

Georgia In the name of God Amen.
Meriwether County } I, Elijah B. Griffin of said State
and County knowing that it
is appointed for me to die deem it proper to
dispose of my property with which a kind Providence
has blessed me do therefore make this my last Will
and Testament. I doing of which, First I desire
and direct that my body be buried in a decent
plain and Christian manner, my soul I recommend
to God who gave it hoping to receive eternal life
through the merits of his Son Jesus Christ my Redeemer.
Item 1st After my death I desire that all my just
debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named as
early as they can and with as little delay as possible.
Item 2nd I Will and bequeath to my Wife Eliza B.
Griffin my Estate Real and personal for and during
her natural life or Widowhood and upon the
marriage of my Wife. My Will and direction is that
my entire Estate be divided by Sale or otherwise equally
between my Wife and Children that may be living
Share and share alike.
Item 3rd I Will and direct that my Worthy friend
Anderson B. Lovejoy take into his possession and
management as Trustee of my daughter Eliza
Emily Freeman Wife of M. B. Freeman the part or
share of my Estate that may fall to her or a division
of the same. Said Share not to be subject to the
contract, disposal, debt or liabilities of her present or
a future husband but to be managed and directed
by the said Anderson B. Lovejoy whom I do
hereby appoint Trustee for my said daughter said
Share to be for the sole use and benefit of my said
daughter & should she die without issue then the
said Share to revert to my Estate —
Item 4th I Will and direct that my Executor and
Executrix hereinafter named should if they deem
it necessary that they sell my two negro men

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William and Bourrer and apply the proceeds
of the sale to the use and benefit of my Estate in
the best way they may be able in the exercise of their
Judgement

Item 5th I Will and direct that my said Wife
Keep together in common for the support & Education
of my Children for the time mentioned in
the Second item of this my last Will and
Testament or until they arrive at age or marry
Then and after event I Will and direct that
my Executor and Executrix give off to them as
they arrive at age or Marries such amounts
viz. Money or property as in their opinions my
Estate can spare say five or six hundred
dollars taking a receipt for the advancement
so that all may be made equal upon a final
distribution of my Estate

Item 6th I Will and desire should we have
any other Child or Children hereafter born
that such Child or Children be equally included
in the provisions of this my last Will and Testa-
ment to Share with the rest of my Children
Share and share alike

Item 7th I hereby appoint my beloved Wife
Elora H Griffin Executrix and my worthy friend
Anderson R Levyoy Executor of this my last
Will and Testament confiding in them for the
faithful Execution of the Same

In Witness of Which I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 21st day of April 1853
Signed sealed published
acknowledged & declared

In the presence of us

E. H. Griffin (Test)

L. M. Adams

E. C. Mappett

W. A. Adams

Georgia: Court of Ordinary
Meriwether County 3rd June Term 1854
The within last Will &
Testament of Elijah B. Griffin late of said
County deceased having been proved at this regular
Term in Open Court upon the Oaths of John
M. Adams, Ephraim C. Maffett and William
A. Adams the Subscribing Witnesses to the same
Ordered that the same be admitted to record
3rd June 1854 J. C. Greenham
Clerk

Georgia In The name of God Amen
Meriwether County I James Rinder of said
State and County being of
advanced age and knowing that I must
shortly depart from this world deem it right
and proper both as respects myself and my
family, that I should make a disposition of
the property, with a kind Providence has blessed me
I therefore make this my last Will and Testament
Item I give and devise to my beloved Wife
Sarah four lots of Land adjoining Greenville
it being the plantation whereon I now live
and about thirty acres of land I purchased
of Asa Reeves in his lifetime which will all
more fully appear by reference to the deeds during
her natural life, and at her death, I give and
bequeath the aforesaid land to my son Joshua
C. Rinder, and his heirs, I also give and
bequeath my Wife her lifetime the following
negroes, My negro man Daniel and his wife
Ann and her children and my negro woman
Edmira and my negro man Silvio, and my negro
man Adam and my negro man Barney

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