

State of Georgia }
Chapin County }

In the Name of God Amen!!
I Charles H. Griffen of the County and State aforesaid Calling
to mind ^{Truitt County, Wills, Book B, 1848-1888} ~~www.georgiapublicdeeds.com~~

and knowing that it is appointed
for all men Once to die, being feeble and indisposed in Body but of sound
and disposing mind memory and judgement do make and Ordain this
my last Will and Testament in manner and form following To Wit

- First It is my Will that my soul shall return to God who gave it and that my body
shall be decently interred
- Second I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Elizabeth Griffen when
she arrives at the age of Twenty one years old or marries my negro girl named
Mary Ann together with her future increase during her natural life for her sole
and separate use benefit and behoof and after her death to be equally divid-
ed between the Children she may have also one Horse or mule to the value
of One Hundred and twenty five dollars to them and their heirs forever
- Third I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Ann Olivia Griffen when she
arrives to the age of Twenty years old or marries my negro girl named
Malinda together with her future increase during her natural life for her
sole and separate use, benefit & behoof and after her death to be equally
divided between her Children, also one horse or mule to the value
of One Hundred and Twenty five dollars to them and their heirs forever
- Fourth I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Charlotte Kekeford Griffen
when she arrives at the age of Twenty one years old or marries my Negro
girl named Susan together with her future increase during her natural
life for her sole and separate use benefit and behoof and after her death
to be equally divided between her Children to them and their heirs forever
also one Horse or mule to the value of One Hundred & Twenty five Dollars
- Fifth I give and bequeath to my beloved son Charles H. Griffen when he arrives
at the age of Twenty one years old my negro boy named Steele also one
horse or mule to the value of One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars to him
and his heirs forever
- Sixth I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Young Griffen when he arrives
at the age of Twenty one years of age my negro boy named William also one Horse
or mule to the value of One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars to him and his
heirs forever
- Seventh I give and bequeath to my beloved son George Griffen when he arrives at the
age of Twenty one years old my negro boy named Joseph also one Horse or
mule to the value of One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars to him and his
heirs for ever
- Eighth I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Harriett Ann Griffen when she
arrives at the age of Twenty one years old or marries my negro girl named
Leahanty together with her future increase during her natural life for her
sole separate use benefit and behoof and at her death to be equally divided
between her Children, also one horse or mule to the value of One Hundred and
Twenty five Dollars to them and their heirs forever
- Ninth It is my Will that if any of the negroes named in the above devises shall die
before any of my said beloved Children shall arrive at the proper age or
times specified in said devises to receive them that then and in that event
one negro of same sex age and value shall be given them out of the
balance of my negroes and on the same conditions and Terms as the above
taimed in their respective aforesaid devises
- Tenth I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Griffen all the balance

the next or Eleventh bequest) to manage and control as she may deem most advantageous to the interest of my said Estate and at her death to be equally divided between my beloved Children before named share and share alike equal and that part or portion falling to my aforesaid beloved daughters to be given to them for their sole and separate use benefit and behoof during of their natural lives and at their deaths to be equally divided between said Children as specified in their respective aforesaid devises also my beloved Children to be raised and educated from the proceeds of the above devise

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Eleventh It is my Will that if my beloved wife Mary Griffin should ever again marry that that the above or tenth bequest shall be set aside and in lieu thereof she shall receive one eighth part or an equal portion or distribution with my aforesaid beloved Children of all my personal or Chattle property absolutely alls all my real Estate of which I may be legally seized or possessed at the time of my death during her natural life for a permanent residence or Home stand and at her death said Land or Plantation to be sold and the proceeds of the sale of said plantation to be equally divided between my aforesaid beloved Children share and share alike equal

Twelfth It is my Will that if my Executrix hereinafter named shall deem it prudent and most advantageous to my Estate to sell and dispose of the plantation on which I now reside she will have full power and authority to do so either at public outcry or private sale as she may think best provided she applies the proceeds of sale of said plantation to the purchase and payment of a plantation or tract of Land which she might consider and view as a beneficial change and would promote the interest of my Estate and her comfort and interest by making such a change provided always nevertheless that said Land so purchased shall be a part and parcel of my Estate and disposed in the manner specified in the Eleventh devise

Thirteenth It is Will that my beloved wife Mary Griffin shall be my Sole Executrix and I do hereby nominate, appoint and constitute her my Executrix to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made signed sealed declared and published by said Charles H Griffin to his last Will and Testament and we have signed this in his presence and in the presence of each other as witnesses,

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- word before forty fourth line from top erased before signed
- word of fifty first line from top erased before signed
- said fifty ninth line from top interlined before signed
- word full there fifty third line from top and word my sixty fifth line from top erased before signed

* word a twenty seventh line from top interlined before signed

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this tenth day of August Eighteen Hundred & fifty seven

Nathan Russell

Thomas W Ashford

William D Dabney

Charles H Griffin

State of Georgia } Before me Wiley H Sims Ordinary in and for said
Troup County } County at this Regular Term of the Court Personally
Came Mary Griffin Executrix of the last Will and
Testament of Charles H Griffin late of said County deceased and

being duly sworn deposed that the said Charles H. Griffin the Testator sign
 seal, declare and publish the will of the said Charles H. Griffin now presented as his last Will & Testament
 freely, voluntarily and of his own free will and without compulsion or influence
 (wherein it is at the time of the execution of said Will, said Testator was of sound
 and disposing mind and memory, that deponents 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
 Wileg H. Simd Ordinary
 Nathaniel Renuick
 Thomas H. Asheford
 William F. Danahy

State of Georgia }
 Probate Court } Court of Ordinary November Term 1855
 The Will of Charles H. Griffin Deceased late of said County
 having been proved at this Regular Term of the Court upon the Oath of
 Nathan Renuick Thomas H. Asheford and William F. Danahy the Sub-
 scribing witnesses to the same, and no objections being urged It is Ord-
 ered by the Court that said Will be admitted to record the Probate being
 sufficient, and that Letters Testamentary do issue to Mary Griffin the Execu-
 trix therein nominated she taking the Oath prescribed by Law in open
 Court (which Oath being taken Letters were accordingly granted) It is
 further Ordered that James Mosty W. F. Danahy Thomas H. Asheford
 John Delany and Seaborn A. Johnson be and they are hereby authorized
 and appointed Commissioners to appraise said Estate and make
 return to this Court in Terms of the Law Wileg H. Simd Ordinary

Recorded 7th November 1855 Wileg H. Simd Ordinary