

Georgia Mitchell County.

I, John M. Shipting of said State and County, being of sound and disposing mind and Memory, do make this, my last will and testament, hereby expressing my revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me.

I desire and direct my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, suitable to my conditions and Circumstances in life

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without unnecessary delay by my executors hereinafter named and appointed.

I give bequeath and devise to my beloved daughter, Sarah Ruth Shipting, the proceeds of the One Thousand Dollars Insurance Policy I have on my life in the Penn Mutual Insurance Company, upon which will be due at the time of my death the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars. As I have already borrowed from said company on said Policy the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, leaving a balance due thereon, as aforesaid, of Eight Hundred Dollars, and the further sum of One Thousand and Seven Hundred Dollars, so as to make a preference in favor of my said daughter of the sum of Two Thousand and five hundred dollars, over and above the amount to be received by the other legates of this my will hereinafter named.

It is my will and desire that all the remainder of my property that I may own and possess at the time of my death, including money, notes, accounts and real property of every kind and description be equally divided, share and share alike, among my four children: To wit, Ernest, Earl, Bertha and Sarah Ruth Shipting.

It is my wish and desire the City Lot whereon I now reside, and on Ansett Street, in the City of Camden, Georgia, containing of Forty One and three quarters Acres, be not sold until all my said Children, arrive at the age of (21) Years or more, of age. Unless in the sound discretion of my executors hereinafter named it should become necessary to do so in order to invest the proceeds thereof in other property yielding a better income, and rental than said home lot, it being my desire that said home place be kept as a home and residence for my two minor Children, Branch and Sarah Ruth, until they reach their majority. After which time the same can be sold and the proceeds divided among all said children as provided for in the fourth item of this will provided that in the event said executors should at any time, pending the minority of said two Children conclude that it is the best interest of said estate and the devisee above mentioned to sell said home place, then in that event they shall make application to the Court of Ordinary of said County for an order to sell same, in which application the property sought to be purchased by the proceeds thereof shall be fully described, and the rental value thereof set forth as accurately as possible, and the reason for selling said home place shall also be duly set forth in said application to sell, and if, after a full and fair investigation, it shall appear to the said Court that such sale is advisable and expedient, he shall so order after which said sale may be had and the proceeds reinvested as above provided for, which sale may be made at public sale or private sale, as may seem to the best interest of said estate.

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I hereby constitute and appoint my son Ernest

Stripling, and my brother G. J. Stripling, joint
executors of this my last will and testament,
and joint Guardians of my said minor
children, Branch and Sarah Ruth Stripling, provided
they give a good and solemn bond to be
approved by the Court of Ordinary of said County,
for the faithful discharge of the said duties
and trusts as such executors and Guardians

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It is my further desire and will that the said
Guardians maintain, support and educate my
two minor children from the rents, issues
and profits arising from said home place
and in case of its sale, as above provided,
then from the rents, issues and profits
of the property purchased with the proceeds
thereof.

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After all said children survive at age
I will and desire that said estate be wound
up and a full settlement be had with all
of said legates and devisees as provided for
by law.

This the 27th day of Sept 1916

J. M. Stripling

Signed, sealed, declared and published
by John M. Stripling as his last will and
testament, in the presence of us, the un-
designed, who subscribe and names
hereto in the presence of said testator, after
he had signed his name thereto, and at his
special instance and request, and in the presence
of each other,
This Sept 27th 1916

W. M. Jones
G. J. Stripling
A. S. Johnson