

Last Will and Testament of John F. Staples of said Georgia, Carroll County.

I John F. Staples of said State and County Being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament
Item 1st

I desire that all my just debts be paid.
Item 2nd

I give bequeath and devise to my wife Mary Elizabeth Staples the following property to wit: My home place known as lot of land no 103 in the 11th District of said and State except fifty acres in the south west corner of said lot to her own proper use benefit and behoof during natural life or widowhood. This bequest is made to my said wife in lieu of her whole dower.
Item 3rd

I give bequeath and devise to my son J. W. Staples the following property to wit: one hundred acres of land off of the north side of the above described lot of land to have and to hold the same after the death of or marriage of my wife Mary E. Staples.
Item 4th

I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Julia E. Staples fifty acres of lot of land off of the south side of the aforesaid lot of land it being the home place, to have and to hold the same after the death or marriage of my wife Mary E. Staples.
Item 5th

I hereby constitute and appoint my son J. W. Staples Executor of this my last will and Testament this the 7th day of March 1887

John F. Staples
Signed, declared and published by John F. Staples as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribe our names hereto in the presence of said testator, at his instance and request, and of each other, all signing in our presence and we signing in his presence
Filed in office Dec 5 1887

J. Brown ordinary } John L. Deal
J. H. Roop }
J. D. Green }

Georgia, Carroll County.

We J. H. Roop, J. L. Deal and J. D. Green do swear that we saw the within named J. F. Staples sign and publish the within paper as his last will and Testament. That we subscribed the same as witnesses thereto at the special instance and request of said J. F. Staples and in his presence, that we said J. F. Staples signed the same freely and voluntarily and was at the time of said signing of sound and disposing mind and memory.
J. H. Roop J. L. Deal J. D. Green

be paid with as little delay as possible, by my Executor hereinafter named and appointed. Thirdly. I give and bequeath and devise to my beloved daughter Georgia Ann McGee wife of Henry McGee of the State of Mississippi, the sum of Five hundred dollars as soon as the same can be collected and Five hundred dollars each year thereafter until she shall receive the sum of Five thousand dollars out of my estate.

Fourthly. I will and bequeath to my Son Newton Levi Benson the sum of Five hundred dollars as soon as the same can be collected.

Fifthly. To my beloved wife Sarah Jane Benson I give and bequeath all the property belonging to my estate less the bequest heretofore made to my daughter Georgia Ann McGee and Newton Levi, for her support during her life and at her death all the estate shall be sold and equally divided among my children to wit: Sarah Alberta Pass, wife of B. F. Pass, John William, Newton Levi, and James P. Benson.

Sixthly. I hereby constitute, and appoint my son Newton Levi Benson Executor of this my last Will and Testament, to take the entire charge of my estate, that collecting and paying my just debts, to loan at interest all money that my wife may be supported upon the same. This September 16th 1887. Eli Benson [ES]

Signed sealed and declared and published by Eli Benson, as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us the undersigned, who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special request and circumsance, and in the presence of each other. This September 16th 1887.

Filed in Office Nov 17th 1887
J. P. Brown Ordinary

Benjamin F. Burns
Nicholas Fair
Warren M. Meadows
John M. B. Billy

Georgia, Carroll County.

I J. P. Brown, do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Eli Benson deceased, as far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State. So help you God.

At S. Benson
Given to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of December 1887.
J. P. Brown
Ordinary C. C.