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In the name of God, Amen
I Joel Stansell
of lawyers in the County of Newton
and State of Georgia, being of sound
and disposing mind and memory,
do make and publish this my last
Will and Testament, hereby revoking
all wills by me at any time heretofore
made.

Imprimis: I commit my soul to
God, who gave it, and my body to
Christian burial.

Item 1st - I desire and direct that my
just debts be paid by my Executors,
hereinafter named, as soon as possible.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my be-
loved wife, Solita Stansell, for and du-
ring her natural life, my residence
in Conyers and fifty acres land thereto
attached, on which my residence is
located, one thousand dollars in money,
my horse ~~and~~ buggy, one milk cow,
and as much of the household and
kitchen furniture as she may want.

Item 3rd - It is my will and desire
that the property so bequeathed to my
wife in the 2nd item of this will be
equally divided amongst my heirs,
at her death. The land to be valued
by five disinterested Commissioners,
and taken by any one or more of my
heirs at the valuation of said Commis-

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my children. Their distributive share
in said property.

Item 4th.

If none of my lawful heirs are willing
to take said land at the valuation
set upon it by said Commissioners,
then I desire that my Executors. shall
sell said land either privately or at
public outcry. as they may deem best. for
the interest of my heirs. and divide the
proceeds of said sale equally amongst my heirs.

Item 5th.

I will and direct that the ballance of
my land be divided by five disinterested
persons into four parts, as nearly equal as
possible - taking into consideration. the
utility and convenience of each part. for
separate settlement - and that said Commis-
sioners put a just valuation upon each
separate part. which land thus laid off.
and valued. I bequeath to my following
named children (viz) - one part to my
daughter Francis Doss. wife of Seaborn J.
Doss. one part to my daughter Elizabeth
J. Guinn. wife of Robert T. Guinn - One
part to my son Joel J. Stansell. One
part to my son William S. Stansell.

Provided. That said Francis Doss. Eliz-
abeth J. Guinn. Joel J. Stansell and William
S. Stansell. shall pay or cause to be paid
to my Executors. within two years from the
time of this distribution. the amount of
the valuation of said parcels of land.
with lawful interest thereon over and
above their several distributive shares.

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Item 6th

It is my will and desire. That if any of the four children mentioned in Item 5- refuse to take any of the parcels of land mentioned in said 5th Item at the valuation set upon the same. Then I desire that either of my other children not mentioned in said 5th Item. may have the refusal of said lot or parcel of land thus refused - upon the same terms and stipulations therein set forth. and in the event that none of my children. should desire to take said lots or parcels of land. thus refused by any that are mentioned in said 5th Item - then it is my will and desire that my Executors shall sell any or all of said lots or parcels of land thus refused either privately or publicly as they shall deem best.

Item 7th

It is my will and desire that if either of my four children mentioned in Item 5. shall be permitted. to settle upon any of the land. mentioned in said 5th Item. by me. during my life-time. any improvements that he or she may put upon said land. shall not be estimated by the Commissioners who may value said lots or parcels of land mentioned in said 5th Item.

Item 8th

It is my will and desire that the residue of my property of whatever kind and description be sold by my Executors for distribution.

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I desire & direct that the Woodland on the land between my residence & the residence of R. A. Guinn's should not be cleared or cut down.

Item 10th

It is my will and desire that all my children by my present wife, shall be equal participants in the distribution of my estate. Those of my children to whom I have given specific legacies - are not to be considered as being preferred above my other children, but all are to be made equal by paying to those who receive no specific legacies, a sufficient amount to equalize each distributive share -

Item 11th

It is my will and desire that my son George W. Stansell or his descendants, shall have no interest or distributive share whatever in the distribution of my estate, he having been heretofore fully advanced and paid off, and is not entitled to any interest in my estate whatever, and I desire and direct that the words, "Children", "heirs", "legacies" and "distributives" - used by me in the various Items of this my last will and Testament - shall be construed by my Executors, in the distribution of my lineal descendants, by my present wife Salita Stansell, and no others.

Item 12th

I hereby constitute and appoint my son, J. J. Stansell, my son-in-law, Robert A. Guinn and John W. B. Summers, my Executors to this my last will and Testament.

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In testimony whereof, I have hereto
set my hand and seal this twenty fourth
day of October 1870

Signed, Sealed, published }
and declared by Joel }
Stansell as his last will } Joel ^{his} Stansell
& Testament, in presence }
as witnesses hereto, by his }
request, this 24th day of }
October 1870.

J. R. McLeod

John A. Bruce

Richard T. Saffington

Rockdale Court of Ordinary

October Term - 1872

Personally came into open Court, at this regu-
lar term of the Court of Ordinary of said County,
J. R. McLeod and Richard T. Saffington, two
of the subscribing witnesses to this will,
who being duly sworn, deposes that they saw
Joel Stansell, sign & publish the within
as his last will & testament, while of sound
disposing mind & memory, that deponents
signed the same as witnesses, in presence of
testator and of each other, at his special
instance & request, & saw John A. Bruce do so
likewise, and that the same was executed
freely & voluntarily by Testator, on the 24th
day of October 1870.

Sworn to & Subscribed before J. R. McLeod
in open Court - } R. T. Saffington
A. M. Cella }

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(No 11)

Codicil to the last will and testament of Joel Stansell, which was executed by said Joel Stansell on the 24th day of October 1870, in presence of J. R. McLeod, John A. Bruce and Richard Z. Sappington.

Item 1st-

It is my will and desire that the property bequeathed to my beloved wife, Saleta Stansell, in the 2nd item of my last will (dated October 24th 1870) be sold by my executors, as early as possible, after my death, according to the directions and stipulations in item 3rd of my said will, and two thousand (2000) dollars of the proceeds thereof, I will and bequeath to my said wife for her support during her natural life. The said sum of two thousand dollars to be paid over to Robert A. Swin as trustee, to manage the same for the benefit of my wife, by investing the same in stocks or bonds or otherwise, as he may deem best. my wife to have the interest or dividends, arising from said two thousand dollars, for her support and maintenance, during her life, and at her death the corpus, to be equally divided by said trustee, among my children by my said wife Saleta Stansell, per stirpes.

The bequest in this codicil to my said wife, is in lieu of the bequest in item 2nd of said last will, and subject to the election of my said wife, and in the event that, she should prefer the bequest in item 2nd of said will, then the bequest made by

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Should she, my said wife, elect
to accept the bequest in item 2nd
of said will, then the 2nd item in
said will is hereby revoked;
Provided this codicil shall not be
construed so as to prevent my said
wife selecting such of the House-Hold
furniture as she may want, according
to item 2nd of said last will.

In witness whereof, I have
hereto set my hand and seal this
day of June 7th 1891,
Signed & published by }
Joel Stansell, as a codicil } Joel Stansell
to his last will, in our
presence as witnesses
thereto by his request
June 7th 1891.

J. R. McLeod
S. P. Marbut
E. B. Rosser }

Rockdale Court of Ordinary
October Term - 1892

Personally come into Open Court, at this
regular term of the Court of Ordinary of
said County, J. R. McLeod, S. P. Marbut
and E. B. Rosser, the subscribing wit-
nesses to the annexed Codicil, number one,
who being duly sworn, depose that they
saw Joel Stansell, sign and publish
the annexed as a codicil to his last
will and testament, while of sound

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deponents signed the same as witnesses, in presence of testator and of each other, at his special instance and request - and that the same was executed freely and voluntarily by testator on the 7th day of June 1871.

Sworn to & Subscribed } J. B. McLeod
before me in Open Court } S. P. Warbut
A. McCalla } E. B. Rosser
Ordinary }

Codicil Number Two, to the last will and testament of Joel Mansell, which was executed by said Joel Mansell on the 24th day of October 1870, in the presence of J. B. McLeod, John A. Pomeroy & Richard B. Sappington

Item 1st

I hereby revoke the 5th item of my said will, so far as it relates to my daughters Francis Doss, and direct that my Executors Cause said Commissioners, named in said fifth item, to lay off a sufficient amount of land off the west end of the North half of lot of land Number three hundred and one, including the lot deeded to him, & on which he now resides - to be equal in amount of valuation to my said daughters distributive share of my estate, unless my said daughter should desire not to want her entire distributive share in land, & in that event, she may elect to take less or none at all as she may deem best. The balance of my

into as many parts as my Executors
& Legates may think best, & either di-
vided in kind, or sold and distributed
as directed in my said last will.

In witness whereof I have here to
set my hand & seal This 10th day of July
1872.

Hull Sims }
C. H. Turner }
J. C. Barton }

Jos. Stowell

Rockdale Court of Ordinary
October Term - 1872.

Personally
came into open Court. at this regular
term of the Court of Ordinary of said Coun-
ty. Hull Sims. C. H. Turner & J. C. Barton
the subscribing witnesses to the annexed
Codicil. Number Two, who being duly
sworn, depose that they saw Jos. Stow-
sell, sign and publish the within writ-
ting, as a Codicil to his last will and
testament, while of sound and dispo-
sing mind & memory, that deponents
signed the same as witnesses, at his
special instance & request, in his pres-
ence & in presence of each other, and
that the same was executed freely
& voluntarily by testator on the 10th
day of July 1872.

Sworn to & Subscribed } Hull Sims
before me, in open Court } C. H. Turner
D. A. C. C. C. } J. C. Barton
Ordinary

Filed in office of the Clerk of the Court