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hand & seal this 17th Sept^r 1796.

Thomas Stearns

Signed, sealed & delivered

in presence of ~

William Baker Stearns

Thomas Baker

Proved before the court of Ordinary May 4th 1801 & re-
ded May 5th 1801 by C. C. O. C. L.

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Stevens of the State of Georgia & county of Liberty Planter, being in health of body & of perfect mind & memory - thanks be given unto God: I calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make this my last will & testament, And first I recommend my body to the earth to be buried in a decent christian manner at the discretion of my exors and my soul I recommend to God who gave it humbly beseeching him to accept it thro the infinite merits of the Redeemer

Item, I will that all my just debts be paid out of my estate Then I give to my beloved son the plantation on which I now live & several creatures which has been already delivered to him, Viz two riding mares named Pleasant & Nancy Dorson; & seven head of cattle with them in crease to him & his heirs forever

Item I give to my beloved wife my two carriage horses named Cassius & Jack, together with my riding carriage to her & her heirs forever, And it is my will that she may live & remain on either of my plantations & enjoy equal privileges thereon with my son; so long as she shall remain my widow, never the less if of my exors shall think it best, I will that my Ash-swamp plantation be sold; In which case I give the whole of the monie arising therefrom together with all my remaining estate not above disposed of to be equally divided between my beloved wife and son to them & their heirs forever & what I have given wife is in lieu of dower

Item I appoint my beloved wife exrix & my nephews Joseph Stevens & my son Thomas exors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my