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Last Will & Testament of Elijah Stevens

Georgia } On the name of God Amen
 Bibb County } I Elijah Stevens advanced in years
 but of sound mind do now make public and
 declare this my last Will & Testament hereby
 revoking all other Wills say now & Testaments
 by me made

Item 1st I wish all my debts paid & my body
 Buried in a decent and Christianlike manner
Item 2nd I give & bequeath to my Wife all my
 Estate Real & personal to dispose of Two (2) Eighths $\frac{2}{8}$
 of the whole as she Pleases the other Six Eighths
 $\frac{6}{8}$ to be disposed of and distributed at her death
 as follows.

One Eighth $\frac{1}{8}$ to the Children of my deceased Son
 West W Stevens

One Eighth $\frac{1}{8}$ to my Son Miles Stevens now living
 in Texas and if he be then dead to his Children

One Eighth $\frac{1}{8}$ to my Son Williard J Stevens now
 living in Texas and if he be then dead to his
 Children

One Eighth $\frac{1}{8}$ to my Daughter Eliza R Oslin
 to her Sole and Separate use free from the
 debt or Control of her husband and at her
 death to her Children

One Eighth $\frac{1}{8}$ to my Daughter Cynthia Taylor now
 living in Macon & if she be then dead to her
 Children

One Eighth $\frac{1}{8}$ to my Daughter Ellen Harris Widow
 living in Crawford County and if she be then
 dead to her Children

My Reasons for not leaving a Share to the Children
 of Allen R Stevens and Simon S Stevens
 are

As to Allen he died indebted to my Son
 West W Stevens and that debt will probably
 be lost or a part of it

and as to Simon he requested me to
 remember his Widowed Sister Mrs Oslin
 which I have done - and he left but one
 Child who can take care of himself

I appoint & constitute my Wife Executrix and
 authorize and empower her to give off a
 part or whole of the above shares or keep all
 as long as she pleases recommending her
 to take care of herself & keep enough to
 live in comfortably in her old age

Witness my hand and seal
Elijah Stevens

Signed Sealed Published & declared by the Testator
as & for his Last Will & Testament who at his
Request and in his Presence have signed the
Same as Witnesses
this 15th March 1858
Thos P Stubbs
John M Stubbs
Ellison Edwards

Whereas I Elijah Stevens did on the 15th March
1858 Sign Seal Publish and declare my last Will
& Testament in Presence of Thomas P Stubbs John
M Stubbs and Ellison Edwards who assigned the
Same as above Shown as Witnesses and whereas
I Since the Execution of Said Will & Testament
Purchased Seventy acres of Land more or less
being Parts of Lots No one hundred and Seventy
five and two hundred and two (175-202),
in the fourth District originally Waukegan
now Bibb County joining lands of James
Finley Thomas Cherry and others and being
desirous of disposing of Said Land and
which I now live I do hereby make and
Publish this Codicil to Said Will
I do hereby give and bequeath Will
and devise the Land herein above descri-
bed to my Wife Faitha Stevens for her own
benefit and use to be disposed of as she
may think best

Signed Sealed Published & declared by Elijah
Stevens as a Codicil to his
Last Will and Testament
declared this the 10th August
1860 in Presence of
James Finley
Joel J Cherry
Johnnan Wice

Georgia Bibb Court of Ordinary
Bibb County } October Term 1860
Personally appeared in open Court at
October Term 1860 Ellison Edwards who
being duly sworn says that he saw
Elijah Stevens late of Bibb County and

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Said Publick and declare the Instrument now
 Presented as and for his last Will and Testament
 that Said Testator was of Sound and disposing
 mind and Memory at the time of Signing
 Said Instrument and that Said Testator
 Signed the Same freely voluntarily and of
 his own accord without any influence or
 Compulsion whatever and that deponent Signed
 the Same as Witness at the Request and in the
 Presence of Said Testator and in the Presence
 of Thomas P. Shubbs and John M. Shubbs the
 other Subscribing Witnesses who also Signed
 the Same as Witnesses at the Request and in
 the Presence of Said Testator and in the Presence
 of Each other

Sworn to and Subscribed, Ellison Edwards
 Before me this the 2nd
 day of October 1860
 Wm. H. Wiley Ordinary

Proctor } Bibb County of Ordinary
 Bibb County } October Term 1860
 Personally appeared in open Court at
 October Term Joel T. Cherry who being
 duly Sworn Says that he saw Elijah Shubbs
 late of Said County now deceased Sign Seal
 declare & Publish the Instrument now
 Presented and hereto attached as a Codicil
 to his last Will & Testament the Same
 being attached to Said Last Will and
 Testament that Said Testator was of
 of Sound and disposing mind & Memory
 & that the Said Codicil was executed
 freely and voluntarily by him of his
 own accord & without any influence
 or Compulsion whatever that deponent
 Signed the Same as Witness at the Request
 of Said Testator and that he also saw
 the other Subscribing Witnesses to wit James
 Wiley and Johnson Wise Sign the Same
 and that they also Signed in the Presence
 of the Said Testator and at the Request
 of the Said Testator and in the Presence
 of Each other as to Said Codicil
 Sworn to and Subscribed
 in open Court October }
 Term 1860 Wm. H. Wiley } Joel T. Cherry
 ordinary }