

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen!!
 Group County } I Lodowick Alford of said State and County
 being of advanced age but of sound mind
 and disposing memory and knowing that in the ordinary course
 of nature I must shortly depart this life deem it right and
 proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a
 disposition by Will of the property with which a kind providence has
 blessed me do therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby
 revoking all others heretofore made by me

1st Item I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian
 like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life
 my soul I hope shall return to God who gave it and through the merits
 of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ forever enjoy that rest
 which is made for the people of God

2nd Item I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid as soon after
 my decease as the laws of the State will permit and without delay
 as I am unwilling that my Creditors should be delayed in their rights

3rd Item I give and bequeath unto my son William L Alford the two following
 named negroes to wit Harry a man slave about thirty five years old
 and Selva a girl slave about twenty years old together with their
 increase to be used and held by him absolutely and unconditionally
 as his own property - the same given to him by way of making
 him equal with the advancements heretofore made to my other Children

4th Item I give and bequeath unto my son Whitman L Alford the two following
 named negro slaves to wit George a boy about eighteen years old
 and Mary a girl about fifteen years old together with their
 increase to be used and held by him absolutely and unconditionally
 as his own property - the same given to him for the purpose of
 making him equal with the advancements heretofore made to my
 other Children

5th Item It is my Will and desire that all the Residue and balance of my
 property both real and personal wherever and whatever it may be
 after my just debts shall have been paid and the Legacies herein
 before specified have been given off, shall be equally divided
 among the following named of my Children to wit Charles L Alford
 formerly Mary Alford, Rebecca Mawt formerly Rebecca
 Alford, Elizabeth Martin formerly Elizabeth Alford, Lodowick P Alford
 James H Alford, William L Alford and Whitman L Alford and
 upon the terms and conditions and with the qualifications I shall here
 inafter specify and direct to wit

6th Item I give and bequeath to my son Julius L Alford his distributive part of
 the residue & balance of my property referred to in the fifth Item of this
 my last Will and Testament absolutely and unconditionally. I also
 give and bequeath to my sons William L Alford and Whitman L
 Alford their distributive parts of the balance of my property above
 alluded to absolutely and unconditionally, the distribution share of
 each of my said sons Julius L, William L and Whitman L Alford
 to be used, held and owned by them in fee simple as their own property

7th Item I give and bequeath unto my sons William L Alford and Whitman L
 Alford as Trustees for Mary Spencer formerly Mary Alford, Rebecca
 Mawt formerly Rebecca Alford, Elizabeth Martin formerly
 Elizabeth Alford, Lodowick P Alford and James H Alford

Testament of the said Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Lodowick P and James A. Alford to be held and owned by them the said William L and Whitman L Alford for the sole use benefit and behoof of them the said Mary, Spencer, Rebecca, Mary, Elizabeth, Martin Lodowick P Alford and James A. Alford for and during their natural lives of the said Estate due Trusts and after the death of either as they shall respectively die the separate distributive part of each shall be equally divided by the said Trustees among their several separate and respective children, my said Children Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Lodowick P and James A. Alford being each entitled to use and enjoy their said several & separate distributive parts of my said property for and during their natural lives and after their death to be disposed of by said Trustees as above specified.

8th Item It is my Will and desire that my said sons Trustees as aforesaid shall permit my said Children Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Lodowick P and James A. Alford to have and keep possession of and use and enjoy for the benefit of each and their children the property I have given and bequeathed to them as Trustees aforesaid, hereby constituting the said Trustees the depository of the legal title to said property to preserve it for the purposes aforesaid.

9th Item I furthermore desire and hereby authorize the said Trustees by and with the consent of the said Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Lodowick P and James A. Alford or either of them separately, whenever they said Trustees shall think it for the advantage & benefit of the Estate due Trusts or either of them to sell exchange or otherwise dispose of said Trust property to do so with the express understanding however that they the said Trustees shall hold keep and own the property obtained by said sale exchange or other disposition in the same manner & upon the same conditions as the Trust property herein given and bequeathed.

10th Item It is furthermore my Will and desire and I hereby direct that the property given and bequeathed by me in Trust for the benefit and use of my daughter Elizabeth Martin for and during her natural life shall in the event of her dying without any children or any heir of her body revert back and become a part of my Estate to be distributed among my other children.

11th Item Thinking it probably necessary that I should mention my reasons for not giving the children of Erasmus Alford my deceased son any thing by this my last Will & Testament, I here state the same to be that I heretofore have given to the said Erasmus their father a reasonable portion of my Estate and also because the said children are now much better provided for than I could do for them.

12th Item I hereby constitute and appoint Wm L Alford & Whit C Alford Executors of this my last Will and Testament as witnesses my hand and seal

L Alford

Signed, Sealed, published & declared by Lodowick Alford as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator (at his special instance and request) and of each other this the 18th day of June 1853 Interlined Sylvia instead of Martha, and the heirs of the body, before Mary, Spencer and Deed after Peter A. Head
J. M. Harrington S.P.

State of Georgia, Court of Ordinary August Term 1857
County of Albany, Before me Thomas C. Brown, Ordinary, in and

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Lodowick Alford late of said County & produced before me the last
Will and Testament of said Decd and the witnesses to said Will to wit
Peter A Heard and J. W. Harrington which witnesses being duly sworn
depose and say that they saw Lodowick Alford the Testator sign seal
declare and publish the within instrument now presented as the last
Will and Testament of said Decd freely voluntarily and of his own accord
and without any compulsion or influence whatever that at the time
of the execution of said Will said Testator was of sound & 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, sworn to & Subscribed before me this August
3rd 1854
Thomas C Evans Ordinary J. W. Harrington
Peter A Heard

Georgia County Court of Ordinary August Term 1854
The last Will and Testament of Lodowick Alford late
of said County Decd having been propounded in open
Court for probate by William C Alford & Whit C Alford his Executors
which said Will & Testament having been sufficiently proven to the satis-
faction of the Court upon the oaths of Peter A Heard & J. W. Harrington
Subscribing witnesses to said Will, It is Ordered by the Court that said
Will & Testament be admitted to record, and it is further Ordered that
Lehas Davidson, Jesse Palmer, William Hogg, William D Johnson &
J. W. Harrington be appointed appraisers to appraise the Estate
of said Decd and that said Executors make return of the same
to this Court within thirty days Thomas C Evans Ordinary

Recorded 4th August 1854
Thomas C Evans Ordinary