

Last Will and Testament of Simon L. Stevens.

In the name of God, Amen

I Simon L Stevens being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and constitute the following Item, my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all others previously made.

Item 1st. It is my will and desire that all my Estate be kept together by my Executor (and used in that way that will support my wife and my son Myles and his family and pay my debts) until my debts are paid.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my Wife Catherine A Stevens the House and Lot on which I now reside my household & kitchen furniture and every thing thereto appertaining my Milk cow and Calf. My Carriage and horse also the following negroes to wit: A man Lewis a man Ugal a man Shearman a boy Sam and his daughter Sarah, Susan yellow Sarah Ross (the mother of Denah) also Denah Minna and Loury her child, for which latter negro Loury my wife shall pay to the widow of my estate the value at which said boy may be appraised if it be the pleasure of my wife to do so or let said Loury return to the residue part of my Estate.

Item 3rd. It is my will and desire that after the payment of my debts that my servants Lydia be placed in the hands of the Agent of the Colonization Society to be transferred to Africa, if she desires to go; otherwise she be a part of my estate to be distributed among my heirs.

Item 4th. It is my will and desire that one half of the residue of my estate be given to my son Myles & Stevens absolutely.

Item 5th. I give the other half of said residue to my friend Peter Stubbs in Trust for Letitia Stevens my daughter in law and her children by my son Myles during her natural life and after her death to go to and be the property of the legitimate children of my son Myles & Stevens.

Item 6th. I hereby appoint Pulaski I Holt my Executor to the my last will and testament. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand.

Simon L Stevens.

Witness,

Thad. I Holt

Henry M North

Elijah Stevens

Georgia, Bibb County

Monday 6th March 1854

Chainman's Office } Personally came into open Court J. B. Holt & Henry M North who being sworn say that they are subscribing Wills to the above and foregoing Will of Simon L Stevens that his signature to the same is genuine & that the other parties

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Testimony and that he was at the time of said depriving murder
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Bibb County } Ordinary's Office, Monday 6th March 1854.

The within Will having been prepared by Delasche, J Holt and proven upon the oath of J G Holt and Henry M North two of the subscribing witnesses, it is therefore ordered that the same be placed to record. Signed (P. Tracy)

Ordinary.

In the name of Georgia Bell County
God Amen!

I William B. Thomas
of said State and County- Being in ill health but
sound in Mind, feeling that I might ere long depart
to that Bourne, from whence no traveller returns-
Deem it just and proper that I should make such
dispositions of my property as may save my beloved wife
from the malice, and envy, of all, that may claim
kindred to my two oldest children she being their
step mother. I therefore make this my last Will
and Testament, Revoking others heretofore made by
me.

I desire and direct that my body be interred in the Cemetery Macon, solemnized by the services of the Episcopal Church, trusting that my soul may find rest in him who gave himself a ransom for my sins. If my three eldest children Mary C. Thos. B. and William B. belong by Deed of Gift my woman Hannah about 32 years of age with her eight children find John about 16 years of age Kinah about 14 - Joe about 12 - Mary about 10 - Betty about 8 - Fanny about 6 - Martha about 4 and Ella 1 1/2 years old - I desire and direct, that the same be equally divided, between my three above named children, at such time, and place, as my Executors or after named may deem best for their interests.

I give and bequeath to my son Charles I say
March about 14 years of age also his sister Char-
lotte about 6 years of age, and my boy George
about 4 years of age, to him and his heirs forever.
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
my plantation or which I have