

This will is authorized to receive their shares respectively  
Item 7<sup>th</sup> I do hereby appoint Douglas & John George Fowles executors  
of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills by  
seventy five years. In witness whereof I have executed at my home  
on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1825.

Signed and Acknowledged,

William Merrill (sic)

in presence of

Henry Rogers

that I recd.

Th. Gifford

Georgia

Brown County Court of Ordinary November term 1825

Personally appeared in open Court Henry Rogers &  
John Gifford two of the subscribing witnesses to this will aforesaid  
duly sworn say that they saw the testator named William Merrill  
sign seal & heard him acknowledge the written instrument to  
be his last will & testament & that they each believed him to be of  
perfect sound mind & memory at the time of his so doing. That he  
each together with Charles A. Peeler subjoined their names as  
witnesses in the presence of the testator

Sworn to in open Court

Henry Rogers

14<sup>th</sup> November 1825

H. Gifford

Recorded 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1826

Armed Forces Pk

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William Stautamine

By the name of God amen I William of the City of Brown  
State of Georgia being in perfect strength & mind & memory do make  
hereby this to be my last will & testament I give to my beloved wife  
Elizabeth Stautamine one negro woman named Lucy & her child Africa  
full my household & kitchen furniture & also one fourth part of all  
the remainder of my estate to her her life time for her support & the  
to the further heirs of her body but should she have no further heirs  
of her body after her death it to return to the heirs of my body &  
give to my son John Gifford Stautamine one fourth part of my estate in time  
arrives to law full age & marries but should he die without a law full  
age of his body the part of my estate that he may have received shall return  
to the heirs of my body & give to my daughter Julia Gifford Stautamine  
one fourth part of my estate when she arrives to law full age & marries  
but if she dies without an heir of her body the part of my estate  
that she may have received shall return to the heirs of my body  
& give to my son William Gifford Stautamine one fourth part of  
my estate when he arrives to law full age & marries but should he die

without a lawfull heir of his body the rest of my estate that he  
may have received shall return to the heirs of my body. My will is  
that my estate be kept together my negroes to work the plantation  
they are on to support my dearly beloved wife & my children & not  
to be hired out. In case my beloved wife should marry & take of  
the plantation her part of the estate I have given her here the  
remainder of my negroes & stock to still continue on the plantation  
till to be hired out & when any of my children should arrive  
to age or marry I draw there part of my estate. My will is the  
remaining part of the negroes & stock be kept on the plantation &  
not hired out until the last of my children comes of age or marries.  
My will is that I give to my beloved wife the increase of the negroes  
now to her that is odd & Adelma to be disposed of in the same  
manner to her & the heirs of her body after her death as before mentioned  
Lastly I constitute & appoint my beloved wife executors of my friends  
my friends William & Elkanah Tally executors of  
this my last will & testament hereby revoking all others heretofore  
made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed  
my seal this twenty second day of March 1825

Signed sealed & acknowledged

Newell Stoutamire (Seal)

in presence

E. H. Foster

C. Tally

John J. Beale

Georgia Court of Ordinary November term 1825  
Franklin County. Personally appeared in open Court George H. Foster  
& Elkanah Tally two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing  
will who being duly sworn say that they saw the within named  
Newell Stoutamire sign & seal said will acknowledge the same to  
be his last will & testament & that they each believed him to be of  
perfect sound mind & memory at the time of his so doing & that  
they each subscribe their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of  
the Testator & the said Elkanah Tally further saith that he saw  
John J. Beale subscribe his name as a witness thereto in the presence  
of the testator.

Sworn to in open Court

G. H. Foster

C. Tally

14<sup>th</sup> November 1825

(Signed) Farmer Elk

Recorded 5<sup>th</sup> February 1826

(Signed) Farmer Elk