

232) In the name of God Amen

I John L. Bird of the State of Georgia and County of Taliaferro being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make declare and publish this my last will and testament of and Concerning such property or effects I may die possessed of hereby revoking all other wills I may have made — Item 1st After the payment of my just debts I will and bequeath to my sister Sarah F. Baker the following Negroes to wit, Eliza a woman and Susan a woman and her infant child — Also my watch and all my wearing apparel — Item 2nd I wish my Executor to execute titles to the places on which free Nancy lives to her or to some person Capable in law to hold it for her as it in equity belongs to her

Item 3rd I wish my executor to make and execute titles to Wiley Jackson to the tract of land he is living on in Taliaferro County on the waters of Lick Creek whenever he shall pay the balance due me according to my Contract with him for the sale of said place

Item 4th It is my will that My Executor make and execute titles to James Brantly to the tract of land whereon George B. Bird lived last year, and on which David Rhodes now lives on the waters of Henderson Creek when he shall pay what is due on the Contract of sale for the same

Item 5th In Case Wiley Jackson or James Brantly should not pay the balance due for the tracts of land as above stated by the first of February next it is my will that My executor sell at private sale or otherwise as he may think proper both of said tracts of land or either of them and raise the money to meet the payment of my debts

Item 6th I give my Negro Man George with his Carpenter tools to my friend Alexander H. Stephens for his trouble in winding up my affairs, and this is in no way to interfere with the Note he holds against me for four hundred and eighty six dollars and some Cents

Item 7th the tract of land I bought from William Bell where George B. Bird now lives I devise to my Executor to hold in trust for my brother George B. Bird for his life during his life and at his death I devise it to my sister Sarah F. Baker — Item 8th I give my Executor full power to sell all or any of my property both Real or personal, lands, Negroes, books or other effects without an Order of Court either at public or private sale as he may think best to accomplish the purposes of this my will

Item 9th I give to Mrs. M. Quinn for her attention in nursing me such compensation as my Executor may deem to be reasonable and liberal

Item 10th If any of Taliaferro County Wills, 1826-1866 after the payment of

my debts and the legacies provided for all the rest and residue
of my effects or estate I give to my sister Sarah F. Baker

Item 1st I nominate appoint and constitute Alexander H. Stephens sole
Executor to this my will and hope he may undertake the
Execution of the same - In testimony whereof I have hereto
set my hand and seal this 1st day of October 1853.

Signed sealed published and declared } John L. Bird *JB*
to be his last will and testament after }
being read by him in presence of us who
signed the same in his presence and in
presence of each other as witnesses our
hands and seals

Francis A. Billingslea *FB*

George L. Bird *GB*

A. G. Grier *AG*

We George L. Bird and Francis A. Billingslea do solemnly swear that
we saw John L. Bird sign seal and declare the foregoing paper writing to
be and contain his true last will and testament, that he was of sound dispo-
sition Mind and Memory, that he did it freely without Compulsion, and
that we signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and of each
other, and saw A. G. Grier sign the same as a witness in the presence
of the testator and of us - This November 7th 1853.

sworn & subscribed in open Court
before Quincea O'Neal Ordinary

} George L. Bird
} Francis A. Billingslea

Georgia Taliaferro County - Court of Ordinary November Term 1853.

The last will and testament of John L. Bird was
proven in open Court by the oath of George L. Bird, & Francis A. Billingslea
two of the witnesses to the same - the Will and probate was ordered to be
recorded Nov. 7th 1853.

Quincea O'Neal Ordinary

Recorded this Nov. 8th 1853.

Quincea O'Neal Ordinary