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The testator and at his request and in the presence
of each other and that the testator to have been of
sound Mind at the time he executed the same
sworn to in open Court
this 1st of September 1851
Wm B Nelson C.C.C.
William Willis
James A Turner

Georgia Court of Ordinary September Term 1851
Elbert County Personally came into open Court James
B. Adams and being sworn testified that
he heard Estlin Fortson acknowledge the foregoing
instrument of writing as his last will and testament
and that his deponent believed signed the same as a
witness in the presence and at the request of the testator
and this deponent believes the testator to have been of
sound Mind at the time he executed the same
sworn to in open Court
this 1st of September 1851
Wm B Nelson C.C.C.
James B Adams

Georgia Court of Ordinary September Term 1851
Elbert County The within will of Estlin Fortson being
exhibited read and proved by the oaths
of two of the subscribing witnesses It is ordered by
the Court that the within will be recorded
Attest Wm B Nelson C.C.C.
Recorded the 2nd day of September 1851
Wm B Nelson C.C.C.

Clement Wilkins will 1853
Georgia In the name of God Amen
Elbert County I Clement Wilkins of the County of Elbert and State
of Georgia being in good health and sound Mind and
Memory do Make and ordain this My last will and testament
in the following Manner and form, To wit,
That I bequeath unto My beloved wife Mary R Wilkins all the
lands which I may be possessed of lying in Elbert County during
her Natural life for her to support herself and My child or
children which may remain with her on the land and after the
death of My wife this land to be equally divided between all
My sons and their children that is if either of My sons should
die before My wife does leaving a child or children then their

child or children to draw their fathers part of said land and
land I give to My son ^{Robert County, Georgia Wills 1866 to 1869} ~~and~~ ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} their distributive
share of My estate as hereafter bequeathed to them —
Item 2nd I will that after My death all my estate (except my land
in Elbert County) & the other special legacies in this will named
shall be appraised by disinterested men and then add to the
amount one thousand dollars and then divide the total
amount amongst my wife and all my children so as to ascer-
tain the distributive share going to my daughter Nancy B.
Powers and as already give to my said daughter Nancy prop-
erty the amount of the above named one thousand dollars
I wish my wife to pay her in property or money as she my wife
may think best the balance of her distributive share
according to the said valuation after deducting the one
thousand dollars which I have given her and if any of my
children should leave me and I shall give them prop-
erty during my lifetime they shall draw from my estate
at My death the same amount and in the same
way of daughter Nancy B. Powers as directed in this
Item of this My will being

Item 3rd I will all the property appraised as I have directed
in the before item after paying off those children which
I may give off property to the balance of their share
shall remain in the possession of and under the full
control of my wife for her support and the support
of my children then remaining with my wife and their
education untill the next child shall become of age or
may marry then all the property in her possession (except the
land in Elbert & special legacies) shall be appraised
and the child so coming of age or marrying shall have
their full share of my estate untill all my children shall
~~get~~ ^{have} their full shares of my property so appraised and the remaining
property to still remain with my wife as before directed
and so as each child shall become of age or married the
appraisement shall be made and the child so coming
of age or marrying shall have their full share
of my estate untill all my children shall get their
shares and my wife shall be counted in as a legatee
at each of said divisions but whenever one of my children
shall obtain their share they shall not be counted in
as legatee or draw any thing more but whenever the
appraisement and division shall be made & they receive
their share it shall be in full of their distributive share

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of My Estate (except the lands in Elbert County which I have willed to Mary R. Wilkins the first Stem of this will) and My wife shall at each of the divisions before directed to be made shall have the right to deliver up such property as she may think proper to the child or children at the valuation of Made for that purpose -

Stem 2nd I give to My wife all the Money and Notes and accounts which I may be possessed of to dispose of as she may think proper -

Stem 3rd I do hereby nominate and appoint My beloved wife Mary R. Wilkins my Coexecutor to this My last will and Testament - In witness whereof I hereunto set My hand and seal this fourteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty seven (interlined before signed with the words "wife" "dollar")

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of
 Ira Christian
 Joseph Pulliam
 Fred Ball
 Wm B. Nelson

Clement Wilkins

Seal

Georgia
 Elbert County } Court of Ordinary March Term 1852
 Personally appeared in open Court Joseph Pulliam who being duly sworn hath that he saw Clement Wilkins sign seal and publish the within instrument as his last will and testament that the said Testator was of sound Mind and Memory at the time he executed the same that deponent signed the same as a witness and said Ira Christian Fredric Ball and William B. Nelson do so likewise that they all signed the same in the presence of each other and in the presence of the said testator and at his request Sworn to in open Court this 1st day of March 1852
 Attest Wm B. Nelson Joseph Pulliam

Georgia
 Elbert County } Ordinary Court of Ordinary March Term 1852
 The within will of Clement Wilkins having been proved at this regular term of the Court on the oath Joseph Pulliam one of the subscribing witnesses to said will - It is ordered that said will be recorded
 Recorded 2nd March 1852 Attest Wm B. Nelson Ordinary