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## Last Will &amp; Testament of William A. Robt &amp; Co

Georgia } In the Name of God Amen, I William A Robt  
 Bibb County } of the State and County aforesaid, being about  
 to take a long journey to the west and north,  
 and knowing the accidents to which I shall be liable  
 by reason thereof, deem it right and proper, that I  
 should make a disposition of the Property with which  
 a kind Providence has blessed me,  
 I therefore make this my last and Testament, hereby revoking  
 and annulling all others heretofore made by me,  
Item first, I desire and direct that if the Circum-  
 stances of my death should admit of it, my body be buried  
 in a decent and Christianlike manner, suitable to my  
 Circumstances and Condition in "Rose Hill Cemetery",  
 my Soul I trust, shall return to Rest with God  
 who gave it, as I hope for Eternal Salvation through  
 the Merits of his Son my blessed Saviour,  
Item Second, I desire and direct that all my just  
 Personal or individual debts be paid without delay,  
 by my Executors hereinafter named, so I am unwilling  
 my Creditors should be delayed of their rights, Especially  
 as there is no necessity for delay -  
Item third, I give and devise to my beloved Wife Mary  
 Ann, with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet  
 and Love for twenty years, my Dwelling House and Lot  
 and all the Appurtenances thereto belonging, where I now  
 reside Situated on the Corner of College and Forsyth  
 Streets, Macon Georgia also all my Household and Kitchen  
 Furniture Contained in said Dwelling and on said  
 Premises also all my Horses Carriage ~~Wagon~~ and Calves  
 and all the Provisions Corn and Provisions that may  
 be upon said Premises, Also all my Negro Property  
 Consisting of A Negro Boy named Bob, a Negro  
 Woman named Patsy and her Child Eliza, a  
 Negro Woman named Amanda, a Negro Woman  
 named Harriet and a Negro Woman named Nancy  
 Also the Sum of Twenty thousand Dollars <sup>in money</sup> part of  
 the residue of my Estate the whole of the said  
 devise and bequest to my said Wife Mary Ann  
 to be limited to her use and Enjoyment and  
 occupation during the Course and Term of  
 her Natural Life and the same then to be  
 Equally Divided share and share alike betwixt  
 all my Children who may be alive at the time  
 of her death and if any of my Children should  
 have been married and had Children of their  
 own and should be dead at the time of my death

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of my said Wife Mary Ann then the Child or Children of my said Child or Children which may have died before the death of my said Wife Mary Ann shall receive the Share or Shares of said Estate to which my said Child or Children should have been entitled had they been alive - to be Equally divided between them if more than one.

I also give and bequeath to my said Wife Mary Ann Ten Thousand Dollars out of my Estate, to her and her Soul and Separate use, free from all Charges and Limitations whatever on

Item Fourth; I give and bequeath to my Son William the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, to be paid to him out of my Estate when my said Son William shall have attained the age of Twenty one Years

Item Fifth; I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ellen the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be paid to her when she shall have attained the age of twenty one Years or sooner if she should marry before that time

Item Sixth; I give and bequeath to Edgar A the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be paid to him out of my Estate when he shall have attained the age of twenty one Years

Item Seventh; I give and bequeath to my Daughter Julia the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be paid to her out of my Estate when she shall have attained to the age of twenty one Years or sooner if she should marry before that time

Item Eighth; I give and bequeath to my Daughter Lila M the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be paid to her out of my Estate when she attains the age of twenty one Years, and sooner if she should marry before that time

Item Ninth; I give and bequeath to my Daughter Valeria the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be paid to her out of my Estate when she shall have attained the age of twenty one Years and sooner if she should marry before that time

Item Tenth; I give and bequeath to my Son Luther A the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be paid to him out of my Estate when he shall have attained to the age of twenty one Years and should I have any more Children or another Child by my Wife Mary Ann after the Execution of this my last Will and Testament

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# *Last Will & Testament of William A. Ross*

my Will that Such Child Should have the Same  
 Amount or Share of My Estate, that has been  
 Specifically Devise to each of the Children which  
 I now have, So that all my Children May Share  
 Alike in My Estate in  
Item Eleventh; The rest of My Property both  
 Real and Personal whenever and whatever it  
 may be, I give and devise to all of My Children  
 Share and Share alike to be equally divided  
 between them and it is My Will that the whole of  
 My Estate Should be kept together and the Proceeds  
 thereof be used for the Support Education and  
 Maintenance of My Wife Mary Ann and My Children  
 And that the Several bequests herein made be  
 Paid out of My Said Estate as they shall become  
 Severally due and that on the Death of My Wife  
 then the Residue of My Estate after Providing  
 for the Several Specific bequests herein made  
 be Equally distributed among all My Children  
 Share and Share alike,

Item Twelfth; I constitute and appoint my  
 Wife Mary Ann Executive and Henry L. Pritchett  
 and William C. Redding Jr. Executors to this  
 my Last Will and Testament with full Power and  
 Authority to Manage and Control the whole of  
 my Said Estate both Real and Personal as in their  
 best Judgment may be most Conducive to the Welfare  
 and interest of my heirs, and Subject Only to the  
 Provisions of the Several Wills Contained and  
 Expressed herein and Also with full Power and  
 Authority to make any Settlements or Compromises  
 which they may deem for the Interest of My Estate  
 or My heirs and to Sell any Part or all of my Said  
 Estate, and to Invest the Proceeds or any Portion  
 thereof in any other Property for the use of my Wife  
 or my Children according as they may think best  
 for their Interest or Comfort without laying them  
 selves liable in any manner by Reason thereof  
 Except that they shall be held to account for the  
 Proceeds of any Such Sale or Exchange,  
 This the Eleventh day of June 1860.

William A. Ross  
 Signed Sealed declared and Published by William  
 A. Ross as his Last Will and Testament in Presence of  
 us the Subscribers who Subscribed our names  
 here to in the Presence of the Said Testator

And of each other this the Eleventh day of June  
1860

James M. Jones  
Francis Lake  
Benjamin H. Wigley

Bibb Court Ordinary August Term 1860  
Personally appeared in open Court James M. Jones  
Francis Lake & Benjamin H. Wigley who each being  
duly sworn say they say William A. Rip late of said  
County deceased on the 11th June 1860 sign seal read  
and publish the above and foregoing instrument as of  
his last Will and Testament that at the time he was of  
sound and disposing mind and memory that he  
executed the same freely and voluntarily of  
his own accord without any persuasion constraint  
or compulsion whatever in the presence of the  
undersigned who each subscribed the same as  
witnesses at his instance and request in his presence  
and in the presence of each other  
Sworn to & subscribed  
before me in open Court  
this August 5th 1861  
J. M. Piley  
Ordinary

James M. Jones  
Francis Lake  
Benjamin H. Wigley

Recorded August 6th 1861 J. M. Piley