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Bibb County Wills
1851-1865 Testament of Merrell Thomas
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In the name of God Amen. I Merrell Thomas of the County of Rich and State of Georgia being of Sound and disposing mind and memory and being serious as to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength so to do, to make and Publish this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills by me at any time heretofore made and ~~Secret~~ Commit my Soul to God Altho gave it and my body I desire to be buried at the burial ground at Midway Church in Rich County, Georgia;

First I Order that my dear friend
Moral Thomas Desero all my Estate both real & Personal
to be equally divided with or between my living children.
Secondly I direct that my dear friend

Second, I give and bequeath to my Son Washington Thomas, to take one Share of my Estate to dispose of by Will.

Third, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Thomas to take one Share of my Estate to Dispose of at his Will.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Felicia Reynolds
to take one Share of my estate to dispose of at her death
as she may like,

Fifth, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Delana Hail to take
one Share of my Estate during her life to use and Control,
Should there be a remainder &c. &c.

Should there be a remainder at her death the same to return to her
to my living children,

Sixth, I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Alla Reynolds one half
of one lot of Lands Situated in Butts County No more
recollated adjoining William Hestons &c

recollected adjoining William Foster on the North & West that she is to take one equal Share of my Estate, should the Land be over them she calls Remond's Share. B. & F.

then she shall Reynolds, shall pay back to the other legates, if not
his equal share then she shall be made equal with the other legates
to use and control during her life.

to use and Control during her life. at her Death to her Children
not to be used or Controlled by her present or future Husband
Should She have some more

Should she have one in no wise whatever.
Ninth, I ordain make & appoint my Sons Washington
Thomas & Mr.

Thomas & John Thomas my Executors with Power to
close up my Estate forthwith as there is no Cause for Delay
of Private or Public Sale.

if Private or Public Sale,
for Witness Whereof I the Said Mervel Thamas to this my will
have set my hand & Seal this 11th day of 18th 18th

gave but my hand Real this 16th day July 1863
 Harriet Thomas

ed, testified and declared by the above named myrl Thomas as his last will and testament
of us who at his request in his presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses
at Chicago, Ill. Co. Ill.
at Chicago, Ill. Co. Ill.
Bill

of each other have subscribed their names as witnesses
 Bibb Cantt of Ordinary
 May Term 1861. Personally
 James Washington Little Thomas, etc.

James Washington & Felt Thomas, appointed by Said Will as Executors & Propounders, the foregoing as the last Will & Testament of Merrel Thomas late of Said Co. to wit:

Merrill Pharnaslate of said County deceased, also known
as one of the subscribing witnesses, who being duly
sworn, said on oath that the said

It is an odd thing that the two great powers, the

Tertator to the foregoing last Will & Testament sign seals declare
& Publish the foregoing as his last Will & Testament that he
the same freely voluntarily and without influence and that
Sam Robert Barker & Thomas J Bartlett the other Subscrib
Witness Sign the same that they all signed in the Presence
of Tertator and at his request and in the Presence
each other
Sworn to Subscribed before J C A Sharp
me in open Court May 2
1864 Wm W Riley Ordinary

Recorded May 3^d 1864 Wm W Riley Ordinary

Munipative Will Mary A Simmons deceased,

Georgia
Wilkinson County } We the undersigned Witness State that we were
in the County of Wilkinson State of Georgia which took
place on Sunday the third day of January 1864 at the
house of Jesse B Carroll of said County. She being then
on a visit at the time her residence being in Macon
and on that day in our presence hearing the said
Carroll to the bed where she was lying said to him that
wanted him to have her house & Lot in the city of Macon
and then there called on Mary A E Sparr & in our
presence hearing told her to hear Witness that she wanted
B Carroll to have her said house & Lot. This Statement
was made as above stated in her last Illness & under
full consciousness of her approaching death she died
in about eight hours thereafter,

By Witness We herof will have hereunto set our hands
this the 19th day of January 1864 Mary A E Sparr
Laney A Pittman
Barah ^{her} ~~her~~ ^{mark}

Bibb County of Ordinary
May Term 1864

Whereas Jesse B Carroll filed in this office on the 25th
1864 a Will Purporting to be a Munipative Will of Mary
A E Simmons late of Bibb County deceased & applying
for citation to issue to all the Parties interested