs Jane Pratt Each the Sum of one hundred Dollars (\$100).

VI I give and bequeath to my Niece Louisa Dilworth, my Work Stand with two Slaves and the Sum of two hundred Dollars (\$200).

VII I give and bequeath to my Nieces Eliza Pratt and Mary Pratt Each the Sum of two hundred Dollars (\$200).

VIII I give and bequeath to my Niece Euphemia Holcomb my Bureau.

IX I give and bequeath to my Nephew Alexander Holcomb my Silver Cup.

X It is my Will, and I do hereby direct, that all my Servants shall receive Each the Sum of Ten Dollars (\$10) and a Suit of Mourning.

XI I give and bequeath to the Presbyterian Church in Macon my Pew in the House of Worship of said Church.

XII I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the Sum of one hundred Dollars (\$100) to and for the use of the said Board of Education.

XIII I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America the Sum of one hundred Dollars (\$100) to be used by the said Board for Missions in Hopewell Presbytery.

XIV I give and bequeath to my Pastor Robert A. Barck for his Children to wit Pauline, William, John, John and Martha the Sum of two hundred Dollars (\$200).

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Dollars (\$250)

XV

Such of my Slaves as are not herein heretofore disposed of and shall remain after the Payment of the Special Legacies herein named, Together with all my Goods, Chattles and Effects, not otherwise disposed of, I do hereby give and bequeath to my Sister Mrs Elizabeth Pratt; provided that if said Slaves are not willing to Live with said Sister my Executors shall Sell said Slaves at a fair Price and deliver the Proceeds to said Sister

XVI

It is my Will, and I do hereby direct that in the Sale of Slaves in the Execution of this Will, the adult Slaves without families, be sold first, and in Case of the necessary Sale for the Execution of the Will, of Slaves having families, that each Mother be sold with her Children. I also direct that such Slaves as shall be for Sale shall have the Privilege of Choosing their Owners, provided they shall Choose such as will pay a fair Price for them

XVII

It is my request that my body be buried beside the remains of my husband in Rose Hill Cemetery in the Lot allowed me by Dr Collins.

XVIII

I do hereby appoint and constitute Dr Robert Collins of Bibb County and my Nephew Alexander Kolbenoff of Camden County, Georgia Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twentieth day of August Eighteen hundred and Fifty Eight.

Mary S Gray. X.

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the above named Mary S Gray to be her Last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us who in the Presence of each other and in the Presence of the Testator, have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses

Edwin Paulsby
A. Wrydie
Robt S Dorris

Georgia Bibb County

I Mary S Gray, of said County do hereby make and ordain this to be a Codicil to my Last Will and Testament by me heretofore made and declared

I hereby give and bequeath unto my said

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Boydie as trustee for his wife the Estate of Jane J. Boydie, a
 Certain Negro now owned by me, named Corrine, about
 twelve years old, with Power in the said Jane J. Boydie
 to dispose of at her own discretion either by Deed or
 Will as she may prefer unencumbered or contrary
 by any other Person or Persons whatever
 Signed & Sealed & Published and declared
 to be a Codicil to her Will by the
 Testatrix, Mary L. Gray, before us this
 Sixth day of October 1858

Edwin Saulsbury x

John Parry x

John C. Croud x

Mary L. Gray

Georgia } To The Court of Ordinary of said County
 Bibb County } The Petition of Alexander Kolgondorf
 Sheweth that Mary L. Gray of said County departed

Georgia } Court of Ordinary February Term 1861
 Bibb County } Before me in open Court Personally, came
 for the purpose of proving the Last Will and Testament
 of Mary L. Gray made on the 20th day of August 1858
 two of the Witnesses to said Will viz Edwin Saulsbury
 and Archibald Boydie and the Will having been
 before that time brought before me for Probate by
 one of the Executors Alexander Kolgondorf who
 has filed a Petition for Probate of the Same the
 said Witnesses depose and say that they saw
 Mary L. Gray sign and publish the Same as her
 last Will on the day and Year therein stated
 as Executed by her; that they witnessed the Same at
 her request in her presence and in presence of
 each other; that the Same was voluntarily Executed
 by her while she was of sound and disposing
 mind and memory; and that they witnessed said
 Will in presence of Robert S. Bonck who also witnessed
 said Will in the presence of the Testatrix and in
 presence of deponents
 known to and subscribed in
 open Court before me this
 February 4 1861

Edwin Saulsbury
A. BoydieWm. M. Haley
Ordinary

I, *Wm. H. Riley*, Clerk of the Court of Ordinary of said County, for the purpose of
 proving a Codicil to the Last Will and Testament
 of *Mary S. Gray* two of the Witnesses to said Codicil
 (which bears date October 6th 1858) viz
Edwin Saulsbury and *John C. Coud* the
 said Codicil with the Original Will
 having been brought before me for Probate
 by one of the Executors *Alexander Kolbendorf*
 who has filed a Petition for the Probate of the
 same - The said Witnesses depose that they saw
 said *Mary S. Gray* sign and Publish the
 same as a Codicil to her last Will and
 Testament on the said 6th day of October
 1858; that they witnessed the same at her
 request in her presence and in presence
 of each other and in presence of *John*
Barney who also witnessed said Codicil
 in the presence of said Testatrix and of
 deponents; that the said Codicil was voluntar-
 ily executed by the said *Mary S. Gray*
 while she was of sound and disposing mind,
 and memory
 Sworn to and Subscribed } *Edwin Saulsbury*
 before me in open Court } *John C. Coud*
February 4th 1861
Wm. H. Riley
 Ordinary

Recorded February 6th 1861 J. H. Riley depy C. C.