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Last Will and Testament of Robert W. Fort.

State of Georgia
Bibb County

I Robert W. Fort of the City of Charleston and State of South Carolina but at present in the City of Macon and State and County aforesaid, do make ordain and publish this my Last Will and Testament hereby and herein revoking and annulling all former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

And first - It is my will and desire and I therefore direct that my body be decently interred according to the rights and ceremonies of the Methodist Episcopal Church and that my funeral expenses and debts be paid as soon as possible after my decease by my Executor hereinafter named out of the first money that may come into their hands from any portion of my Estate real or personal, And as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows.

First It is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that my Executors appoint as early as practicable after my death three discreet & disinterested persons to make a fair valuation or appraisement of all my household furniture, carriage & horses and all my negroes that I may die possessed of which shall constitute at said valuation or appraisement a part of the bequest hereinafter made, and set apart to my beloved wife Adeline M. Fort and my beloved daughter Julia L. Fort.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my said wife Adeline M. Fort and my daughter Julia L. Fort, Forty thousand Dollars share & share alike to be made up first by my household furniture, carriage & horses & the negroes that I may die possessed of as aforesaid, And according to the valuation herein before provided for and the balance to be paid in money as it may be realized from the residue of my estate real & personal, which bequest it is my will and desire shall be kept together and managed by my Executors as they may think best and most conducive to the interest of my said wife Adeline M. Fort and my daughter Julia L. Fort for and during the widowhood of my said wife, or until the intermarriage of my said wife Adeline M. Fort or my daughter Julia L. Fort. Should my said wife intermarry during the minority of my said daughter Julia L. Fort it is my will and desire that the property hereinbefore bequeathed to them shall be a separate portion falling to my said daughter Julia L. Fort shall continue under the management and control of my Executors herein after named. Thirdly It is my will and desire that the amount of the

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death of my daughter Julia L. Fort during her minority that
one fourth of the amount bequeathed to her be equally
divided among my brothers Benjamin, Maranda, William
Isa E. Edmund L. & James Fort and a my brother in law
Thomas J. Shinkler share and share alike. I also
give out of said child's portion in the event of her death
as aforesaid, one thousand dollars to the mission society
of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be used at the South
Also out of said portion as aforesaid I give one thousand
dollars each to Archibald W. Martin's Mrs. Antoinette
Beall wife of Col. Thomas N. Beall and William B.
Scott son of Wm. F. Scott of Baldwin County. And all the
remainder of said child's portion in the event of her
death as aforesaid I give and bequeath to my wife
Adeline M. Fort.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my brother Edmund L. and James
Fort each the sum of Four thousand dollars, not to
be paid until perfectly convenient for my Executor
to do so. It is further my desire that my brother James
Fort have his Education completed and the expenses
of the same be paid out of that portion of my Estate
bequeathed to my wife and child, That portion of my
Estate bequeathed to my wife to be subject to her disposal
at or prior to her death as she may think proper.

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my brother Isa E. Fort the sum of
Fifteen hundred dollars, the bequests herein given
to my wife Adeline M. Fort & my daughter Julia L. Fort
and my brother Isa E. Edmund L. & James Fort be first
paid and should my Estate not turn out as much
as anticipated by me and there should not be
sufficient to pay all the legacies hereinbefore
provided for, then and in that case, I wish each
to share ratably according to the amount bequeathed
each. In the event of their being sufficient property
to pay all the bequests herein provided for, it is
my will and desire that they should be paid
as soon as my Executor shall find it convenient
to do so. And should there be any over plus
after paying all of said legacies it is my will and
desire that it be equally divided between my said
wife Adeline M. Fort and my daughter Julia L.
Fort. It is my will and desire that all the real
estate that I may die possessed of in my individual
name either in Georgia or Carolina shall be
disposed of as soon as practicable after my death
and on such terms and at times of payment as my
Executor shall think best for the interest of my
Estate. And should my wife Adeline M. Fort wish
at any time to dispose of any of the legacies herein
bequeathed to her and my said daughter and
purchase other in their place it is my desire that
she be thus qualified & I do direct and authorize my
Executor to make such

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Whenever so requested by my said wife.
 It is my will and desire that my herein after
 named Executor act as Testamentary Guardians
 of my daughter Julia L. Fort. and I do hereby constitute
 and appoint them as such until my said daughter
 shall marry. And should my said wife Adeline
 M. Fort have born of her and my body a child or
 children after my death it is my will and desire
 that such child or children take an equal share
 or dividend of my estate with my said wife Adeline
 M. Fort and my daughter Julia L. Fort share and
 share alike.

I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my
 esteemed friends Everard Hammett of Macon Georgia
 and John B. Hayes of Charleston So. Carolina
 Executors to this my last will and Testament
 and I do hereby fully authorize and empower
 them to make settlements and give receipts and
 sign deeds of conveyance for the sale of lands
 and Bills of Sale for the sale of negroes that
 they my said Executors may have to sell &
 dispose of in fulfilling the purposes and intentions
 of this my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I Robert W. Fort have to this my
 will written on one sheet of Paper set my hand
 and Seal this Twenty seventh day of May in the
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and thirty nine.

Signed in the presence of us
 who have signed in the
 presence of each other.
 J. B. Wiley
 James Memmery
 Thos J. Eaton

Robt. W. Fort 

Georgia } Bibb Inferior Court Chambers July 9 1839
 Bibb County } Present John Bailey, Myron Bartlett & Frederick
 Sims Justices of said Court. Personally came
 before us John Bailey, Myron Bartlett & Frederick Sims three of
 the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County James Memmery
 & Thos J. Eaton two of the subscribing witnesses to the last
 will & Testament of Robert W. Fort late of said County deacons
 who being duly sworn say that they saw the said Robert W.
 Fort sign, seal & declare the said last will & Testament
 and that they saw Robert W. Fort at the time of doing so was
 of sound disposing mind & memory. Depose further
 say that they signed the last will & Testament as witnesses
 in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of
 each other and that they saw John B. Wiley do as witness
 sworn to & subscribe before us.

this 9th July 1839.
 John Bailey J. B. F. Sims J. B. L.
 Myron Bartlett

Thos J. Eaton
 James Memmery