

Last Will & Testament of Col. William Bird Lee?

In the Name of God, Amen. I William Bird, of the County of
Ogeechee and State of Georgia, being sound in Mind and Memory,
do declare, constitute and make this my last Will & Testament, viz.
Item 1 To my son William Bird, I give my Holders and Belongings
Item 2 To my Wife Catherine I give my double Riding Saddle
and under that a Horse and Harness to be kept for her, with the use of
a servant, to visit occasionally at the longest house, & allow her
Dower which I hope she may be satisfied with, as she will be at an
expense whatever while she makes the House her home. Residence
I wish to remain to her the said Catherine, the Negro's woman called
Lettie I give during her Natural life, and after her the said Ca-
tharine's death, the said Lettie to be given to the estate in
perpetuity except. But should my wife be inclined to claim her
Dower, annually while living at the House at the expense of the estate,
she must be charged for all clothing, except domestic manufactures
that may be purchased for her, as well as her travelling expenses when
going from home. Which her Dower will easily maintain.

Again should my said Wife think proper to remove from this place
and often have she before. It shall be entitled to her bed & furniture
and a proportion of all other things necessary for a small family, with
the keeping of a Hound, which each she is to support herself out of
her Dower in every respect.

Item 3 To the said eldest child of my daughter Emily A. Manning
I give that one now living, or may be at the time of my death, with the
dollar, desiring therefore her consent and the said Emily's consent
as they now stand, viz. the said day of October eighth last, and that
said Emily and her child, or as they may hereafter be

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ordered the 8th July 1873
J. P. Dornice

