

- Georgia 3rd In the name of God amen
Bartow County I George B. Russell being well in Body
but of Sound mind and memory and mindful
of the the certainty of Death & the uncertainty of Life Do make
ordain & Publish This my Last will and Testament
Item 1st I commend my Soul to God who gave it, my Body to the
Dust out of which it was made to be Decently buried in hope of a
Glorious Immortality at the Resurrection of the Just
Item 2nd It is my will and Desire that all my mercantile interests
So soon after my Death as conveniently may be, be closed up
the goods on hand, ^{Sold} Settlements made & notes and accounts collected
Item 3rd It is my ^{wife} and desire that my Negro girl Lucinda given me
by my wifes Father be Taken and Held by my Beloved wife
Jane Russell in her own Right as absolutely her own property
For ever in Fee Simple,
Item 4th It is my will and desire that my house & Lot in Caspville where on it
now Reside be kept ^{by} my Executrs here in after named for a home for my
wife and children during my wifes Life Time that when she
Dies that it be there Sold for the benefit of my children and
their heirs unless my wife should at Any Time prefer
to Remove from Town and Reside in the County, in that
Event it is my desire that it be sold by my said Executrs and a con-
-fortable House be Buillt for my wife and children on my Land
Adjoining Lands of George I Black Tho: Coby and others
Item 5th It is my will and Desire that the above named Lot of Land and
the part of Lot near Caspville adjoining Mr: Philips and others be
also kept for the use of my wife and children upon the Terms
and conditions mentioned in the next item above.
Item 6th It is my desire that all the Rest and Residue of my Real Estate
where soever & of what kind soever be sold by my Executrs
as aforesaid as soon as it can be done beneficially for my Estate
Item 7th It is my will and desire that my Negroes here in after named
To wit John a man about Forty years of age give a boy about Twelve
years of age & Lucy a Girl About Thirteen years of age and George a boy
about Twenty years of age be kept for the benefit and use of my
Family to cultivate the Farm for their support and to watch upon them
Except the Boy George who may be hired out or sold at the Direction
of my Executrs
Item 8th It is my Desire that my said Executrs purchase a Negro woman
named Lucinda about Thirteen years of age for the property of

Item 14th It is also my will and desire that the issue of the negirl Lucinda given me by my wife's Father be ultimately Divided Equally among my Children and not to become the property of my wife
Item 15th It is my wish and desire that my wife take Either my Buggy or Carriage at her option for her own use and that the other be sold by my Executors

Item 16th It is further my Will and Desire that all the Rest and Residue of my Estate both Real and personal not herein before ^{dis}posed of to be sold as soon as may be & that all my just Debts be paid as soon as can be done

Item 17th It is my will and desire that all my Children & my Wife shall Share Equally the property money and Effects belonging to my Estate Except the negro girl Lucinda before given to my wife and that my Executors Give to Each of my Children their Said portion as they become of age or marry and that when it becomes necessary in order to make that distribution my Executors shall have power at their discretion to sell such ^{part of} property heretofore devised as they may think proper or to give negroes in kind in satisfaction of said distribution I have no shares

Item 18th It is my Will and desire that my son William have a Liberal Education at the discretion of My Executors and that the Expense of his said Education shall not decrease his Distributive Share of my Estate

Item 19th It is my will and desire that my wife keep all the household and Kitchen furniture for the use of my family and that my Executors keep up the same by such additions thereto from time to time as shall be sufficient to keep them comfortable.

Item 20th It is my will and Desire that my Horses Two horse waggon Stock of hoes and hogs and implements of husbandry be kept for the use of my family and to carry on the farm and that my Executors should be sufficient be kept for that purpose

Item 21st I do hereby constitute and appoint Thomas H. McPhee and William C. Alexander Executors of this My Last will and Testament

The Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this 27th day of November 1887

(Signed) George B. Russell

J. B. Henderson
Amariah Hassel
William H. Hester

Georgia } I George B Russell do make and Publish this
Cass County } Codicil as part of my will as above written. To wit
It is my will and desire that if my wife should have any other
child or children before I die or should have now or hereafter
and should have a posthumous child or children that such child or
children shall have an equal share or shares of my property
with the Rest of my children under the same Restrictions and
in the same way with the others. In testimony of which
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal 15th December 1847
Signed Sealed and published
in presence of us (Signed) George B. Russell

J. B. Underwood
Amariah Hassell
William Lattimer

(1079 11-1847)

Georgia }
Cass County } Court of Ordinary January Term 1848
In open court came James B Underwood Amariah Hassell
and William Lattimer & being duly sworn depose and say that they
saw George B. Russell sign Seal declare and publish the instrument
now proposed by the Executors William Alexander and Turner H. Tupper
Therein named as his Last will and Testament and Codicil freely and voluntarily
and of his own accord and without any compulsion or influence that at the Execution
of the said will and Codicil that said George B. Russell the Testator was of sound
and disposing mind and memory that deponents signed said will and Codicil as
witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his special Instance and Request
and in the presence of each other
sworn to and subscribed
before us in open court

this 10th January 1848
Wm. H. Nicholson J. C. C.
Joshua Baird J. C. C.
Joseph Boyle J. C. C.

(Signed)
William Lattimer
Amariah Hassell
J. B. Underwood

Georgia } I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true
Cass County } Last will of the said George B. Russell deceased in far as
I know or believe and that I will well and truly Execute
the same by paying first the debts and then the Legacies contained
in the said will in far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend
and the Law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect inven-
tory of all such Goods and Chattels to help me God

Sworn to and subscribed before us in open court 10th Jan'y 1848
(Signed) William B. Alexander
Turner H. Tupper

In the name of God Amen

I Jesse Stepp of the said State
and County, being of Advanced age and knowing that I must
shortly Depart from this world do with Right mind and proper both as to
Respect myself and my family that I should make a disposition of my property,
which a kind Providence has blessed me. Therefore make this my Last will
and Testament hereby Revoking & Annulling all others here to fore made by me
1st I desire and direct after the payment of my Just debts which amount to Little or
Small Sum, My Executor here in after named proceed to collect all moneys due
or owing to me Sell all my property personal and Real and after collecting the
proceeds to divide the same together with all other sums collected on my behalf
and the moneys which I now have on hand Equally among my children
Elizabeth Leather Susan Edmonson Ginsey Scott and Mary Pattusan
I further Desire and direct that that portion of my Estate which according
to this my Last will and Testament is to fall to my Daughter Elizabeth
Leather he and is here by Secured to her and her Children
2nd I here by Appoint my Trusty and Worthy Friend Lewis Chumlin
to be the Executor of this my Last Will and Testament
Signed Sealed Declared and Published by me Jesse Stepp in presence
of us the Subscribers who Subscribed our names here to in the presence of
Said Testator and of Each other this 22nd June 1846

Jos. Hamilton
Chas. A. Hamilton
Francis Wisdom

} (Signed) Jesse Stepp
his mark

After Signing Sealing declaring and
Publishing as my last Will and Testament it has occurred to me that
Ought to in Testimony of the affection I have to my Brother William Stepp
to Will and Bequeath to him the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars. I Jesse
Stepp do therefore desire and direct that my Executor aforesaid do proceed before
the division of my Estate According to provisions of my Last will & Testament
above Written to Deliver in to the hands of my aforesaid Brother William
Stepp the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars out of my moneys belonging to my
Estate for the use and benefit of him my aforesaid Brother William Stepp

This addition Amendment of my Last will and Testament of Jesse
Stepp have made, Signed Sealed Declared & Published the day and year
first above Written in presence of

Jos. Hamilton
Chas. A. Hamilton
Francis Wisdom
for Testator

} (Signed) Jesse Stepp
his mark
Recorded the 14th January 1848

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Personally came Lewis Trenchard Executor of the Last Will & Testament of Jesse Stephens Late of said County Deceased and produced before us the Last Will and Testament of the said Jesse Stephens Deceased and the codicil of the said will Annexed and Three of the Witnesses of said will and codicil To wit Thor Hammett Francis Widdom & James Collins which witnesses Being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Jesse Stephens the Testator Sign Seal declare & publish the Instruments now presented as his Last will and Testament and codicil freely Voluntarily and of his own accord and without any compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of the Execution of the said will and codicil said Jesse Stephens the Testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory that defendants signed said will and codicil as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his Special Request and in the presence of each other

Sworn to and subscribed before us (Signed) Philip A. Guyton J. C.
this 14th day of December 1887 } Nathl. Anderson J. C.
Thor Hammett }
Francis Widdom }
James A. Collins }