

The last Will and Testament of Richard Stephens

Dooly County Will Bk 1847-1901

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Georgian 3
Swiggs County 3
Be it remembered that on the twenty third of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three That I Richard Stephens of the County and State aforesaid being old and infirm in ~~body~~ but of sound mind and Memory and knowing that it is appointed unto all Men once to die do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and Form as follows viz

1st It is my desire that my Executors herein after named to bury my Remains in a decent Christian like manner.

2nd I give and bequeath over and above an equal share of my Estate Two hundred Dollars to my daughter Lydia Stephens to be paid out of the proceeds of my Estate by my Executors herein after named

3rd It is my Will and Desire after my Just debts paid that the residue of my Estate be sold disposed of by my Executors whom I shall herein after appoint on a twelve months Credit and the money equally divided between all my living Children after my Decease

4th It is my Will and choice to appoint William Stephens of the County of Swiggs and James Stephens of Walton County my Executors and they are hereby appointed and constituted to put this my last Will and Testament Execution

In Testimony whereof I the said Richard Stephens hath hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and year above written

Test
Wm E Dupree
Archibald ^{his} Hammock
William ^{my} Kelly

Richard ^{his} Stephens
mark

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Georgia }
Dooly County } personally appeared in open Court Thomas
Ramsey and Jones Stephens who being duly
sworn saith that they saw Richard Stephens acknowledge
the within last Will and Testament in their presence for
the purposes contained

Sworn to in Open Court 16 Jan'y 1837

Thos W Key b.l.b.5.

Thomas Ramsey
Jones ^{his} Stephens
mark

Georgia }
Dooly County } I Thomas W Key Clerk of the Court of Ordinary
in and for said County hereby certify that the above
and foregoing is a true copy of the last Will and Testament of Richard
Stephens dec'd and that the annexed affidavit contains and is a true
Copy of the oath taken by Thomas Ramsey and Jones Stephens as
appears of Record in my said Office

Given under my hand and private seal of Office there being
no County Seal this the 31st July 1837

Thos W Key b.l.b.6.

Georgia }
Dooly County } Court of Ordinary

April Term 1852

It appearing to the Court that the Original of the within copy
Will has been destroyed by the late burning of the Court House
in said County and that this is a true Copy of the said Original
and the proof admitting it to Record It is therefore
Ordered by the Court that the within Copy Will be established
in lieu of the Original lost and destroyed as aforesaid
and that the same be again admitted to Record

Recorded 7th April 1852