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testator in our presence & also signed in his presence &
in the presence of each of us as witnesses.

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John Graham }
Wm A Roff }
Benj. F Roff }

With Inferior Court - as a Court of Ordinary in chambers -
Georgia { Before us Justice of the Inferior Court personally,
Bibb County } came John Graham and William A Roff who
being duly sworn say that they each saw Rufus K Evans late
of said County decedent sign, seal & publish the foregoing
instrument as his last will & testament, that they signed the
same as subscribing witnesses at his request & in his presence &
saw Benjamin F Roff do so likewise. Deponents further
say that the said Rufus K Evans at the time of executing
said Will was in their opinion of sound mind & memory.
Sworn to before us this the 22nd day
of December 1857

Henry Wood - J. J. C.
Nelson Cook - J. J. C.

John Graham
Wm A Roff

Test

Georgia { The last Will & Testament of
Bibb County } Susan Sims -

I, Susan Sims of said
State & County being of sound & disposing mind & memory do make
& ordain this my last Will & Testament.

It is my will & desire that all my just debts be paid & to do this I direct
that my two negroes Ellen & Hannah & the proceeds so far as it is necessary
be applied thereto; and the overplus (if any) be put out at interest or used
in such way as shall conduce to the best interest of my Estate.

It is my will & desire that after the payment of my debts the whole of my
property real & personal be kept together until my son Charles arrives at age,
except such personal property as I may want
at which time a division shall be made equally among my children.
And my daughter Eliza to be kept with my two daughters.

It is my request that Mr Eliza Shickland take charge of my two daughters
& be their guardian & protector & educate them out of my Estate
in such manner as their circumstances will authorize. For which
she is to be amply compensated. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal this 1st Octo 1857.

Susan Sims (S)

Signed, sealed, declared and published by Susan Sims as her last Will & Testament
in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of
said testatrix and of each other this 1st of October 1857, & the interment was made
before the execution of the Will.

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Before me ^{www.georgiaproctors.com} ~~Proctor~~ in and for said County,
 personally came ~~Robert~~ in open Court personally came Robert
 A Smith, and produced before me the last Will and Testament of Susan
 Sims late of said County deceased; and the witnesses of said Will to wit:
 John B. How, William H. Bray, and Washington Lee, being duly sworn, depose
 and say, that they saw Susan Sims, the testatrix, sign, seal, declare
 & publish the instrument now presented, as her last Will and
 Testament, freely, voluntarily, and of her own accord and without
 any compulsion or influence whatever; that at the time of the
 Execution of said Will, said Testatrix was of sound mind and
 disposing memory; that deponents signed said Will as Witnesses
 in presence of the testatrix, at her special instance and
 request and in presence of each other.
 Sworn to & subscribed }
 before me this February 2nd 1852 }

Washington Lee.
 J B How
 W H Bray.

Tracy. ordinary.

Will of Benjamin May

Hickory Grove November the 9th - 1848. Be it known
 Bibb County GA to all whom it may concern that
 I Benjamin May of the County of Bibb & State of
 Georgia Aforesaid Being Now in my 32nd year
 knowing as I do that I cannot stay here much
 longer according to the course of nature and being in my
 right mind And Memory and also being in good health
 (Do think proper at this time to Make this my Last Will
 & Testament, and knowing the uncertainty of life & the
 certainty of Death I have thought proper at this present time
 to make a disposal of my little worldly affairs according to
 my own Satisfaction and agreeable to my own wishes, therefore
 My self and My Wife Anna by our own Industry have
 Made what little we have through the providence of God
 and our own Industry therefore I think proper at this time to
 divide equal with her and in she should be the longest
 lived all the property to remain together untill her death
 then for my Executor to sell of the whole, taking particular care
 to erect around the grave yard a stone wall of heavy stone three
 feet high and an iron railing on the top of said wall three feet
 Making together six feet high All this to be done out of the
 proceeds of my landed property Now the negroes and
 stock of all kinds to be sold separate and to choose their
 own masters and All the notes found in my possession
 at my death or ^{brother's possession} mine to belong to brother Hinchman and
 the Money if any to belong to my wife Anna and
 It is also my wish that Little