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and Testament of Thomas A. Mitchell late of Taliaferro County deceased was exhibited in open court, and in Common form of law, proved and admitted to record, a Copy of which is herewith annexed, and administration of all and singular, the Goods, Chattels and Credits of said deceased was granted to John H. Mitchell, Hugh C. Mitchell, & George M. Mitchell the Executors in and by said Will named and appointed, the having first taken the oath, and performed all other requisites required by law, they are by order of said court and by virtue of these presents legally authorized to administer the Goods, Chattels and Credits of said deceased, according to the tenor and effect of the said Will and Testament, and according to law; and they are hereby required to render a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of ^{the} said deceased, and appraised and returned to this court according to law, and to render a true and correct account to the said court of Ordinary of their actings and doings yearly and every year, untill their Administration is fully completed. — Witness my hand, as Ordinary, and the Seal of the said Court, this Fourth day of November eighteen hundred and sixty One
Quinea Neal Ordinary

Recorded Nov^r 5th 1861.

Quinea Neal Ordinary

(Last Will and Testament of M. Griffin)

In the name of God Amen!

I Martha Griffin of the State of Georgia and County of Taliaferro being of sound mind and disposing memory but conscious of the great uncertainty of human life do hereby make, declare and publish my last will and Testament, touching all the property I may die possessed of or in any way be entitled to: hereby also revoking all other wills and every other will or wills heretofore made by me.

Item first. I wish all my just debts to be first paid and funeral expenses and such tomb Stone or other memorial of like Character as my Executors may think proper to erect over my remains and to the memory of my dear departed wife — this I leave to them and after all the expenses of Administration including the item above mentioned I wish all the balance of my estate and property both real and personal and every thing I may die possessed of or be entitled to of Value to be disposed of as provided in the following Clause to wit, — Clause 1st I have given my deceased son William O. S. Griffin advances of Considerable sums of Money at various times the exact aggregate amount Taliaferro County Wills 1826-1866 it down for the

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purpose of a distribution of my property between my Children at the sum of fifteen Hundred dollars which I am Confident is under the real amount But I Charge him with the sum of fifteen Hundred dollars as advancement

Clause 3.rd I have at different times advanced to my son Patrick Henry Griffin various sums of money to procure his Medical education the exact aggregate amount I donot recollect but I here put them at one thousand dollars over and above what I have paid for the education of my other sons and I Charge him the sum of one thousand dollars as an advancement - this I am also Confident is less than the real amount but I put it at that sum

Clause 3.rd To my son James Griffin I have given and made a bill of sale to a Certain Negro Man by the name of Hinchum about twenty seven or eight years of age - this was not a gift or advancement but ~~the~~ sale in consideration of the services of my said son James in attending to my business for several years after his Majority - there is therefore to be no advancement charged to him

Clause 4.th To my daughter Sarah Semmes I have given a Negro woman by the name of Victoria now in her possession which I valued at the sum of one thousand dollars and hereby Charge her the sum of one thousand dollars as an advancement.

Clause 5.th Besides the sum of fifteen Hundred dollars Charged in the first Clause above to my son William O. S. Griffin as an advancement in money I have set apart for his Children one Negro woman named Kate about fifty five years of age and her Child Sophomore with their future increase which I wish them to have on the final division at a fair Valuation there to be made these Negroes are to constitute a part of the portion of my estate hereinafter bequeathed to them

Clause 6.th All the rest of my Children, to wit, Thomas H. John England, Robert Emmett, Ann Elizabeth & Josephine stand equally with my son James without any advancement

Clause 7.th I own in Taliaferro County Georgia twenty one hundred acres of Land in one body known as the home place where I live be the same more or less - also four hundred acres somewhere in the lower part of Georgia purchased of William & Carter - and three hundred and eighty acres more or less in Mississippi on which my son James now lives - the nine Negroes besides the man Hinchum now in the possession of my said son James in Mississippi are also mine with their increase

Clause 8.th Now at my death I wish all my property as aforesaid after payment of debts of Taliaferro County wills 1826-1866 of Tomb Stone and advancement

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Item 2nd To My daughter Ann Elizabeth I give my Carriage and a Choice pair of Mules to be selected by her

Item 3rd I wish my Executors to sell my lands in Georgia or Mississippi if they may think it best to do so for a division — I give them full and plenary powers to sell publicly or privately any or all my said lands in such way as they may think proper without any Order or leave of Court for that purpose

Item 4th The part or portion of my estate going to my daughters I leave to them severally and respectively to and for their sole and separate use during life and at their death to their Children so that it shall not be subject to the Control of any future husband; unless after the Marriage of either of them my Executors shall be satisfied that the property will be safe in the hands of such husband in that case they may turn it over to such daughter Absolutely. — And the portion to each I give with absolute power to dispose of at pleasure in case she does not Marry or before Marriage

Item 5th I Nominate appoint and Constitute my son James Griffin and Patrick H. Griffin, My friend Alexander H. Stephens the Executors to this my last will and testament hoping and trusting that they will undertake the burden and execution thereof and so discharge this responsible duty as to give satisfaction to all the parties and preserve that peace harmony and love in the family which have so signally blessed their little Circle this fair in life

Item 6th I wish my executors to send my son John England to Georgetown College District of Columbia and to support him there until he completes a regular Course in that institution — This is to come out of his part or the income of his portion of my estate above bequeathed to him and I hereby appoint my Executors guardians for my said son John England

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 16th day of June 1859.

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We Charles W. Gee and Esau Ellington do solemnly swear that we saw Martha Griffin sign seal and declare the foregoing to be his last will and testament, that he did it freely without compulsion, that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that we subscribed the same in the presence of the testator at his special instance and request, and in the presence of each other, and that we saw Quincea O'Neal sign the same as witness in the presence of said testator and in our presence. Given to and subscribed in open Court November 4th 1861.

Recorded Nov^r 5th 1961.

By the Court of Ordinary of said County.

Taliaferro County } To all to whom these presents shall Come - Greeting
Know ye that on the 4th day of November ~~1826~~ the Year of
Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one the last will and Testament of
Merrith Griffin late of Taliaferro County deceased was exhibited in open Court and
in Common form of law, proven and admitted to record, a Copy of which is herewith
annexed, and Administration of all and singular, the Goods, Chattels and Credits of said
deceased was granted to Patrick H. Griffin one of the executors in and by said Will
named and appointed he having first taken the oath, and performed all other
requisites required by law, he is by order of said Court and by virtue of these
presents legally authorized to administer the Goods, Chattels and Credits of said
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deceased, according to the tenor and effect of the said Will and Testament, and according to law; and he is hereby required to render a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods and Chattels of the said deceased, and appraise and returned to this Court according to law, and to render a true and correct account to the said Court of Ordinary of his Actings and doings yearly and every year, until his Administration is fully Completed

Witness my hand as Ordinary, and the seal of the said Court, this sixteenth day of November eighteen hundred and sixty one

Quinea Neal Ordinary

Recorded Nov. 16th 1861.

Quinea Neal Ordinary

(Will of Elijah Meadows dec'd.)

Georgia } I Elijah Meadows, being fully in possession of my
Faliaferro County } Mind and understanding, Make this my last will
and Testament—

Art. 1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid

Art. 2nd It is my will and desire that all my Property, after my just debts are paid remain and be managed togeth by my Executor, for the use and Support of my wife and minor children

Art. 3rd It is my will and desire that each one of my Children have his or her part which he or she may be lawfully entitled to as they become of Age

Art. 4th It is my will and desire that my wife Delila Meadows have an equal share and Support with my minor children as long as she lives or remains a widow, and if she dies or Marries again then her interest is to be Considered a part of my Estate, and be equally Divided among my children according to Art. 3rd

Art. 5th It is my will and desire that there be no Sale ^{any} of my of my property but that it be appraised by three or more Competant persons, appointed by the Court in Order that each Legatee may obtain his or her lawful part as he or she becomes of age

Art. 6th It is my will and desire that my son Thomas E. Meadows, who is now of age and attending to my farming business, have one eighth of all the Products of the Crop of the present year for his services

Art. 7th I Appoint and Constitute R. E. McGinty my Executor of the above Will and Testament— In Testimony of which I hereunto set my Name and official seal this 16th day of November Eighteen hundred and sixty one