

Georgia This is the last Will and
 Testament of me William D. Stevens at
 present in Savannah in the State of
 Georgia a widower, being in tolerable
 good health and of sound and disposing
 mind, memory and understanding;
 after payment of my funeral expenses
 and discharge of my just Debts I
 give devise and bequeath to my
 wife Ann Stevens All that Town
 lot in the Town of Beaufort in
 South Carolina, which I purchased
 of William Gilbert, known by the
 Number (310) three hundred and ten
 and seven Acres to be purchased
 out of the proceeds of my Plantation
 together with the three hundred
 thirty six and building a
 House on the said lot and all my
 household and kitchen furniture

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at Beaufort together with my stock
on Port Royal Island; I mean my due
proportion of To Hold the same and
every part thereof to my said wife
Ann De Vaux her Heirs and assigns
for ever. I Will that my said wife
during her widowhood have
liberty to reside on my plantation
called Shiftery and have the
free use of the Garden and my stock
there, with liberty to work her
Negro Slaves on said plantation
during such her widowhood only
without the power of interfering
or attempting to controul my
Executors or any Person, who they
may appoint in the management
of my said Plantation. And the
Estate and right herein said
be granted and limited to my
said Wife, I mean and well shall

be in full of any Doves or other fowl
she may have against my said
estate. I Will that all the rest of
my estate be kept together and
improved by my Executors for the
benefit of my three son ^{the} Honours
Stanza, Thomas Stanza and William
fairchild Stanza and my two —
Daughters Sarah Martha Stanza
and Mary Olivia Stanza And
the Survivor and Survivors of
in manner herein after mentioned
and agreed of and concerning
the same, That is to say, That
that my Executors be directed
in the best manner my estate
can afford, and that my three
sons be placed out to such
Business or profession as their
families may be fit for, and
they may choose, by my Executors

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herein after named who are here by
referred be auditors of their persons
and Estates, and hereby have
power and authority to raise
money on my Estate for the above
purposes; And after my said Sons
shall respectively attain the
age of twenty one Years, or be
married, and shall exercise such
Business or Profession, to which
he or they may be placed, And
my said Daughters be married or
arrive to the age of twenty one
Years then I give devise and
bequeath to my Son John
Burners Straus, one equal third
part of All my Lands on Long
Island in the State of Georgia
including as his part the
settled Plantation called

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Afterbury Who hold the same
to him and his Heirs and assigns
for ever as soon as he shall attain
his said age of twenty one years
or be married and have issue and
withal exercise the profession to
which his Tenures may prompt
that he may be able to get his
living And in case of his Death
before twenty one years or without
lawful issue I then give and
give the aforesaid Land and
Premises to his two Brothers
James Stearns and William Fair-
child Stearns and the survivor
of them his or their Heirs and
assigns for ever on the above
conditions. I have devise
and bequeath to my son
James Stearns one other equal

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Third part of my said large lands
to commence from Easter Houstrous
line, and so to run north from
River to River and bring the
uppermost part of the said tract
to hold the same to him his heirs
and assigns for ever, as soon as
he shall attain the age of twenty
one years or be married, and have
issue and withal exercise the
Profession, to which his Genius may
prompt, that he may be able to
get his living and in case of
his death before he attains the
age of twenty one years agree
or without lawful issue I
then give devise and bequeath
the aforesaid land and premises
to his two Brothers John Thomas

DeKane and William Fairchild
DeKane and the Survivor of them, his
or their Heirs and Assigns for ever
on the above conditions. I Give
revise and Redemeth to my Son
William Fairchild DeKane the remaining
the said part of my said Regale
Lands, being the center Parcel, between
the one named John Bruners —
DeKane and James DeKane his
Brothers To Hold the same to him
the said William Fairchild DeKane
his Heirs and Assigns for ever, as
soon as he shall attain the age of
two only one Years or be married,
and have issue and withal pursue
the profession to which his Genius
may prompt, that he may be
able to get his living And in
case of his Death before he
attains the said age of twenty one

Years, or without lawful issue
 I then give devise and bequeath
 the aforesaid Land and premises to
 his two Brothers John Burns -
 George and James Burns -
 and the survivor of them, or on
 their Heirs and assigns for ever
 on the above conditions. It is
 my Will and I do hereby give
 such Island or Islands my property
 as is, or are in Towns on the back
 River, to such of my Son or Sons
 in whose lines the said Island or
 Islands may fall and is and are
 opposite his or their land on
 Argyle Island aforesaid and to
 follow such Estate I do hereby
 authorize and empower my
 Executors herein after named
 to sell and make Titles to any

purchased or purchasers of all that
and there my fourth part of all
lands left me on Saltwater in
South Carolina and fourth part
of two lots in Purisburgh, with
all my right to other fourth
part of lands up Savannah
River, devised as a part of the
residue of my Fathers Estate
and my two tracts of five hundred
acres each on James River
together with my Town Lot and
Improvements in the Town of
Savannah opposite the Market
and my Wharf Lot under the
Belt of the said Town, and my
two lots in Hardwicke. It is
my intention and desire that the
- - - - - that my son John Thomas
Baker may have the refusal

of purchasing my House and lot
in Mearns at an appraised
value by my Executors) and
the monies arising from the sale
of the said lands, and premises
and every part thereof I desire
may be laid out, in the purchase
of Negro Slaves or lands, for the
use of my two Daughters Sarah
Martha Stearns and Mary
Olivia Stearns That is to say
the said Negro Slaves to be
worked and employed on Shafter-
bury Plantation or any other
part of my Argyle lands or
such lands as may be
thought, and as may be
most beneficial for the

Support and a Advantage of my
said two Daughters, untill they
respectively attain the Age of
twenty Years or be married,
Then after the said Sarah Martha
shall attain the Age of twenty
one Years I direct that one
half of the said Negroes and Lands
so to be purchased, or the Monies
that arise, from the Sale of my
said Estate be delivered over
and considered as the absolute
Estate of the said Sarah Martha
during her Years and a figure
for ever: And in case of her
Marriage before she attains
such Age of twenty one Years
Then I Will that only one
Moie of of such Estate be

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delivered over to her own disposal
and the other moiety conveyed and
referred over to Trustees by my
executors In Trust for my said
Daughters Sarah Martha and
her lawful issue, if any, or to
such other use as she may see fit
Independent of her husband
And after the said Mary Olivia
DeVaux my Daughter shall
attain the age of twenty one
years I give it that the other
half of the said Negroes and
Lands so to be purchased or the
Monies that arise from the sale
of my said Estate, shall be
delivered over and considered
as the absolute estate of the
said Mary Olivia DeVaux her

Heirs and assigns for ever. And in
case of her Marriage before she
attains such age of twenty one
years then I will that only one
moiety of such Estate be retained
over to her own Disposal and the
other moiety conveyed and assigned
over to Trustees by my Executors
in Trust for my said Daughter
and her lawful Heirs, if any, or
to such other use as she may direct
Independent of her Husband. And
in case either of my said Daughters
should die before she can be
possessed of this, or any other part
of my said Estate I will that
her share go to the Surviving
Sister in manner and form
before mentioned. And if both
my said Daughters die
unpossessed of the said Estate

Then the same and every part
thereof to my said three sons
John Burners, James and William
Fairchild Stearns share and
share alike. I give and
bequeath to Mrs Van Brown wife
to James Brown five shillings.
All the rest and residue of my
estate of what nature so ever
or wherever the same may be
found I give devise and bequeath
to my children John Burners
Stearns James Stearns William
Fairchild Stearns Sarah
Martha Stearns and Mary
Eliza Stearns to be
divided equally among them
share and share alike so soon
as they may be intitled to

reunite the same under my will
In case of the death of either of
my sons before he or they may
be intitled to his or their estate
then such estate to the surviving
son or sons And in case of the
death of all my sons not intitled
as aforesaid, then such estate
to my said two Daughters
Sarah Martha and Mary Maria
Esther their heirs and assigns
for ever And lastly I appoint
my Brother Peter Estlin and
James Prosser and William
Stephens esquires and my sons
John Berners James and William
Fairchild Estlin, as soon as they
respectively attain the age of
twenty one years, Executors of
this my last Will and do-

have by revoked all former Wills -
I have made. Witness my hand
and seal this fifth day of September
One thousand Seven Hundred and
Eighty Nine. William Covecup (21)
Signed & sealed published and
attested by the above named
William Covecup to be his last
Will and Testament in the presence
of us who have hereunto subscribed
our names as Witnesses in the presence
of the Testator -
Wm Harris Peter Henry Morel
Abm Jackson

Given before me James
Wickfield Register of Probate
for the County of Chatham
in the State aforesaid & appeared
Peter Henry Morel one of the

subscribing Witnesses to the afore-
said Will & Testament of William
Boswell Esquire deceased, who
being sworn on the holy Evan-
gel of Almighty God. Said that
he was present and did see the
said Testator sign seal pronounce
publish & declare the same to be
and contain his last Will & Testament
and that he was of sound mind
at the time (to the best of their
Sponsors belief) and that William
Harris, Abraham Jackson together
with this Sponsor subscribed
their Names as witnesses at the
request, in the presence of the said
Testator & of each other.

Sworn to this - By Henry Morel
20th day of Sept 1790

Witnessed
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I do therefore as William Stewart
of the annals in the state of
Georgia by my last Will
and Testament, dated the fifth
day of September, One thousand
Seven hundred and eighty six
(and annexed to this my said will
wherein I declare to be such
to be and remain of full effect
and as part of my last Will
and Testament) have left
all my Argyle lands to my
three sons John Burness Stewart
James Stewart and William
Garrick Stewart, as in
manner is expressed concerning
the same And Whereas
since making my said will
it is necessary part of the said

Argyle Lands on the whole should
be sold, to benefit my Estate
Now I do by this Codicil
authorize, empower and require
my Executors, or any two of
them, named in my Will, to sell
all, or any part of my said
Argyle Lands, as they may think
most to the advantage of my
Estate, as also any other Lands
Lots, Houses or other property
I may die possessed of (not
particularly herein devised
away) and sufficient Estates
in the Land to make and
execute to the Purchasers or
Purchasers, my then to the
contrary, contained in my
said Will. And the Monies
arising therefrom, in their
Discretion, or the Discretion of any

Two of my executors, faithfully to
 apply, for the benefit of my
 children and estate generally
 and in such manner as is directed
 and pointed out by my will
 I give devise and bequeath
 to my grandson James Brown
 Brown, son of Dr James Brown
 by my daughter Anne, all
 my part of the residue of the
 salted Landed and Pricborough
 Lots, to which I am intitled by
 my father's will to hold to
 him his heirs and assigns for
 ever In Witness whereof I
 have to this publicly set my
 hand and seal, this first
 of April, one thousand
 seven hundred and

Eighty Nine

Mr. Dove (21)

He died sealed and sealed by
William Bickham, as his civil and
part of his last Will and Testament
in our presence who at his request
in each others presence, we have
signed our names -

Wm. Bickham John in Herb. Sec.

John Stone -

George

By me, James

Whitfield Minister of Probate
for the County of the same in the
State of New York, appeared Walter
Bickham one of the subscribing
Witnesses to the foregoing -
Codicil of William Bickham
legally executed, who being sworn
on the holy Evangelist of

Almighty God, with that he
 was present and did see the said
 William Byrnes, sign seal and
 declare the same to be judicial
 and to be taken as a true and
 part of his last Will Testament
 And that he was of sound mind
 at the time to the best of his
 Deponee's belief And that John
 Storie and Frederick Arto
 Junior together with their
 Deponee subscribed their
 names as witnesses at the
 request and in the presence of the
 said Testator of each other.

Done to this
 20th day of Sept 1890
 Wm Maxwell
 Whitefield N. P. 6