

George Higgins.

State of Georgia
Washington County.

In the Name of God. Amen

I, George Higgins of said State and County, being of advanced age, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper both as respects myself and family that I should make a disposition of my property, which a kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made.

Item 1st I desire and direct my body be buried in a decent and christian like manner, suitable to my circumstances in life. My soul, I trust shall return, to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for salvation, through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Item 2nd I desire and direct, that all my just debts be paid, without delay by my executors hereafter named and appointed.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved daughters Nancy J. Higgins and Mary J. Higgins all my children and household furniture which I may be seized and possessed of at the time of my death, in order to make them even with what I have heretofore given to my other children.

Item 4th It is my Will and desire that all the property I may have at the time of my death, be equally divided, between my beloved children (except what has already been devised) to share and share alike. Mary J. and Nancy A. Higgins and Susan Shirling, wife of William J. Shirling, Elizabeth G. Bell wife of John Bell, Chargin Kelley wife of George W. Kelley Jr, my beloved sons Joel J. Higgins, Luther J. Higgins and the heirs of my son Nicholas J. Higgins to share and share alike.

Item 5th That there shall be no portion of this Will so construed as to deprive any of my children of anything heretofore given to them by me.

Item 6th I do hereby constitute my son Luther J. Higgins and my daughters Nancy A. Higgins and Mary J. Higgins, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

This 10th day of February 1811.

George Higgins.

Signed, sealed and published by George Higgins, as his last Will and Testament in the presence of the undersigned, who subscribe our names here to in presence of the said Testator at his special request and instance and in the presence of each other.

This 10th February 1811.

A. H. Burmelle
C. J. Duggan
E. A. Sullivan

State of Georgia
Washington County

Court of Ordinary, September Term 1815.

In hereon comes A. H. Burmelle, C. J. Duggan and E. A. Sullivan, named as witnesses in the foregoing Will, producing

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to be the last Will of George Higgins, and being duly sworn, say that they at the request of George Higgins and in his presence did attest as witnesses the foregoing writing, as his George Higgins last Will and Testament; that the same was signed and published by the said George Higgins as his last Will and Testament in their presence, that he was at the time of said attestation and signing by himself, of sound and disposing mind and memory; that he executed said paper voluntarily. Sworn to and subscribed before me September 7th 1885

M. Sherman
Ordinary H.C.

M. W. Burnelle
C. J. Duggan
C. A. Sullivan

State of Georgia
Washington County

Codicil No 1.

I, George Higgins still being of sufficient soundness of mind and memory, do make and publish this as my Codicil No 1. to my last Will and Testament.

I give and bequeath unto my three daughters Ella Jane B. Bell, formerly Ella Jane Higgins Amanda M. Higgins and Mary J. Higgins, my entire estate both real and personal for and during their natural lives or until they remain unmarried and should either marry or die I desire that the remaining ones, to have the sole charge until their marriage or death. And I further will, that on the death or marriage of my three daughters mentioned above then my property both real and personal, to be equally divided between all my children share and share alike. I further will that the corpus of my estate be only as a life estate or during their single and unmarried state, not giving them the right to sell and dispose of the real estate. I further will that my grand daughter Charlie M. Bell to receive a support during her life, or until she should marry. Should my daughter Ella Jane B. Bell marry again, it is my desire, that the daughter of her body Charlie M. Bell do not receive the benefits mentioned in this my Codicil. I desire that this last named Codicil do not prevent the payment of all my just debts to my executors named in the Will.

Signed, sealed and published and declared by George Higgins as his Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the presence of the undersigned, who subscribed our names hereto, in presence and by request of said Testator and in the presence of each other.

This the fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

George Higgins.

J. M. Mayo
C. J. Duggan
J. W. Higgins.

State of Georgia
Washington County.

Court of Ordinary. September Term 1885.

In presence of J. M. Mayo, C. J. Duggan & J. W. Higgins

George Higgins last

named as witnesses to the foregoing Codicil to the last Will of George Higgins and being duly sworn say, that they at the request of George Higgins and in his presence did attest as witnesses, the foregoing writing as the Codicil to the Will and Testament of George Higgins, that the same was signed and published by the said George Higgins, as his Codicil to his last Will and Testament in their presence, that he was at the time of said attestation and signing by himself of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that he executed said paper voluntarily.

G. H. Higgins
to J. Luzzar
J. M. Mayo.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
September 7th 1865.

A. Sherman
Ordinary Cb.

George
Washington County.

Mrs Elizabeth D Sulghum.

In the name of God. Amen

I, Elizabeth D Sulghum of said State and county, being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world, I deem it right and proper both as respects myself and my family, that I should make a disposition of the property, with which a kind Providence has blessed me.

I therefore make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me.

Item first:

I desire and direct, that my body be buried in a decent and christianlike manner, suitable to my circumstances and condition. My soul I trust, shall return to rest with God, who gave it, as I hope for eternal salvation, through the precious blood and precious Jesus Christ, whose religion I have professed and as I humbly trust, have enjoyed for a number of years.

Item second.

I desire and direct, that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors herein named

Item third.

I desire and direct, that one hundred and fifty Dollars be taken from my estate and used in having erected at the grave of my dear husband John D Sulghum in the Bethlehem Cemetery in said county and State a good monument or tomb stone, or that amount of money will purchase the site and establish I submitted to the judgment of my executors.

Item fourth:

I give and devise to my beloved daughters Melissa J Sulghum and Emma D Summing my lot in the town of Middletown on which I now reside.