

Stephen Griffiths Will

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen
 Pickens County } Stephen Griffiths senior of said
 State and County, being of advanced age but
 of sound disposing mind and memory knowing
 that I must shortly depart this life deem it right
 and proper, that I should make a disposition of the
 property with which a kind Providence has blessed
 me to make this my last will and Testament hereby
 revoking and annulling all others, heretofore made
 by me

Item 1st } I desire and direct that my body be
 buried in a Christian-like manner in the
 family grave yard near Cool Spring Church
 suitable to my condition and circumstances in
 life, My Soul I trust will return to rest with
 God who gave it,

Item 2nd } I desire and direct that all my just debts
 be paid by my Executor herein after named
 and appointed without any unnecessary delay,

Item 3rd } I give bequeath and devise to Lina and
 my daughter Amanda Griffiths persons of Color
 who were formerly my faithful domestic servants
 lots of number (109) One hundred and nine (110)
 one hundred and ten, and the east half of (112)
 one hundred and twelve all of said lot of land
 situate lying and being in the fourth (4th) District
 and second section of said County of Pickens
 each lot containing one hundred and one
 Acres more or less known as my home place
 together with all the appurtenances belonging to the
 same, also all of my personal property such as
 horses, mules, wagons, oxen, cows, sheep,
 Farming Tools, Corn, Fodder, Oats, meat, &c. all

property of every description that I am seized and possessed of not otherwise disposed of in this will except one Bed, Stead and bed clothing together with a small outfit worth about one hundred Dollars, that I desire and direct, my Executor hereinafter named and appointed to Lincas Mayfield on the condition that she remain with the family untill she is grown or married

Item 4th { I desire and direct that my Executor herein after named and appointed to hold the lands named in Item Third, untill the death of Lina unless from some unseen cause to me, it should become necessary to sell some portion of it, in which event, he is to sell only such portion as Lina and Amanda may consent to, and her Lina's death, the land, together with all the property not otherwise disposed of, of every description during Lina's life time named in said Third Item, to go to, and vest in my daughter Amanda Griffith daughter of Lina; But I desire and direct that my Executor not to rent and Controle the lands nor the other property, given in the above Items only to keep and sell such as may be necessary by and with the advise of Lina and Amanda, It being my desire and wish, that the lands be a home for Lina and Amanda to Controle rent and enjoy the profits of together, with all other property, during Lina's life time, and at her death I direct my Executor to turn over the lands together with all other property to my said daughter Amanda reservedly to do as she may think proper with;

Item 5th { I give bequeath and devise to my two reputed sons Caleb Whitwood of Habersham County a Pickens County Will 1854-1857

of land number (5) five in the (4th) Fourth District
and second section, number (120) Three
hundred and twenty, and that portion of (319)
Three hundred and nineteen that I own in the
fifth District and second section all of
said County each lot containing 100 Acres
more or less. The said Caleb Whitwood being
the son of Phoebe Whitwood. and Noble Jones
of Mary Jones) +

Item 6th { I desire and direct that all the property
given in this will to my said daughter
Amanda Griffith⁺, is given to her, free
from the Contracts, Controls and sale of any
husband that she marries, but is to be her sole
and separate property, and if Lina and Amanda
both die leaving no child or children nor
grand children, then in that event the property
not disposed of in their lifetimes
revert back to those who now by Law would
entitled to the same if I had made no will. +

Item 7th { I desire and direct that my Executor herein
after named and appointed not to have any
appraisement of my estate, nor to make annual
returns to the Ordinary It being my desire that
there shall be no appraisement of my Estate, and
no annual returns be required of my Executor
and that he make all sales by the advice and
consent of Lina and Amanda without order of
the Ordinary and at private sale that may
become necessary and after paying expenses he
pay over the proceeds to Lina and Amanda
or to the other if one be dead,

Item 8th I hereby, constitute and appoint my nephew
William Tate Executor of this my last will and
Testament and desire and direct that he be not
restriced or governed by the strict per cent of

The Law But that he receive reasonable compensation out of my estate for all the time and trouble he may have with the estate, and looking after the interest of the same. This 5th day of December 1870. The words "not disposed of in their life time," interlined in depth. Item before signed.

Stephen Griffiths (Seal)

The above and foregoing three pages and part of fourth page was signed declared and published by Stephen Griffiths Senior as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator and at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other This 5th day of December 1870.

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William M. Swan

Russell Howell