

1851-1865

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Georgia }
 Bibb County } being in mental health and strength of mind
 and memory, and being desirous to settle my affairs
 in anticipation of that period which must soon ter-
 minate my life, do make and publish this my last Will and
 Testament;

First It is my Will and desire that all of
 Estate, both real and Personal, of which I may be
 seized or possessed, shall be taken charge of, upon
 my demise by my Executors herein after named
 and shall be by them held, managed and controlled
 as in their judgment may be best and most for the
 interest of my legal heirs either by keeping said Estate
 either or by selling such parts thereof as they may select
 and reinvesting the proceeds in other property; and I will
 and desire that my Executors shall have full power to
 make said sales and investments of the proceeds there-
 without any order of Court so to do, and to transact
 all the business of said Estate without being required
 to make any annual return or account of their acting
 and doing thereon to the Court of Chancery of
 said County; and further that they shall not be
 required to make or return any inventory or
 appraisement of my Estate to said Court.

Second I will and desire that all my Estate and
 property of every kind and description, shall be equally
 divided between my wife Eliza C. Collins, my daughter
 Julia C. Collins and my daughter Mary C. Collins
 share and share alike, that is one third to each
 of them, and that the portion going to my daughter
 shall be set apart to each of them as they become
 of age or when they marry; and that the division
 shall there be made in such manner as may
 be just and equitable and as may be considered
 best by my Executors; provided however that a
 third portion of my Estate which goes to my son
 Campbell whether of them shall vest in and
 be the property in trust of my wife Eliza C. Collins
 and Robert C. Smith as Trustees for my said
 daughters being some consent for the support
 use and benefit of such daughters being
 Court during life, and after her death
 such children as she may leave living
 time of her death, and to be kept from
 exempt from any debt or claim
 of the husband.

Trustees, by writing and signing and to sell any part
or the whole of Said Trust Estate and to reinvest the
proceeds in such other Property, Subject to the
above described Trusts - as Said Trustees shall deem
most for the interest of Said Trust Estate, and with
Power also to Such Daughter being feme Covert if
She Shall die leaving no Child living at the time
of her death, to devise and bequeath by her written
Will and Testament properly Proven and Executed
Said Trust Estate to whomsoever She may see fit;
and with Power Also to Such Daughter and her
husband to appoint and Choose, by their writing
under their hands and seals other Trustees instead of
those hereinbefore named whenever the Said Eliza
C Collins and Robert A Smith Shall wish to resign
Said Trusts or Shall die leaving the Same un-
fulfilled or Shall move out of the limits of the
State of Georgia Said Trustees so appointed taking
Said Trusteeship Subject to the Trusts herein
limited And for the Purpose of executing
and carrying out the devices and bequests intent-
ions and Provisions hereinbefore stated I do
hereby Constitute and appoint My Wife Eliza C
Collins Robert A Smith and George W Wurdie
Executors of this My last Will and Testament, and
Said Eliza C Collins and Robert A Smith Trustees
as aforesaid for my Said Daughters)
In Witness Whereof I the Said Robert Collins
have to this My Will Set My hand and Seal at
Macon on the 7th day of June 1859

Robt Collins

Signed & Sealed Published and declared by the
above named Robert Collins as his last Will
and Testament in presence of us who at his
request in presence of each other have sub-
scribed our names as Witnesses thereto

Chas R Armstrong
Notary Public

Thad H Holt
of Macon
Elam Alexander

Bibb Court of Ordinary May 6th 1861
Personally appeared in open Court Chas R
Armstrong who being duly Sworn Said he
said or Robert Collins late of Said County
did signed Seal declare and Publish the
last Will and Testament thereto attached and
for his last Will and Testament that Said Testament

that at Testator's request this defendant signed said Will as a witness in presence of Testator & of the other witnesses & that he saw the other witnesses viz; Thaddeus P. Hall & Elam Alexander do so likewise & that Testator & said three witnesses all signed & subscribed the same in presence of each other
Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court this May 6th 1861

Charles R. Armstrong

W. M. Wiley

Ordinary

Georgia }
Bibb County } (Whereas I Robert Collins did on the 11th day of June in the year eighteen hundred and fifty nine, declare and Publish my last Will and Testament in the presence of Thaddeus P. Hall Elam Alexander and Charles R. Armstrong who signed the said Will and Testament as witnesses and whereas in consequence of the marriage of my daughter Julia R. Collins with Benjamin B. Lewis since the date of said Will I desire to alter and change so much of said Will as relates to the appointment of one of the Executors I therefore make and Publish this Codicil to said Will and Testament whereby I revoke and annul said Will so far as relates to the appointment of George W. Hardin as one of the Executors of said Will and in lieu and in place of the said George W. Hardin I hereby constitute and appoint my son in law Benjamin B. Lewis one of the Executors of my said Will and Testament this March 25th 1861

Robt Collins

Signed sealed declared and published by Robert Collins as a Codicil to his last Will and Testament of the 9th day of June 1859 in the presence of the undersigned who at his request in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses here to

Alexander M. Spear (Mason)

D. W. Hammond

James L. Veach

Bibb Court of Ordinary May Term 1861
Personally appeared in open Court D. W. Hammond who being duly sworn do solemnly swear that Robert Collins late of said County did declare & publish his last Will and Testament as aforesaid

Testator was at the time of said and disposing
Mind & Memory that he Executed said Codicil freely
& voluntarily & without any coercion or persuasion
whatsoever that at the time Testator Executed the
same it was in the presence of deponent & the
other two Witnesses & that deponent at request of
Testator Subscribed said Codicil as a Witness to
his presence & of Alexander M. Speed & James A
Nisbet & saw them likewise do so in his presence
& that of Testator

Sworn to & subscribed
before me in open
Court this May 6th
A.D. 1861

D. W. Hammond

Wm. H. Riley

Ordinary

Recorded May 8th 1861 Jno. H. Riley scty. C.C.

The Last Will and Testament of Mr Arthur Strobury
of the City of Macon State of Georgia being of Sound
Mind at the time of Making and Publishing this my Last
Will and Testament

I do hereby constitute Mr W A Cherry of the
County of Bibb and State aforesaid my true and
lawful Executor and Trustee of this instrument as
follows viz. I give and bequeath to the said William
A Cherry in Trust all my Property Consisting of one
Negro Man Bill one Negro Woman Ann & one Negro
Boy Roscoe the Son of Ann also four tracts of Land
in Originally Cherokee County State of Georgia Number not
now remembered for the benefit and use of my Nephew
Arthur Mipple Strobury the Son of my Brother Lewis B
Strobury with the following restrictions namely
that the Negro Woman Ann is to be considered only
nominally a Slave and that she only pays one Dollar
a Month wages to said Trustee & that to pay her wages
& that she be allowed all the Privileges Consistent
with her Situation in Law & the Laws and further
that she be allowed to retain the Services of her Son
Roscoe until he is fifteen years old he being now
nine years old and that the Mother & Child are never
separated whilst she lives or the Acts of Bondage
further that all the Household & Kitchen
Furniture my Clothing & the Furniture be given
to her & her family & that she be given