

Georgia Spalding County  
 Tuesday the twenty third day of March in the year Eight hundred and fifty two in company with and in the presence of John R. Jones of said County in his own house and place of Residence in the City of Griffin in said County while he was languishing in his last sickness he was on that occasion and previously sound in mind and intellect and by signs he requested us to bear witness to this his last will he desired that his entire estate after the payment of his Debts should be equally divided between his wife and children an equal portion to each one and that for the purpose of maintaining his wife and Children and for the Education of his Children he desired his property to be kept together and distributed and divided out to his Children as they become of age or Marrie this March the 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

James M. Jones [48]

Allen J. Jones [48]

Ellen Matthews [48]

Georgia Spalding County Court of Ordinary for said County  
 Appeared in open Court James M. Jones & Allen J. Jones & Ellen Matthews witnesses to the above Nuncupative Will who bring duly sworn depositions and testify that the facts stated in the above are just and true and that the above paper contains the last request and disposition of the Property of John R. Jones late of said County deceased sworn to and subscribed in open Court  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

James M. Jones

Allen J. Jones

Ellen M. Matthews

Recorded the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1852 J. T. Ransom D. Ordinary

Georgia Henry County  
 In the name of God Amen I Corbin I Bridges being afflicted in body but of sound mind and being sensible of the shortness of life and certainty of death have thought proper to make this my last will and testament and by so doing I hereby renounce all other wills made by me previous to this date

In the first place it is my will and request that all my just debts should be paid In the second place it is my will that Elizabeth W. Bridges my wife shall hold all my Property both real and personal in her peaceable possession during her life and widowhood subject to the following restrictions (viz) I wish my three sons each of them to have a horse saddle and bridle when they are old enough in the judgment of my wife and Edward R. Oxford to receive them in possession provided it can be done without material injury I wish all my Daughters except three to have a bed and furniture each of them when they marry or are of lawful age provided it is convenient without injury to the conditions of the family according to the judgment of my wife & Edward R. Oxford It is also my request that if at any time a surplus of any thing raised on the farm should remain after a support for the family it be given to any of the Children that most need it in all such Cases charging them a reasonable price for the same to be accounted for on final settlement my three excepted daughters are those that have each received a bed & furniture

In the third place it is my Will that if my wife should intermarry with any other man after My death that all my Property then in her possession be equally divided in such manner that my wife and all my Children receive an equal share of the same, provided the Children be all grown if not any that are not raised must receive as much more than those grown as in the Judgment of my Executors would be sufficient to make them equal

In the fourth place it is my Will that my wife Elizabeth and Edward R. Rogers be my legal Executors to Execute this my last Will and Testament

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1849 in the presence  
Corbin L. Bridges (Seal)

John R. Clark  
of Solomon Strickland

James Butler

N.B. It is my Will and request that my before mentioned Executors should be Impowered to sell any of my Property that in their Judgment can be spared or ought to be sold for the benefit of my heirs and make titles to the same or to buy and receive titles in the same manner as I would do if living without making Annual Returns to the Court on my above will

Signed Sealed and agreed to as above stated in presence of the same Witnesses and same date

John R. Clark

Corbin L. Bridges (Seal)

Solomon Strickland

James Butler

State of Georgia Before me William L. Gordon Ordinary for said County, in open Spalding County Court personally came Elizabeth Bridges Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Corbin L. Bridges late of said County deceased and produced before me the last Will and Testament of said Corbin L. Bridges deceased and all of the witnesses to the said Will to wit John R. Clark James Butler & Solomon Strickland which Witnesses being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Corbin L. Bridges the Testator sign Seal declare and publish the instrument now presented as his last Will and Testament freely Voluntarily and of his own accord and without any Compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of the Execution of the said Will said Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory that depose they signed said Will as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other Except that Solomon Strickland does not swear that Testator was of sound memory & that he does not recollect seeing Testator sign said Will Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> July 1852 Solomon Strickland  
Wm L. Gordon ordinary John R. Clark  
James Butler

Georgia I Elizabeth W. Bridges do solemnly swear that this Writing contains the true last Will of the within named Corbin L. Bridges deceased so far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly Execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said Will as far as his Goods & Chattels will therunto extend and the Law Charge means that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such Goods & Chattels to help me God Elizabeth W. Bridges Sworn to in open Court Wm L. Gordon ordinary Received 15<sup>th</sup> July 1852