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This is the Last Will and Testament of me James
Dixon of Burnpost Island in Chatham County in the State of Georgia
Planter, being far advanced in life, in health and of sound mind and
memory: After payment of my Debts and funeral expenses, I give
devise and bequeath to Susannah Miller, wife of Mr Nicholas Miller,
daughter to my late wife Isabella Dixon deceased, The use, work
and labour of my four Negroes named, July, Charlotte, Moll
and Lucy, without the let hindrance or controul of the present or any
future husband of the said Susannah Miller, and the same to work
and employ for her sole and separate benefit for and during her
natural life, and after her death, then the said four Negroes, July
Charlotte, Moll and Lucy, I give and bequeath to the Child or
children of the said Susannah Miller absolutely for ever; but
in case the said Susannah Miller shall die without leaving any Child
or Children, then I give and bequeath the said four Negroes abovesaid
to my nephew James Dixon, son of my brother William Dixon, to hold
the same to him and to his heirs and assigns for ever. I give
devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my
Estate real and personal, Lands, Negroes, Stock, Household goods
and every other property I may die possessed of or called the residue
of my estate to and among the children of my said Brother William
Dixon, To hold the said Residue of my said Estate both Personal
to and among them, and their heirs and assigns, in equal parts
Shares and proportions, And I hereby nominate my friends and
neighbours William Stephens & Thomas Miller my Executors
declaring this to be my last will and Testament, And do
hereby revoke and annul any former Will or Wills by me made.

Witness my hand and Seal the 5th day of November in the year of our Lord

1788 One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.
Signed sealed and delivered by the said James Dixon
his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his
request, and in his presence and in presence of each other have
written and subscribed our names in testimony

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William Stephens of Savannah in the State of Georgia Attorney at Law maketh Oath That he drew the annexed writing, purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Mr James Dickey deceased, agreeably to directions received from the said James Dickey, about the twenty eighth or twenty ninth day of October last at the house of Mr Thomas Mills on the Bay in Savannah, and that the Deponent sent the said writing to Mr Dickey at his Island called Burr's Is. by Mr Thomas Mills, who returned the same unexecuted.

Sworn before me
30th Nov: 1785

W. Stephens

William O'Byrne

Thomas Mills maketh Oath that he received the annexed paper writing from Mr William Stephens Attorney at Law, under cover, and directed to Mr James Dickey, and which paper, he on or about the date thereof, opened before the said James Dickey, agreeable to his directions, in order that the same might be executed, and which was not done, as there were not three witnesses then present.

Sworn before me
30th Novem: 1785

Thos. Mills

Geo. Montague