

Georgia In the name of God, Amen.
Eusebius J. Martin Stidham, of said County and State,
being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but
of advanced age, and knowing that I must shortly
depart from this world, deem it right and proper
both as respects myself and my family, that I should
make a disposition of my property with which a
kind Providence has blessed me, I therefore make
and publish this my last will and testament

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife,
Hannah Stidham, with whom I have lived in the
strictest quiet and love for many years, the following
my slaves, during her natural life or widowhood,
Rachel, and her four children, to wit, Jane, a girl about
thirteen years old, Caroline, about ten years old, Henry,
a boy about seven years old, and Prister, a boy about
two years old, to work for her support and comfort
during her natural life or widowhood, but in case
of her intermarriage or death, then said negroes to
be sold and divided among my heirs according
to the provision hereinafter following.

Item 2nd. It is my wish and will provided my Executors
should deem it best, to sell as soon as convenient
publicly or privately as they think best, the land and
plantation whereon I now live, being careful to provide
a comfortable house and home for my wife, such
as she will willingly receive in lieu of her dower.

Item 3rd. All the rest of my property both real and
personal, wheresoever and whatsoever it may be,

I wish and will to be sold and divided among
my children or their heirs who may be living at the
time of my decease, except my grand daughter Martha
A. Spence, her having to be raised and educated out
my effects, that she receive only as much as an
equal share of my estate, and I hereby constitute
and appoint Gilebert Stidham trustee for my said
grand daughter Martha A. Spence, the said sum
to be paid to him and held at interest until she
becomes of lawful age or marries, and then paid
over to her and not to her father William C. Spence,
I desire that the

have a note which I hold on him for five hundred dollars, and nothing else from my Estate; likewise I hereby constitute and appoint Robert H. Henderson trustee for my three grand children, by my daughter Emeline Henderson, and it is my will they receive their mother's full share of my Estate.

Item 4th. I will and desire that my daughter Elizabeth in consequence of her impotency, receive one and one half shares of my Estate, which sum I will to her and the heirs of her body, not subject to be disposed of by any husband she may at any time hereafter have.

Item 5th. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Elisha Stidham, and Simon Stidham, of Polk County, and my son in law Thomas M. Ansley, my Executors to this my last will and Testament, signed, sealed, declared and published in presence of us the witnesses, and in presence of each other and the testator, this 8th day of February, 1855.

Intention with the words "at interest, children," the word "daughters" erased before signed, and Simon Stidham of Polk County Ga interlined before signed.
Solomon S. Strickland Paulding Co Ga
George T. Parker Paulding Co Ga
James W. Rogeman Paulding Co Ga
Martin Stidham (Seal)

State of Georgia, Before me Thos. H. Wood, Ordinary, for said County, in vacation, personally came Thomas M. Ansley, one of the Executors of the last will and Testament of Martin Stidham, late of said County, deceased, and produced before me the last will and Testament of said Martin Stidham, deceased, and the witnesses of said will, to wit: Solomon S. Strickland, George T. Parker and James W. Rogeman, which witnesses being duly sworn, depose and say, that they saw Martin Stidham the Testator, sign, seal, declare and publish the instrument now presented as his last will and Testament 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, said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory; that deponents signed said will and attested in the presence of the Testator and at his special instance and request, and in the presence of each other.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd March, 1855.
Thos. H. Wood
Solomon S. Strickland
George T. Parker

State of Georgia }
 Cass County }
 We Elisha Stidham, Simon Stidham &
 Thomas M. Ansley, do solemnly swear that
 this writing contains the true last Will
 of the within named Martin Stidham deceased, so far
 as we know or believe; and that we will well and truly
 execute the same, by paying first the debts and
 then the legacies contained in the said will, as far
 as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the
 law charge us, and that we will make a true and
 perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels.
 "So Help us God."
 Elisha Stidham
 Simon Stidham
 T. M. Ansley.
 Sworn to and subscribed before
 me in open Court, the 5th day of March, 1855

attest
 Thos. A. Word, Ordinary

Recorded 22nd March, 1855
 Thos. A. Word, Ordinary

State of Georgia }
 Cass County }
 In the name of God, Amen.
 I John A. Krehaw, of said State and County,
 being of sound mind and memory, but
 weak in body, and knowing that it is probable that
 I may shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper,
 both as it respects my family and myself, that I should
 make a disposition 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.

Item 1st. I desire and direct that my body be buried
 in a decent Christianlike manner, suitable to my
 circumstances and condition in life. My soul, I trust,
 shall return to rest with God who gave it.

Item 2nd. I desire and direct that all my just debts be
 paid by my Executor hereinafter appointed with as
 little delay as possible.

Item 3rd. It is my will and desire that all my property
 both real and personal, of every kind, whatever that
 may pass or be entitled unto at my death, to remain
 in the hands, and under the control of my Executor
 hereinafter named, and kept together by him for the
 support of my wife and children, and for the
 education of my children.