

Georgia

In the name of God am. en
Benjamin Stiles of the County of
Chatham and State of Georgia Esquire
being in a low and Sick condition
but of sound mind memory and
understanding considering the
uncertainty of life do make
constitute publish and declare
this to be my last Will and
Testament in manner and form
following to wit. I perceive that my
body be recently interred on the
Island of New England
Item that all my estate whether
of Land or of Goods or of whatsoever
species of property that I am
possessed of or intitled unto in
Law and equity within the State
aforesaid I give and bequeath
Share and share alike unto
my Nephew Mr Joseph Stiles
and my niece Miss Ann Stiles
children of my Brother Samuel

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Hills as one of the said state subject
only to the following proviso that is
to say that all my just debts be first
paid and discharged And the sum of
seven hundred pounds current money
of the Island of Bermuda be paid
to my beloved Sister Mrs Frances -
Lightbourne of the island of Bermuda
as aforesaid to be disposed as follows
viz Four hundred pounds as aforesaid
to her own proper use and behoof
and to her heirs. One hundred pounds
as aforesaid to her Daughter Mrs
Mary Withrison for her use and
behoof and One Hundred pounds as
aforesaid to each of her two Daughters
and to their use and behoof forever
And that the said sum of seven
Hundred pounds as aforesaid
shall be paid as follows three
Hundred pounds the first year

and two hundred pounds annually
till paid; And that a mulatto
Negro Girl named Mary Ann
be at free Item That no
division of Land be made till
five years are fully completed
Item That my Brother Samuel
Stiles Esquire my Nephews Messrs
Joseph Stiles and William Clark
Esquire all of the County of
Chatham and State aforesaid
be and do hereby constitute
and appoint them my sole
executors to this my last Will
and Testament declaring all
former Wills, Testaments and
void In Witness Whereof I the said
Benjamin Stiles the Testator
have to this my last Will and
Testament set my hand and
seal the twentieth day of November
One thousand seven hundred

and eighty nine and fourteenth of
the sovereignty and independence of
the United States -

Signed and published
and declared by the said
Benjamin Stiles as his last
Will and Testament who
at his request and in his
presence and in the presence
of each other have subscribed
as Witnesses -

Benjamin Stiles

Attest Henry Montfort George Wilson
George Wilson Before me James Whitfield

Deputed approbator for the
County of Chatham in the
State of Georgia personally
appeared James B. Sharp one of
the subscribing Witnesses to the
within written Last Will Testament
of Benjamin Stiles late of the said
County planters deceased who being
sworn on the holy Evangelist of
Christ by God made the oath
and testified that he was present

and did see the said Violator sign
and publish pronouncements and
declare the same to be and
contain his last Will & Testament
And that he was of sound mind
In many at the time to the best
of his recollection & belief And that
Mury Bondart and George
Wilson together with their spouses
subscribed their names as Witnesses
thereto at the request and in the
presence of the said Violator and
of each other In Witness
Whereof this 15th Nov. 1739

Whitefield & P. C.
on the same day appeared
Samuel & Joseph Stiles two of
the Justices and qualified as
such & received the usual
Letters Testimonialary -
Recorded 18th Nov. 1739.