

Georgia { Court of Ordinary May Term 1864
Decatur County { Present H M Beach

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will & testament of the within named Samuel Gorham dec'd so far as I know or believe and that I will well & truly execute the same by paying first the debts & then the Legacies contained in said Will as far as his Goods & Chattels will extend and the Law charge me & that I will make a true & perfect inventory of all such goods & Chattels so help me God Sworn & Subscribed before

on May 2nd 1864 { Peter Vanlandingham
H M Beach Only }

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The last Will & Testament of Samuel Gorham having been proven at this the regular term of the Court on the oaths of Joshua Martin & R S Plouffe in common form it is ordered There being no Objection that the same be recorded
H M Beach, Ordaining

In the Name of God Amen I Lucie Griffie of the County of Decatur & State of Georgia being of sound & disposing Mind and Memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength so to do do make & publish this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all

Wills heretofore by me at any time made
+ first I commit my soul to God who gave
it and my body I desire to be buried in
the family burying ground + My worldly
Estate I dispose of as follows.

First I desire + direct That all my just debts
be paid - Second I desire + direct That
my beloved Wife Catherine and all of my
Children Mine in Number Sarah, Martha
Jane, I M, I H, Wm, J, Mary E, James C, and
John L. Kriffin may live + cultivate the farm
whereon I now reside including No 60 in the
20th District also No 61 in the 20th No 48-17 +
18 in the 22nd District containing nine hundred
+ seventy five Acres more or less with the
understanding that all the produce made
for Amuse over + above their support in-
cluding tuition for the youngest Children
that have not been schooled sufficiently is
to be divided equally among my oldest Children
as they arrive to ~~18~~ years of age if they should
have the proper discretion to take care of
the same + not spend it unprofitably to
themselves. Also No 108 + 133 in the 20th Dist
I desire + direct that my wife + Children
keep it common among themselves for the
use of the timber + pasturage as they
may think proper + agree upon between
themselves with the understanding that
John Kriffin is to have an interest therein as
he has been doing heretofore by his paying
his proportional share in the expense in
raising up the Vineyard and Sheep
pasture by so doing he is to have an equal
interest in all the profits arising from
the said two lots of Land No 108 + 133 in

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The 20th District * I also desire & direct that all my interest it being one third of the James Brown plantation lying & being in the County of Jackson & State of Florida containing four or five hundred Acres more or less be equally divided equally between my three oldest Children that is to say Isaac J M Griffie and Martha Hines which they can sell or dispose of in such manner as they may agree upon & divide the proceeds equally among themselves at their own pleasure which is to be a portion of their shares of my Estate Also all my interest it being one half of the following named Lands lying & being in Liberty County and State of Florida in Township two (2) South Range Six (6) West Sections 25 26 27 & 28 containing twenty five hundred & sixty (2560) Acres more or less to be disposed of by my three oldest Children in the same manner as the above plantation land as above stated as a portion of their shares of my Estate I also desire & direct that after my son John S Griffie arrives at eighteen years of age that all my Slaves be equally divided between my beloved wife and all my Children with the understanding that my wife is to select out of all the Negroes just such ones as she may choose so as to make an equal number with the Children and that my wife is to have the privilege of residing on the plantation and have the use of as much Land and enjoy all the privilege she may desire on the premises for and during her natural life I also direct that my two Negroes Simon a man about fifty five years old &

Ann his wife about sixty years old
 are to remain with my wife during
 their natural life but if they should
 survive my wife then they are to have
 their choice which of children they
 may live with. My desire is also that
 all the stock of Hogs Cattle Horses and
 every thing belonging to the premises
 shall be kept there or subject to sell
 if necessary for the use of the family
 & plantation as circumstances may require.
 I hereby constitute & appoint my beloved
 wife Catherine Griffin & J M Griffin my
 my executor to this my last will &
 Testament and it is my desire that
 said Executrix & Executor shall both be
 qualified to act under this Will &
 reposing the most implicit confidence
 in the prudence judgment & integrity
 of my wife & Brother as the Executors of this
 my last will & Testament I do will &
 direct after the record of this Will and
 an inventory & appraisement Return of my
 Estate in & to the Court of Ordinary my
 said Executrix & Executor shall not be
 accountable to or required to make annual
 Return of their Actings & doings to any
 Court of Ordinary or Court of Law or
 Equity except in case of Mismanagement
 of my Estate but shall in their discretion
 Manage & controll my said Estate for the
 best interest of the parties concerned
 as I myself might do were I living—

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand & seal this December 8th 1863

Sam Griffin 259

signed sealed & declared & published
by Sam Griffin the Testator in our presence
& in the presence of each other as subscribing
Witnesses who witness & subscribe the same
in his presence & at his request The day
& year above written

J Law
G W Donaldson
S H Peacock

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In open Court came Catherine Griffin & Isaac
M Griffin the Executors named in the last
Will & Testament of Sam Griffin Decd &
propounded the same for probate and brings
into Court Joseph Law G W Donaldson and
S H Peacock the subscribing witnesses to
the same who being duly sworn say they
saw Sam Griffin the Testator sign seal
declare & publish the foregoing instrument
the same now presented as his last Will
& Testament freely voluntarily & of his
own free accord and without any com-
pulsion or influence whatever & that at
the time of the execution of the said
Will said Testator was of sound & disposing
Mind & Memory & that defendants signed
said Will in the presence of Testator
& in the presence of each other at
the special instance of & request of said
Testator sworn & subscribed before
me May 2nd 1864
S H M Beach ory

J Law
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S H Peacock

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We do solemnly swear That this
writing contains the true last Will of
the within named Lee Griffin our s^o so
far as we know or believe & That we
will well & truly execute the same by
paying first the debts & Then the Legacies
contained in said Will as far as his
Goods & Chattels will Thereto extend
& The Law Charge us & That we will
make a true & perfect inventory of all
such Goods & Chattels so help me
God

Sworn & Subscribed } I M Griffin
before me May 2^d 1864 } C Griffin
H M Beach Ordy }

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The within last Will & Testament having
been proved at this the regular term
of the Court in Common form on the
oaths of Joseph Law & H Peacock &
Geo W Donaldson the witnesses Thereto
it is ordered (There being no objection)
That the same be recorded

H M Beach Ordy