

State of Georgia Morison County

In the name of God Amen:

I Wm. Epps of said State & County being of advanced age and showing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me so therefore make this my last will and testament thereby revoking all others heretofore made by me

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it.

I desire and direct that all my just debt be paid without delay by my executor herein after appointed as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed in their rights especially as there is no necessity for delay

I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Mrs. Horrieh Missouri Melton our hundred and fifty acres off lot of land No. (41) forty one in the (4) fourth district of Morison County said land being off of the south side of said lot to her and to her said land with all the rights and privileges for and during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between her bodily heirs that may survive her

I give and bequeath to my son John W. Epps all of lot of land No. (42) forty two in the (4) fourth district of Morison County containing (20 1/2) two hundred and two and one half more or less and to have said land with all the rights and privileges for and during his natural life and at his death to be equally divided between his bodily heirs that may survive him but in the event that he leave no heirs then it is my desire that my daughter Horrieh Missouri Melton shall own and possess said land for and during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between her bodily heirs.

At my death I give bequeath to my daughter Ada Francis Story all of Lot of land No. (72) second Morison County Vol. 10 (10) district of Randolph County containing (20 1/2) two hundred and two and one half more or less

to show and to have said law with all the
rights members and appertinances for ever in
firmly and truly.

Wm. D. Short, Constituted and appointed my son John W.
Epps, Executor of this my last will and testament
without bond
This the 11th May 1899. l. W. Epps. (J.S.)

Signer delivers and publishes by l. W. Epps as his
last will & testament in the presence of us the
subscribers who subscribe our names here
in the presence of said testator at his instance
and request one of each other. In signing in our
presence and co-signing in his presence

William R. Allison
John R. Short
Robt. G. Nore. J. R.

Georgia 'Morris County
whereas l. W. Epps did on the Eleventh day of
May (1899) Eighteen hundred & ninety seven Signer
sealed declare and publish my last will and tes-
tament in presence of William R. Allison John R.
Short and Robt. G. Short who signed the said will
and testament as witnesses and who read and
declared of allying and changing a bequest
device in said will and therefore more can
publish this Article to said will

First: I move and amend the 5th item of said
will so as to relate to lot of land no (7) sec 34
shown in the Smith District of Randolph County
Georgia I give bequest to my daughter Oda Francis
Stacy the south half of lot of land no (7) in the Smith
district of Randolph County Ga. for ever it is
my desire and I direct that if it be necessary the
south half of lot of land no (7) sec 34 shall
be sold by my executor hereinafter appointed
and used as so much thereof as may be ne-
cessary to pay off of my debts and burial
Expenses the remainder if there be any to
go to my daughter Oda Francis Stacy. If it is
not necessary that the south half of said lot
be sold then I give bequest to my daughter
Oda Francis Stacy said south half of said lot
for ever.

l. W. Epps (J.S.)

Signer does declare & publishes by
l. W. Epps as the Executor to his will and

Testament of the eleventh day of May Eighteen
hundred and ninety-seven in the presence of us
the subscribers who subscribe our names here
in the presence of his Honor at his special re-
quest and request and of each other.
this May 13th 1897.

William R. Allison
John R. Shook
Robt. L. Howell

Filed in Office July 30th 1898
W. E. Butts
Ord.

Georgia Marion County
I do solemnly swear that this writing
contains the true last will of the within
named J. W. Epps deceased as far as I know on
advice and that I well and truly recollect
the same in accordance with the laws
of this state. As help me God.

J. W. Epps
Sworn to & subscribed to before me
this 5th Sept - 1898
W. E. Butts Ord.