

State of Georgia
Chatham County

Court of Ordinary

Present John Bilbo Esq. Ordinary of the County
Personally appears, James M. Prentiss a subscribing witness to
the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last
will and Testament of Mary Rodgers, late of said County
and State deceased, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith
that he was present, and did see the said instrument ^{being} duly
executed by the said Mary Rodgers, and deponent further
saith that the said Mary Rodgers, at the time of executing
the said instrument of writing, was to the best of deponent's
knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory
and understanding; and that James M. Prentiss (the
deponent) and Darwin B. Gull and Martha A. Thoms
in the presence of each other, and of the said Mary Rodgers
and at her request, signed their names as witnesses
to the due execution of the same.

Sworn to before
me this seventh
day of April 1856
John Bilbo C.C.

James M. Prentiss

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true
last will of the within named Mary Rodgers deceased
so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and
truly execute the same, by paying first the debts
and then the legacies contained in the said will, as
far as the goods and chattles will therunto extend and
they law charge them; and that I will make a true and
perfect inventory of all such goods and chattles, to help
me God.

Sworn to before
me, this seventh
day of April 1856
John Bilbo C.C.

J. Walsh

The Last will & Testament of Geo. W. Owens of the City of
Savannah and State of Georgia - I give and devise
unto my devoted wife Sarah for and during her life my
house in Savannah in which I now reside together with
all the furniture, plates, glasses, carriages &c. also the house and
livery in the County of Habersham and all the domestics attach-
ed to those establishments, and the sum of two thousand and
dollar to be paid to her quarterly for and during her life
and I give and devise to my children Mary John George
Sarah and Margaret an annuity of one thousand dollars

each in addition to what they are now receiving from
 my estate to be paid them quarterly during the life
 of my said wife - I also give and devise to my son
 Richard an annuity of one thousand dollars for his
 maintenance and that of his family, the said sum
 of one thousand dollars to be kept in trust by my ex=
 ecutors and pay him or them quarterly and not to be sub=
 ject to any creditors my son Richard may now or here=
 after have - I will and give one hundred dollars each
 to Emma, Diana and Peter and fifty dollars to Dick my
 domestic servants - 3^d The annual surplus or remainder
 of rents and profits of my Estate after payment of the
 above charges I will and direct to be invested by my
 executors in good security for accumulation until the
 death of my said wife - and after her death I give and
 bequeath subject to the annuity of my son Richard all
 my Estate real and personal to my children Mary, John
 George, Sarah & Margaret share and share alike, the same
 not to be divided until three years after the death of my
 said wife - 4th - My will and desire is that in case my
 son John should die without issue living at the time of his
 death, his portion of my Estate shall go, share and share
 alike to those of my children or their heirs who shall be alive
 at the time of his death - It is my will and desire that
 in case of the marriage of any of my daughters, that set=
 tlements be made of their property on fair and reasonable
 terms so as to protect them against the vicissitudes of life
 5th - I hereby give authority to all or any of my executors
 to sell my lands in Michigan & Wisconsin upon the best terms
 that can be made - I hereby constitute my wife Sarah
 and my sons George & John, the executors of this my will
 signed & sealed in presence of us & each
 other this 15th Decr 1853
 Geo W Anderson
 Jno C. Russell
 A W Mercer
 J M Owens [L.S.]

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April Term 1856 Court of Ordinary

Present John Billo, Esqrs. Ordinary for the County of Chatham
 Personally appears, George W Anderson, John C. Russell and
 A W Mercer, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed
 instrument of writing to the Last Will & Testament
 of George W Owens, late of Chatham County deceased
 who being duly sworn, depose and say that they
 were present and did see the said instrument of

writing, duly executed by the said George W. Owens, and
 dependent further say that the said witness, at the
 time of executing the said instrument of writing, was in
 the state of depraved knowledge and belief of them and
 disfiguring their memory and understanding, and that they
 (the deponent) and in the presence of each other, one of the said
 George W. Owens, and at his request, signed their names
 as witnesses to the due execution of the same.
 Sworn to in open Court this seventh
 day of April 1856
 John Billo O.C.C.

Geo W Owens
 J. H. Haffner
 Sons to Sudder

I Sarah Owens - Do solemnly swear that this writing
 contains the true last will & Testament of the within named
 George W. Owens deceased, so far as I know or believe, and
 that I will well and truly execute the same, by paying
 first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said
 Will; as far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend
 and the Law charge, and that I will make a true and perfect
 inventory of all such goods and chattels - So Help me God
 Sworn to before me
 this twenty first day
 of April, 1856
 John Billo O.C.C.

I Do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last
 Will of the within named Mary Ann Gropus deceased, so far as
 I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same
 by first paying the debts and then the legacies contained in the
 said Will, as far as his goods & chattels will thereto extend
 and the Law charge me, and that I will make a true and
 perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels - So Help me God
 Sworn to before me
 this seventh day of
 April 1856
 John Billo O.C.C.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will
 of the within named John W. Bessie deceased so far as I know or believe
 that I will well and truly execute the same by paying first
 the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will
 as far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend and the Law
 charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of
 all such goods and chattels - So Help me God
 Sworn to before me this
 sixteenth day of April, 1856
 Charles S. Bessie