

Georgia 1) In the name of God Amen I
Pikens County's John Stegall of said State and
County being of sound mind and disposing
memory and taking in to consideration the faulty
and uncertainty of human life deeme it right &
proper both as respects myself and family that I
should make a disposition of the property with which
a kind providence has blessed me I therefore make
this my last will and testament hereby revoking
all others heretofore made by me. Item 1st I desire
and direct that my body be buried in a decent and
Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and
condition in life my soul I trust shall return to rest
with God who gave it as I hope for eternal Salvation through
the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ. Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my just
debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter
appointed, as I am unwilling that my Creditors should be
delayed in their just rights especially as there necessity
for delay. Item 3rd after the payment of my just debts and
Cost accruing in probating and recording this my last will
and Testament together with returns anent and appraisement
of my estate to the real and personal I desire and will
that my beloved wife Elisabeth Stegall with whom I
have lived many years and who has toiled in unison with
me to make an honest support for ourselves and children
take and have possession of all my effects both real
and personal and to use and live off of the profits of the
Same as a support to herself and minor children
until the youngest child born to us shall have arrived
to the age of twenty one years and I further desire and
direct that no account shall be taken by my Executors
of the profits arising from my estate in the hands
or possession of my ^{said} wife Elisabeth for the term of
time mentioned but the same is to be under her exclusive

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Control for the Comfort and Convenience of herself
and Maintenance and Education of our minor chil-
dren my Executors looking alone to the protection of
the Estate, Item 4th Should my beloved wife ~~depart~~
Elizabeth depart this life before the youngest child shall
have attained to the age of twenty one years then in
that event I hereby appoint and earnestly request my
Executors to act as Guardians for my minor children during
their minority and that they apply the profits of my
estate to their Maintenance and Education as Specified
in Item 3rd of this my Will and in no event to make
any disposition of my Estate either personal or real until
the youngest child shall arrive to the age of Twenty one
years Item 5th When my youngest child Which is at this
time Martha Jane Stigall shall attain to the age of
Twenty one years I will and direct that my Executors
take charge of my estate remaining in the possession of
my beloved Wife Elizabeth and proceed to Administer the
Same according to the terms of this my Will at as early
a day as it is practicable to do so. Item 6th

I will and direct after my beloved Wife Elizabeth has
made her Election of Dower or child's part of my Estate
under the Law that my Executors divide the balance of
my Estate Equally among my children Lovitt Monterey
S. Howard, Charlotte Ann Sawford John Henry Stigall
Andrew Hansell Stigall Mary Ann Stigall Sarah
Elizabeth Stigall Sherman Stigall George Stigall
Charles Stigall Aroline Victoria Stigall and Martha
Jane Stigall and if a division in kind cannot be
made Satisfactory then I direct that my Executors
proceed to sell the same at public outcry
first giving due and legal notice thereof as the
Law directs without obtaining an order from
the Court Ordinary to do so and the proceeds
thereof after paying all my debts and consequent thereon

to be Equally divided Among my heirs as above stated
Item 7th I hereby Will and direct that the portion
of my Estate hereby Will^d and ~~direct~~ allotted to my
Daughters is to be Thine and the heirs of their body
free from all liability of debts or control of their
present or future husbands Item 8th

I hereby constitute and appoint my sons John
Henry Stogall and Andrew Hansell Stogall
Executors of this my last Will and Testament
in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the 23rd day of May 1878

John^{his} Stogall ^{mark} B

Signed Sealed declared and published by
John Stogall as his last will and testament
in presence of us the Subscribers who Subscribing
our names thereto as witnesses in the presence of
the Testator at his Special instance and request
and in the presence of each other this 23rd day
of May 1878

W. H. Simmons
A. McHarr
J. B. Simmons
M. M. Simmons
John R. Howell

Recorded March 17th 1879

J. Pickett
Ordinary