

George W. Morris Will Corroborated

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I hereby certify that the foregoing will of George W. Morris of Muscogee County who departed this life in the County of Cobb was duly admitted to probate in common form of Law upon the Testimony of David Irwin, J. W. Graves and Thos. B. Irwin.



Given under my hand and Seal of
Office this the 21st day of March 1877

J. Shepard
Ordinary

Owen Thomas Will.

State of Georgia

Muscogee County

I Owen Thomas of said
County do make and declare
and publish the following as my last Will and
Testament

- Item 1st I desire all the debts I may owe if any promptly paid.
- Item 2^d I give and bequeath to Thacker B. Howards wife and her children the debts and demands of every kind I hold upon him and the monies accruing or to accrue Thuron exclusive of the husband and his creditors.
- Item 3^d I desire that my negroes Griffin and his wife Esther and their children Peggy, Elizabeth and Griffin now born, and such as they may hereafter have: Mariah and her children Sandy, William Jacob Willis now born, and such as they may hereafter have, Marano and all her children, Edgar, James, Margaret, and such as they may hereafter have, Jack and his wife Hannah and the son of Hannah, Tony, Ned, Wyatt and Malinda and the children of Malinda, Homer, Nathan and Rauphin, and such other children as she may have. Washington and his wife Pleasant and their children if they shall have any: Hudson, Chmsted and Pierce to be conveyed to Liberia or any other free state foreign to Georgia into which they severally elect to go, and in which they may lawfully reside, and then to be forever manumitted and free, they and their posterity.
- Item 4th I desire all the residue of my negroes, my lands, crops, stocks and property of every kind

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sold for cash and the proceeds of sale of my real and personal monies in hand collection of debts of every class due me (excepting always the debt of Thacker B Howard as specified) converted into a Common fund to be disposed of as follows viz: so much as may be required to the payment of debts, the defrayal of expenses incident to the execution of my Will, the subsistence and removal to their new and contemplated homes of such of my negroes as are intended to be manumitted and freed and the residue by eventual division among my negroes who shall thus become free.

Item 3th.

I give to my Executors each the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars as fixed and full compensation for the execution of this will.

To Griffin (The Father) and Mauno each the sum of Twenty five Hundred Dollars exclusive of and additional to what they receive in common with the other freed negroes. These said sums being abstracted and appropriated, I wish the remainder divided into as many parts as there are freed negroes in number, and one part paid to each person over eighteen years of age on his or her arrival in his or her new home; without regard to marriage or sex, including said Griffin and Mauno; and the remaining parts divided among the Parents of children in the precise proportion the several families of children bear to each other.

Item 6th.

The bequest to Mrs Thacker Howard to wit: Sarah & and her children is designed to include children she may hereafter have as well those now born to be a joint one to Mrs Howard and her children and to her sole and separate use as between her and her husband and the Creditors of the husband, and to include the transfer assignment and control of a mortgage with the lien made by said Howard to me on the nineteenth day of February 1849, and under judgment of foreclosure in the Court of Chancery in Russell Co Alabama at this time as more especially provided for in a separate instrument of even date with this, attested by the same witnesses and which I hereby recognize and confirm as part and parcel of this my last will and Testament.

Item 7.

I nominate and appoint James K. Redd of Muscogee in this State of Georgia, and Augustus Howard in the State of Alabama Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my

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hand and seal this the 25th day of February 1852

Owen Thomas Seal

Signed sealed delivered and published by the said Owen Thomas as his last Will and Testament in our presence, who in his presence and in presence of each other and at his request have hereto set our names as Witnesses the day and date above written

Oliver Nanforth Jr
Marshall Wellborn
Joseph Echols

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named Owen Thomas deceased, so far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute the same in according with the laws of this State.

So help me God.

June 12th 1841.

James H. Redd

Georgia Muscogee } Court of Ordinary
County } June Term 1841.

The above instrument of writing admitted to Record as the last Will and Testament of Owen Thomas deceased by order of the Superior Court of said County.

John W. Ruer
Ordinary