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Georgia,

Bibb County

that I William Collins of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory but in low health, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

First After the payment of my just debts it is my will and desire that the sum of (\$2000.) Two Thousand Dollars shall be retained in the hands of my Executors or placed in the hands of a proper trustee for the purpose of maintaining and educating and finally purchasing a place or farm in some free state for two girl children by the name of Martha and Elizabeth, both the daughters of a woman known by the name of Ting Solomon; which woman and children are now in the State of Connecticut, the said sum of Two Thousand Dollars to be eventually applied to the benefit of said children.

I next give unto William H Collins son of Stephen Collins, a negro woman by the name of Nanny and her child by the name of Eliza. And all the rest of my property of every kind I desire to be sold, and the proceeds equally divided amongst my Brothers, shaw and shaw alike.

And I further appoint Robert Collins and John S. Blake and Stephen Collins to be my lawful Executors to carry out the upon going bequest.

Signed in presence of the undersigned 15th day October 1854. Wm Collins

H M Bailey
Wilson C Hardy
Charles Collins

Georgia, Bibb County, Court of Ordinary
November Term 1854

Personally appeared in open Court Charles Collins, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will and testament of William Collins, who being duly sworn depose and says, that he saw the testator sign said instrument as his last will & testament fully voluntarily & of his own accord, he reading, publishing the same as his last will & testament; and deponent further says that at the time of signing the testator was of sound mind and disposing memory; and deponent further says that he signed said instrument as a subscribing witness, in the presence of the testator & at his special request & request of that he, deponent be sworn this November 6. 1854. Charles Collins

H M Bailey, Wilson C Hardy, the other subscribing witnesses do depose & swear this November 6. 1854. Charles Collins

Georgia Bibb County I James J White of said County being

by the Grace of God of sound mind, but advanced in years
has thought it proper to make the following disposition
of my worldly goods:

Item 1st I will and direct that my body be buried in a
decent and christian-like manner, and suitable to my
circumstances in life.

Item 2nd I will and devise that all my just debts be paid
without delay by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item 3rd Having made and entered into articles of separation
with my wife Clarissa A White, whereby I have
provided for her, by giving her through a Trustee as much
of my property as under all circumstances, and in
justice to my numerous children and grandchildren,
I think it proper and right for me to do - and
as much as I feel would be just if there had been no
separation; I was now providing for her herein; it is
my will and devise and so direct that my Executors
do give her out of my Estate the sum of five Dollars
only - and no more - Therefore

Item 4th I will & devise that so soon after my decease as
practicable, all my property both real personal & mixed,
shall, by my Executors or the survivor of them be sold
either at private or public sale, & the proceeds be divided
share and share alike, between and among all my
children and grandchildren - the latter to share and
take by families - that is the child or children of any one
of my children to have the same share that its or
their mother and father (as the case may be) would
have been entitled to if then in life.

Item 5th I hereby nominate and appoint my son John
White now of de Kalb county & said State Trustee for each
of my Daughters, to receive and hold their respective
shares or portions in Trust for them, freed from the
debts & control of any & each of their respective, present
or future husbands - And in like manner I appoint
him Trustee for the Daughters of such of my children as
may be dead at the Division - He to live out, or any
or put out their respective shares, or else by their will
have the management with their respective husbands -
he also by the consent of each party interested, to sell
reinvest her share when he thinks it advisable - And if
he shall be dead before the said Division, it is my will
and devise that my son William White be substituted in
his place - And further I authorize & empower him
that either of said sons when acting as Trustee may

consent of either party interested, as to her share, nominate
& appoint another person for such party; to wit quar.
6. I hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friends
Mathew J. Thomson, & my son John White of De Kalb
County, Executors of this my last will and testament,
hereby revoking all other wills by me made - this 14th
day of Jan'y 1851. James J. White

Signed, read, declared and published by James J.
White as his last will & testament in the presence of us
the subscribers, who subscribed our names hereto in the pres-
ence of said Testator (at his special instance & request)
& of each other - this 14 day of Jan'y 1851.

John Rutheford
William D. deGraffenried

Nedias J. Graybill
David J. Davis

Court of Ordinary 6 Nov. 1854

An open Court appeared David J. Davis & William D.
deGraffenried who on oath say they and each of them saw
James J. White sign and seal the annexed and foregoing
instrument as & for his last will & testament.

That he was of sound mind and memory at the time.
Deponents also saw John Rutheford and Nedias J. Graybill
sign said will as witnesses & all of the witnesses signed said
will in the presence of the Testator.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court
this 6 Nov. 1854.

David J. Davis
W. D. deGraffenried

Court of Ordinary Nov. Term 1854

John White Executor of the last will and testament
of James J. White having produced the same in open
Court and the same being duly proven by the
affidavits of David J. Davis & William D. deGraffenried
two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and said John
White having taken the oath required by law.

Ordered that said last will and testament
be admitted to record and that letters testamentary
do issue to said John White Executor of James J. White
P. J. Gray,
Ordinary.