

same kinds annexed defendants further say that they subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testator & at his request & that they believe he was of disposing mind at the time of doing the same

before to in open Court

this 8th day January 1827

Edw Adams Clerk

W^m Pittman

James Smith

Zachariah Long

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen
 Jackson County I Thomas Stapler being old & crazy but in perfect sound mind & memory calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and appoint this my last will & testament as follows viz, first I do commend my soul into the hands of God who gave it & my body to the dust to be decently buried by my hereafter named executor and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I give & bequeath it as follows viz, First It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my executor
 Then I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Ruth Stapler the plantation I live on with all the appertinances during her natural life, then to be sold & equally divided between the heirs & I bequeath unto her one negro woman named Chloe one negro man named Benjamin & one negro girl named Maria to be at her own disposal with one bed & furniture also her house hold & kitchen furniture, one farm horse, one plough & gear, one axe three two cows & calves & two heifers & two steers during her natural life then what is to be found of said furniture & stock is to be sold and equally divided, Then I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Owen two negroes one named Abner & one negro girl named Sally, valued at eight hundred dollars to be left with my executor to dispose of make the money for my said daughter Sarah Owen I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Hutchinson two negroes one named Chloe & one named Luke valued at six hundred dollars I give & bequeath to my beloved son Amos Stapler two negroes one named David & one named Alek valued at eight hundred dollars I will & bequeath to my beloved son John Stapler one named

frank & one named Phillis valued at seven hundred dollars. I give & bequeath to
 Joseph M. C. Norman five dollars. I give & bequeath to the children of my
 deceased daughter Elizabeth Norman two negroes named one named Mary
 & one named Henderson valued at six hundred & forty dollars. I give & bequeath
 to my beloved son Robert Staples three negroes one named Margaret one
 named Henry, & one named Tom, valued at seven hundred & forty five dollars.
 I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Francis Rogers one negro woman
 named Hannah valued at six hundred & ten dollars which
 is to be at her discretion during her natural life & to the heirs of her body
 after her death. I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Rachel
 Stickland two negroes one named Jack & one named Rose, valued at
 six hundred ^{thirty} dollars. I give & bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Staples
 two negroes one named Charity, & one named Washington valued at six
 hundred dollars. I give & bequeath to my beloved son William Staples two
 negroes one named Dixon & one named Rachel, valued at eight hundred
 & seventy five dollars. I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary
 Rogers two negroes one named Judith & one named Jackson during her
 natural life & after her death to be retained in the hands of my
 executors to be hired till the youngest living heir of her body
 comes to the age of twenty one years & then to be equally divided
 between her three children Elizabeth C. Rogers William Rogers
 & Sarah J. Rogers & the hire to be equally divided also between
 Elizabeth C. Rogers, & Jackson is valued at seven hundred & twenty
 five dollars. And the property of the children of my deceased
 daughter Elizabeth Norman be retained in the hands of my
 executors or hired till the youngest living heir of her body
 arrives to the age of twenty one years then equally divided between
 them all or such as may be living (Wm. William L. Norman
 Sarah C. Norman, Abby S. Norman, Thomas S. Norman and
 Joseph G. Norman. I give & bequeath to my grandniece James
 P. Rogers one negro boy named Harrison. I give & bequeath to my
 grand daughter Mary Rogers one negro girl named Frenchie to
 my with the balance of my estate be sold & those who have the
 above portions is to be made equal with the rest & if the property
 that is to be sold is not sufficient to make all equal then those who
 have the larger portions shall pay to the rest what they have
 more than their equal part which money shall be paid

when the sale money is due. I do hereby ordain constitute
& appoint my beloved sons Robert Stapler & Thomas Stapler
my lawful & sole executors to this my last will & testament
that other hereafter made by me do be null & void to all
intent & their force. I do hereby solemnly declare ratify
& affirm this my last will & testament. In witness whereof
I have this then hereunto set my hand & seal this 25th
day of April 1825 & in the 11th year of our said
independent & acknowledged

in presence of witnesses

James Wilson

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Thomas & Stapler
mark

Thomas M Wilson

John Sanky Rider

Zachariah Ray Jr

Interlined in the hands of my executors or heirs before before

Georgia

Jackson County

Personally came into open court James
Wilson & Zachariah Ray Jr being
duly sworn depose & say that they are subscribing
witnesses to the within will that they saw the within
named Thomas Stapler sign the same & that the witnesses
attested said will in the presence of the testator & of each
other & they further say that they believe the said testator
was of sound mind at the time of executing said will

sworn to in open court

this 5th of March 1826

John Adams CC, C

James Wilson

Zachariah Ray Jr