

Georgia,
Jones County

Bibb County Wills

1851-1865

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In the presence of God

health and of sound mind and memory do make order
and publish this my last Will and testament knowing that
it is appointed me for all men to die.

Item 1st It is my ~~unimpaired~~ will that all my just debts be paid
out of my estate.

Item 2nd I give to my wife Sophronia Thomas ten dollars to be
paid out of my estate.

Item 3 I give and bequeath to my daughter Nellie Rebecca two
negroes (viz) my negro girl Julia and negro boy David
now born & valued at seventy five dollars two cows & calves two
feather beds & furniture.

Item 4 I give and bequeath to my son Francis A Thomas two
negroes (viz) my boy Tom and Ningo two cows & calves and
two feather beds & furniture.

Item 5 I give to my daughter Susan S Thomas two negroes
(viz) Little Cobb a boy and Caroline a girl now born & valued
at seventy five dollars two cows and calves two feather beds
and furniture.

Item 6 I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Ann Thomas
two negroes (viz) John a boy and Charity a girl now born
valued at seventy five dollars two cows and calves two
feather beds and furniture.

Item 7 I give and bequeath to my daughter Fannina Rebekah
Thomas two negroes (viz) William a boy and Ann a
girl also a horse valued at seventy five dollars two cows &
calves and two feather beds and furniture.

Item 8 It is my wish that my Executors board out (if necessary)
and send my daughter Eliza Ann to some good school
for one year and my daughter Fannina Rebecca two years
and pay their expenses out of my estate.

Item 9 Having given off some property to Susan A Thomas and
Sarah Jane Pennington when they were married what I
have now given to the rest of my children will make them
about equal.

Item 10 I leave in the hands of my executors one hundred and
fifty dollars for defraying the expense of ordering and fixing
my former Wifes and myself of my childrens graves at Milton
Massachusetts Co.

Item 11 If any of said negroes which I have already disposed of
should die or be taken to pay my debts then my executors
shall give out of my stock if negroes one or more to their
owners such negroes as may die or be taken to pay my debts
before they receive them.

Carried Over

Item 12th I then give to my son Thomas and Francis A Thomas trustees in trust for the use benefit and support of Sarah Jane Penelton and her heirs during her natural life and then for her issue or issue and if she should have no heir of her body then said property to go back to my children now living or if dead their children the one fourth of the ballance of my estate both real & personal.

Item 13th I give to my other six children James R Thomas Andrew R Thomas Francis A Thomas Saml P Thomas Eliza A Thomas and Francena R Thomas equally the residue of my estate consisting of my negro slaves horses cattle hogs mules and sheep farming utensils house hold and kitchen furniture now in Hancock County Also my negro slaves in Lumpkin County Also my property in Jones County consisting of six hundred and sixty five acres of Land it being the one half of the tract of Land wherein I now live more or less.

Also twelve negroes big pack big Ford Nelson Isaac Daniel Little pack Charles Sims Harriett Vinny Mary and Malinda Also three Mules three Horses one young Jack one ox wagon one yoke steers one half of the cattle one half of the hogs one half of the sheep one half of the farming utensils one half of the household and kitchen furniture bank stock in the bank of Millersville promissory notes &c &c

Item 14th I leave and appoint my son James R Thomas and Francis A Thomas Executors of this my last will and Testament hereunto I set my hand and affix my seal this 19th day of November 1843.

Just

Isaiah Thomas

Robert W Walker

Isaborn Lawrence J.P.

the word A in the fourth item and the word in item seventh before they were then interlined before signed.

Court of Ordinary of Bibb County

January Term 1855

Personally appeared in open Court before me William Tracy Ordinary, Isaborn Walker, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will and Testament, who being duly sworn depose and say, that he saw the testator Michael Thomas sign and publish, and declare the within instrument as his last will and Testament, that at the time of signing the said testator was of sound mind and disposing

mind and memory, and that he signed said will freely, vol-
untarily, and of his own accord.

Said deponent further swears that he signed said will
as subscribing witness in the presence of the testator, and at his
special instance and request, and in the presence also of
Robert W. Walker and Solomon Lawrence, the two other
subscribing witnesses, both of whom he (deponent) saw sign
said will as witnesses in the presence of each other, and of the
testator and at his special instance and request.

Signed & sworn to

Sylvanus Walker

January 11, 1855

Tracy, Ordway.

~William A Deans Will~

State of Georgia,

Bibb County,

I William A Deans of the
County and State aforesaid, being sensible that all
men have to die, and being at present in my sound
and proper mind, do make, ordain and declare this
my last will and testament, revoking all others by me
made heretofore - viz - after paying my just debts, I give
and bequeath my property as follows - to my Father I
give my boy Richard - about seventeen years of age - to my
sister Henrietta Holt. I give Afford a large black man
now in possession of my Father, to Ambella A Jones
my sister I give Susan an old woman - in addition to a
small girl already given to her by the name of Mary
daughter of Susan - the balance of my negroes - Caroline
& wife, Nick, a man - Twenty two years old - George a man
Twenty six years old - tot a man twenty years old - I wish
to be divided equally between - Henrietta J Holt, Ambella
A Jones - Elizabeth J Dean Mary Frances Wynn and
James Dean Jr. - I do further and expressly will and
enjoin it upon my Executors - to emancipate and at
fourteen free - from the service of any person, my three
Mulatto girls Fanny about eight years old, Martha about
six years old - and Harriet about five years old - Also my
negro woman Sarah about twenty years old - Susan com-
plexion - I wish her set free on account of her faithful
services to me - The balance of my property of every kind
and description - by not account or otherwise to be equally
divided between all my sisters within women - and my
brother James - Except so much as it may take to pay
the three little girls of this will set free.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this 11th day of January 1855

William A Deans