

State of Georgia) In the name of God amen
Carroll County J B Williams, Jr. Brother of said State and County
Being in good health and knowing that I must shortly depart
This life deem it right and proper both as respect of my family
and my self that I should make a disposition of the property
with which a kind providence has blessed me do therefore make this
My last Will & testament

1st Item I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent
and christian like manner suitable to my circumstances
and condition in life. My Soul I trust will return to rest
with God who gave it as hope for eternal salvation through
The merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ Whom religion I have professed and as I humbly trust my

2nd Item I desire and direct that all my just debt be paid
without delay by my executors herein after appointed

3rd Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Martha Jane
With Whom I have lived in the strictest quiet since
Marriage Lot of land No (200) and the West half of lot
No (200) in the 6th District of Carroll County Georgia containing
303 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres about seventy acres in cultivation with all the
Rights members and appurtenances to land in anywise
Belonging free from all charge or incumbrance ^{relative to said property} and maintenance
Of my children during her natural life or Widowhood only
I also give and bequeath to my said Wife in the same

We possessed (except Bank Stock Railroad Stock Merchandise
 whose in action or debts due me (and cash on hand) to hold the
 same in her own right absolutely forever, this property and that
 devised to my said Wife and the foregoing second item of My
 Will ~~and~~ Testament is intended by me to be given to her
 and alone any provision hereafter to be made here in the
 My Will

Item 4 I Will and direct all my just debts and expenses
 of winding up my estate and any and all other charges
 for my estate in whole or connected with the same
 be paid out of my general estate that no part of
 the same shall be paid by my said Wife or be
 chargeable to the said property given to her in the
 foregoing last item of this my Will.

Item 5 I Will and desire that all my property both
 Real & Personal, Except that already disposed of by
 the foregoing Items is divided as follows one fifth
 to my Wife absolutely and unconditionally, the
 Remainder to be equally divided among all my
 children if living at the time of my death if
 any be dead at that time the share or shares of such
 to go to their child or children if any, if none then
 to go to my surviving children share and share
 alike and if any child or children should be born to
 me hereafter before my death or within the usual
 period of gestation after my death such child or
 children shall stand on the same footing as my children
 now in life as to my estate this division may be
 made of property in kind or part or the whole or
 by sale at the discretion of my Executor herein after
 named all sale to be advertised in the same manner as is
 required by law for administrators except goods in the
 store which may be done by surviving partner for
 twelve months after my death. I also Will and direct
 that after the death of my Wife the property devised
 by the second item of this my Will be divided amongst
 all my children as above provided in this item

Item 6 Having made some advancements to my children
 who are of full age: I Will and direct that the same
 be accounted for by them in the final settlement
 without interest that an amount be advanced to each
 upon their arriving at the age of twenty one years
 sufficient to make them all equal so that each
 child or representative of such child shall receive the
 same amount

Item 7 Will and direct the Mercantile business now carried on
 in Carrollton under the firm name or style of
 J. M. Stewart & Co. be continued for twelve months
 after the time of my death by my surviving partner

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Wesley J. Stewart my Son, that he have that time to wind up the business and make sale of the partnership stock of goods on hand at my death that he be allowed to sell the same at private sale, by auction or otherwise as he may think best.

Item 8 I hereby constitute and appoint my Son Wesley J. Stewart and Madison F. Hale Executors to this my Will and also my Wife Missouri L. Stewart Executrix to the same without security and I hereby constitute and appoint my Blood wife Missouri L. Stewart Guardian of the person and property of any minor children and that she shall not be required to give security as such.

John W. Stewart

The foregoing five pages signed declared and published by John W. Stewart as his last Will and Testament in our presence and we sign the same in the presence of the testator as subscribing witnesses and in the presence of each other, this the 28th day of October 1881

S. B. Livingston
L. C. Standerville
S. E. Snow
W. W. Shearrell