

Thomas Stevens

Georgia Leaf County In The Name of God Amen
I Thomas Stevens of the County & State
aforesaid being Stricken in years but of Sound Mind and
Sight Memory & being deeply impressed with the uncertainty of
life & the Certainty of death do make and give public notice &
declare this to be my last will and Testament as follows viz.
First I resign my Soul to God who gave it - & my body to be
buried in a Christian like manner. The worldly goods &
Estate with which it has pleased God to bless me I dispose of
in the following manner.
Item I desire that the following Executors herein after named
will as soon as practicable after my decease sell the Tracts of
my lands on the Ocmulgee River in the County of Twiggs in
this State. Known as numbers two hundred & twenty two
two hundred & thirty two & two hundred & thirty three

Such terms as may be Considered by my Executors to be most advantageous and the proceeds thereof to be divided equally between the the children & heirs of the body of my Daughter Mary Stokes & of my daughter Lucy formerly Lucy Kendrick hereby Constituting and appointing my said Executors and their Survivors of them Trustees for the said children of my said daughter Mary & Lucy as joining and I enjoining them to appropriate the said proceeds as may but promise the interest of the said children until they shall arrive at the age of twenty one years when the same shall be divided among them and the Survivors of them.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary Stokes Primers & Service & to my daughter Lucy formerly Lucy Kendrick Hannah Amy & Antony heretofore given to them to their Separate use and benefit - & to the heirs of their bodies respectively which is to constitute their entire interest in my Estate both real & Personal except as is hereafter Specified & directed.

Item I give & bequeath to my Son John Stokes the lot of land he formerly lived on in the County of Baldwin in this State and the following named Negroes viz: John America Billy & Nancy already in his possession which shall constitute his entire interest in my Estate both real & Personal.

Item I give & bequeath to my Son William Stokes the Sum of five hundred dollars heretofore received by him which is to constitute the whole of his interest in my Estate both Real & Personal.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Ann Watson the wife of Robert Watson four Negroes viz: Fanny Sally Mariah & Peter heretofore received which constitute the whole of her interest in my Estate both Real & Personal.

Item I give & bequeath to my Son Thomas Jefferson Stokes the following named Negroes now in his possession viz: Edney & her children Caroline Madeline Boyant Rosetta & Adeline Pomp Madison & Ellick also two Negro men named March & Jerry together with all the lands comprising my Settlement on the Chattahoochee River in this State & in the County of DeKalb consisting of Square lots & fractions and which may be more easily ascertained by reference to the Records of the Superior Court of DeKalb County the Deeds of which lands are there recorded also the tools of husbandry necessary and indispensable at present in & about the said place also the stock except such as shall hereafter be otherwise

I give & bequeath to my Son Decatur Stevens my three lots of land in the fifteenth district Third Section of Cass County each containing one hundred & sixty acres of land being the place whereon I now live & the following named Negroes viz. Mimy & her children Lotty Alfred Ready Chas Curtis Elam Lumpkin also two Negro men Faid & Harry my large Bay Man now kept as my Saddle Bag a Bay filly on the Chattahoochee River; a Small Mule & a Black one & all the house hold & Kitchen furniture the farming tools & all implements of all kinds yoke of Oxen & least in value about the same place in Cass County which shall constitute his entire interest in my Estate both Real & Personal but in as much as I am apprehensive that he may be unable to manage said Property herein bequeathed to him prudently I place the same under the contrall & management of my Executors & the Survivors of them so far as to require their written consent to the validity of all bargains & contracts in relation thereto my said Son Decatur to have a fee Simple Estate therein with the above qualification.

I then I leave to my wife Elizabeth Stevens the following named Negroes viz. Dempsey Betty Sally Rachel & her two children Madeline & Francis Malinda & one boy Henderson with the use of the house hold furniture of every description & Stock on said farm during her natural life or widowhood it being my will & desire that she & my Son Decatur shall live together on said place so long as she lives & remains unmarried at her death or marriage my will & desire is that the Stock of every description shall go with the land to my Son Decatur the Negroes to be equally divided amongst my children Mary Stokes Lucy formerly Lucy Kendrick Thomas Jefferson Stevens & Decatur Stevens the parts or shares to my two daughters Mary & Lucy to be for their separate use & benefit in no way Subject to the debts of the husbands of said Mary or Lucy but to the said Mary & Lucy & the heirs of their bodies.

I then I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Stokes & her children for their separate use during the life of the said Mary Stokes a Negro girl Martha & at her death I give & bequeath the said girl Martha to Mary the daughter of the said Mary Stokes but in case little Mary should die before her mother then I give & bequeath the said Martha to my Grand Son Henry Kendrick.

I then I give & bequeath to my

a negro boy Austin & to my grand daughter Mary H. Gay a negro girl Elizabeth & to the Survivors of them I hereby appoint my son Thomas Jefferson Stevens the Executor to my said grand children the said negro Austin to be delivered to my grand son Henry when shall come at the age of Twenty one years & the said negro girl Elizabeth to be delivered to my grand daughter Mary when she comes or arrives at the age of twenty one whichever event first happens my will & desire is that my said Executors shall cause to be given to the said Henry Kendrick & the said Mary H. Gay a Common School Education & to defray the Expenses of the same out of the proceeds of the Sale of my lands in Twiggs County.

Item my will & desire is that whatever Cash Money or notes I may be possessed of my said Executors shall loan out at interest & the interest to go to the Support of my said wife & my two grand children Henry Kendrick & Mary H. Gay & the Survivors of them until the youngest of these two grandchildren shall arrive at age then the principal to be distributed among my children & grandchildren then alive as my Executors shall think most Equitable & just.

Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my son Thomas Jefferson Stevens & my friend Dempsey Connolly both of De Kalb County Executors to this my last will & Testament hereby acknowledging all their bills by me made heretofore.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal & signed each Page foregoing this day of July 1837
Signed Sealed Published &

declared to be the last will & Testament of the Testator Thomas Stevens in our presence & we have signed as witnesses in this presence of each other

Wm H. Underwood
R. H. L. Buchanan
J. H. Blackwell

Thomas Stevens (Seal)

Georgia
Bartow County
At a call Court of ordinary July 13th 1840
Personally appeared in open Court William H. Underwood and R. H. L. Buchanan two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within will and they on oath that they saw Thomas Stevens the testator sign the within will and that they Subscribed the same as witnesses in his presence and

Subscribe the same also in his presence as a witness and that
the said Thomas Stephens was then of sound disposing mind
Test
George B. Russell clerk William H. Underwood
R. H. L. Buchanan

Georgia
County I Thomas J. Stevens do solemnly swear that
this writing contains the true last will of the
within named Thomas Stevens deceased so far as I know
or believe and that I will will 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 me and that
I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such
goods and chattels so help me God.
Subscribed in open Court of Ordinary this 6th day of
March 1840
Attest George B. Russell clerk
Recorded this 6th day of April 1840
George B. Russell clerk

Georgia
County Know all Men by these presents that I Robert
Lackey of the County and State aforesaid
do ordain this my last will and testament in the name
and form following; to wit, 1st I give and bequeath to my
beloved wife Nancy Lackey all my house-hold furniture
except that part already owned by my daughter Sarah Lackey
and Nancy M. McGuire, also all my Stock of cattle
except two cows which I bequeath to my daughter Sarah
Lackey and two cows which I bequeath to my daughter
Nancy M. McGuire. My Stock of Hogs I give and bequeath
to my son Reuben D. Lackey and William S. Lackey
to hold equally between them and my family to be
supported out of said Stock so far as pork may be con-
sumed as long as they may continue to live together.
I bequeath to my wife Nancy Lackey my man during her
natural life. I give and bequeath to my son Robert D.
Lackey my horse colt. I give and bequeath to my son
William S. Lackey and my son Reuben D. Lackey all
my land with all the rights, members and appurtenances
thereto belonging consisting of two Lots known and