

Appoint my son ~~Robert Steel~~^{Elbert County Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860} executor to they my only and last will and Testament and acknowledge the same by my own signature and seal in the presents of this 10th of March 1841.

Test Hiram Brown

Robert Steel

P. B. Roberts J.P.

Stephen Carleton Seal

Georgia & Court of ordinary September Term 1841.

Elbert County Person ally came in to open Court Hiram Brown and Presley B. Roberts two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will and Testament of Stephen Carlton deceased. and being sworn saith that they were present and saw Stephen Carlton sign and acknowledge the annexed instrument of writing as his last will and Testaments. and they together with Robert Steel signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other, and that they believe the testor to have been of sound mind at the time he executed the same sworn to in open court this 6th September 1841.

Hiram Brown

Attest Wm. B. Nelson, c.o.

P. B. Roberts

Georgia & Court of ordinary September 1841.

Elbert County ordered by the Court that the foregoing will be Recorded 6th September 1841.

Attest Wm. B. Nelson, c.o.

Recorded the 9th of September 1841. Wm. B. Nelson, c.o.

Bethsey C. Middleton's Will 1841

State of Georgia & In the name of Almighty God Amen.

Elbert County I, Bethsey C. Middleton of the above named State and County being of sound & disposing mind memory and understanding praised be god for the same do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following Item 1st I Give and bequeath to my grand son Dunton A. Verdelle for the use of my daughter Sally C. Verdelle during of her natural life. Eighteen Negroes and their increase viz a negroe man named Jope also a man named Edmond an other man named Jack. Polly and her three Boys ie Wesley, Wm, or Allen, also Charity and her two children ie Jane & her infant not named also Prudence & her two children ie Johnson & Rose. Also & her two children ie Ben & Nelson. also two girls named Caroline & Millie Also my carriage & Harness also my two Horses at Mr. Verdelle's also one sett of Walnut Tables & side board and at my daughter Sally to be equally divided among all her children.

Item 2nd I also will to my Elbert County, Georgia Wills, 1828 to 1880 six Negroes viz Ben & Alsey his wife also their four children ie Tim. Nelson, Lucy & Barney also one tract of land in Bibb county formerly Houston containing 300^{rs} acres also two hundred dollars in Cash.

Item 3rd I also will to son James L. Middleton Six negroes viz Tom.

Daniel & Georgia Silvia & her child ie Stephen. Alsey a girl also a good Bed Bedstead & furniture I also will to him all the Balance of my land ie where I now live & the Level Tract, but if he should die without a Lawfull child the above land to be Equally divided among all the children of my two daughters named above

Item 4th I will that all the Ballance of my property be sold & after paying all my just debts if any, the money be Equally divided between my three children named in this will leaving that part designed for my daughter Verdell in the hands of her trustee which I have constituted in this my will th.

Item 5th I Appoint my Son James L. Middleton and also my Brother Joseph Blackwell Executors of this my last will & Testament revoking all others. witness my hand & seal this 11th of February One thousand Eight hundred & Forty.

Signed in Presence of

R. L. Edwards
Robert Chamberland
William Mills

Beth C. Middleton 

Georgia ³ Court of ordinary November term 1841.
Elbert County ³ Personally came into open Court Robert L. Edwards
and Robert Chamberlin and being sworn saith
that they were present and saw Beth C. Middleton sign seal
and acknowledge the within instrument of writing as her last
will and Testament. that these deponents together with William
Mills signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other
and in the presence and at the request of the Testator and
these deponents believe the Testator to have been of sound
mind and memory at the time she executed the same
Sworn to in open Court ³
this first day of November 1841.
Attest Wm. J. Nelson, c.c.o.

R. L. Edwards
Robert Chamberland

Georgia ³ Court of ordinary November term 1841.
Elbert County ³ ordered by the Court that the within will be
Recorded Attest Wm. J. Nelson, c.c.o.

Recorded the 1st November 1841. Wm. J. Nelson, c.c.o.