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compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of executing said will said testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory that said deponents signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the testator & at his special instance & request & in the presence of each other and that they saw James Knight sign the same as witness thereto Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 3^d march 1856

William S. Mapes
Ordinary

Sam Maria Riddle
John W. Brantley

Georgia }
Bibb County } Know all men by these presents that
aforesaid I Robert Freeman of the County & State
being weak in body and knowing the uncertainty of the
duration of this present life do make and give and publish
this my last will and testament

Item 1 I nominate and appoint my friend ^{Anderson} ~~Anderson~~ Corner the
executor and my beloved wife Harriet B. Freeman the executrix
of this my last will and testament

Item 2 Commending my soul in the hands of a merciful God I desire
that my body be buried in a manner suitable to my circumstances
and at the discretion of my executors

Item 3 I will that all my just debts be paid and for this purpose I give
my executors with power in their discretion to sell such portion
of my estate real or personal as may be deemed by them necessary
for this purpose either at public or private sale as may be best
for the interest of my estate

Item 4 I will and desire that all my estate except such portion as may
be sold for the payment of my debts be kept together and
managed by my executors for the support and maintenance
of my family and for the support and ~~education~~ education of my children
for and during the life or widowhood of my beloved wife, If
my wife should again marry then on the happening of that
event my will is that my estate real and personal be equally divided
between my wife and children share & share alike and this portion

for my wife is made in lieu of dower in my real estate should my
wife continue in widowhood during her life then at her death
my will is that my estate be equally divided among my children
share & share alike and on the division of my estate in either of
the above events happening should any of my children then living
leaving children then being such child or children shall stand
in the place & stead ^{of} of the deceased parent and take the
share that would if living be coming to him or her in the
event the distribution of my estate by either of the
above mentioned should take place and no part of my
any of my children's share

Freeman to aid in the ~~management~~ ^{management} of the property of such minor during their minority and to take charge of ~~make~~ ^{manage} the same for their use & benefit during such minority.

Stem 6th The property by this will given to my said children is given in trust for the sole use of my said children ~~separately~~ ^{respectively} during their natural lives and at their deaths respectively, the remainder to their children then living share & share alike children of decedents to stand in the place of their deceased parents as in the preceding stem of the will and should any of my children die without leaving issue living at the time of their death then the legacy to such child shall lapse and become a part of my estate to be distributed under the fourth stem of my will and I hereby appoint my Brother James B. Freeman trustee to hold the legal title during the estates for life & for the preservation of the remainder contemplated by this stem of my will

Stem 7th Should it so happen that my beloved wife should be incident at the time of my death such after born child if living is to be entitled to ~~all~~ ^{all} the rights and benefits under this will of a child born before my death.

Stem 8th The property given to my beloved wife by this will on the event of her marriage is given to her sole & separate use during her life and to be disposed of at her death in such manner as she may by deed or will direct I in testamentary ^{testimony} whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifth day of October 1855,

Signed sealed declared & published by the testator as his last will and testament in our presence who have subscribed the same in the presence of each other
Gabriel Harrison
R Jordan
Barnard Will

Georgia } Probate
Bibb County } Court of Ordinary
March Term 1856

Personally appeared before me W. J. Massey Ordianary in and for said County Barwell Ordianary one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of Robert Freeman late of this County deceased who being duly sworn deposes and says that he saw the said Freeman sign seal publish & declare said instrument to be his last will and testament that at the time of signing the same the testator was of a sound and disposing mind and memory and that he signed said instrument freely voluntarily and of his own accord and

Deponent further ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} signed said instrument as a subscribing witness thereto in the presence of the testator and at his special instance & request and that he said G. Harrison & B. Hall the other ^{only} subscribing witnesses signed likewise in the presence of each other and at the testator and at the special instance & request of the testator
B. Jordan

Last Will & Testament of Miss Jane Brown
Georgia
Bibb County

In the name of God Amen
I Jane Brown of said state & County being of infirm health & knowing the uncertainty of life deem it right & proper both as it respects myself & friends that I should make this my last will & Testament revoking all others heretofore made by me

Item 1st I desire & direct that my body be immediately removed to Union Hill Washington County there to be buried by the side of my Parents My saved trust will return to rest with the God who gave it as I hope for eternal ~~salvation~~ ^{glorification} through the merits & atonement of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ whose religion I profess & enjoy

Item 2^d I desire & direct that my just debts be paid without delay

Item 3^d I give & bequeath to the Theological Seminary located at Columbia South Carolina the sum of one thousand dollars to be invested to aid in the education in that Institute of poor young men for the Gospel Ministry

Item 4th I give and bequeath to the trustees of Oglethorpe College located at midway near Milledgeville Georgia the sum of five hundred dollars to be by them invested as a permanent scholarship in that institution

Item 5th I give to my beloved grand niece Mrs. Harriet A. Bush of Texas the sum of five hundred dollars

Item 6th I give & bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars to my friend Mrs. Louisa E. E. of Macon Georgia with whom I now reside

Item 7th I give to L. B. Lamar Esq. of Macon Ga. the sum of five hundred dollars for & in consideration of his professional services

Item 8th I give to Rev. J. L. Hanna of Columbia or Carolina to Miss Margaret Hays daughter of Rev. J. Hays of Athens Ga. & to Mr. J. H. Hanna of Macon Ga. the sum of five hundred dollars