

State of Georgia } Before us James Morris William Hammond
Murray County } and W. M. Turner three of the Justices of the Superior
Court in open Court personally came William C. Wilkinson who pre-
sented before us the last will and testament of John Wilkinson late of said
County deceased. and the witnesses (to wit) Harry M. Han Levi W. Hall
and Jacob Humphreys and after being duly sworn depose and say that
they saw John Wilkinson the testator sign and declare and publish
the instrument now presented as his last will and testament freely
voluntarily and of his own accord and without any compulsion or
influence whatever. that at the time of the execution of said will said
testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory. that defendant
signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his
special instance and request and in the presence of each other
Sworn to and Subscribed before us this November 24th 1880

James Morris J.C. } Harry M. Han
William Hammond J.C. } Levi W. Hall
W. M. Turner J.C. } Jacob Humphreys

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Georgia } In the name of God Amen.
Murray County } I John Stevenson of said State and County being
of a declining age but of sound and disposing mind and memory and
knowing that I must shortly depart from this world. deem it right
and proper that I should make a disposition of the property which
God's providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last will and
testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by
me first I desire and direct that when I have left the throne of
my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to
my Circumstances and Conditions in life. My soul I trust will return
to rest with God who gave it as a hope for eternal salvation through
the blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ
I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid
out delay by my executors hereafter to be appointed
I hereby confirm to each of my sons

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Andrew and John Stevenson the portion of my estate which has heretofore been given them, which was nineteen hundred and fifty dollars each, and to each of my daughters the portion of my estate which they have heretofore generally received which was nineteen hundred and fifty dollars, in every case consisting of land and negroes, cash and other property. the names of my daughters are Mary Elizabeth and Margaret. this memorandum of what I have heretofore given my children is made in order that peace, harmony and friendship may be preserved amongst them when I am no more.

Item Fourth I give bequeath and devise to my Grand daughter Jane Parker one sixth part of my estate both real and personal it being the portion which my daughter Margaret Stevenson would have been entitled to had she lived but who died intestate.

Item Fifth I give... bequeath and devise to my legal heirs all my estate both real and personal not otherwise disposed of by this will that I may be protected of (with the following restriction to wit) that should any of my heirs after my death be contentious enough to institute a law suit to break this will or harass the other distributees or executors he she or they so acting, shall not inherit any portion of my estate but the whole of my estate I desire and direct shall be divided amongst those of my heirs who are satisfied with the disposition I have made in this my last will and testament, and that the said heirs thus inheriting shall divide the same equally, share and share alike, the disposition above mentioned in the third Item not to be taken into this last distribution or division.

Item Sixth I desire and direct that my executors herein after named shall purchase a plain Marble head and foot stone for my grave which shall not exceed in cost forty dollars, and that the said sum to be paid for said grave stone shall be recovered and retained out of that portion of my estate to which my son Andrew Stevenson shall or may be entitled.

Item Seventh I hereby constitute and appoint my worthy and esteemed friend William Hammond and William Stevenson my executors some both of the County and State first above written.

Executors of this my last will and testament this the fifth day of May
One thousand eight hundred and forty nine

John Stevenson J.B.

signed sealed and published and declared by
John Stevenson as his last will and testament
in the presence of us the subscribers who hereby
subscribe our names hereto in the presence of
the said testator and each other this the 5th day of
May 1849

Duke Richardson	{	John Stevenson the testator above named
Silas W. Bell		was born in the North of Ireland in the county
Sullivan & Bell		of Antrim in the year of our Lord one thousand
Died 27 th April 1851		and seven hundred and fifty about 20 th June
Est Tombstone	{	region a protestant in politics a democrat in the Revolution a Whig
with the above inscription		

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The last will and testament of John Stevenson deceased having
been submitted to the Court this day and the subscribing witnesses
to the same. having been sworn in Open Court and examined all
being duly Ordered that the said will be put on Record.

James Morris J.B.
John Bates J.B.
A. M. Turner J.B.