

to render a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, and appraised and returned to this Court according to law, and to render a true and correct account to the said Court of their actings and doings yearly, and every year, until their administration is fully completed.

Witness, My hand, as Ordinary, and the Seal of the said Court, this Fifth day of November eighteen hundred and sixty.

Quinea Neal Ordinary

Recorded Nov 6th 1860.

Quinea Neal Ordinary

John W. Stevens Will.

In the Name of God Amen!

I John W. Stevens of the County of Taliaferro and State of Georgia being of feeble health but of sound mind and disposing Memory do Make declare and publish this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other others heretofore made by me

Item 1st It is my will and desire that all of my just debts ~~shall~~ ^{first} should be paid

Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto the three Children of my brother Silas Stephens, to wit, Sarah E. Stephens Mary B. Stevens and Albert B. Stephens all the balance of my estate both real and personal, after my just debts are paid share and share alike to be paid to them as they respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that my Executor herein after appointed may sell any or all of my real estate without an Order of Court either at public or private sale as he may think best

Lastly, I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my brother Silas Stevens Executor to this my last Will and Testament. (the word "he" interlined before signed.) In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand this the twenty fifth day of April eighteen hundred and sixty one. — signed and published by John W. Stevens as his last will and testament

in our presence as witnesses thereto, by his request This the 25th day of April 1861.

J. W. Stevens

George F. Bristow

W. J. Reid

J. W. Jackson

J. M. Swan

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(2773)
Crawfordville June 3rd 1861.

Georgia Taliaferro County. - Court of Ordinary of said County June Term 1861.

The last will and Testament of John W. Stevens, having been propounded by said Stevens the Executor in and by said Will nominated and appointed, was proven in Common form of law by the written affidavits of the subscribing witnesses to the same, to wit,

We George F. Britton, J. M. Jackson & J. M. Swan do solemnly swear that John W. Stevens signed ^{subscribed} declared the foregoing writing to be and contain his last will and Testament, that he did it freely without compulsion, that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory that we signed the same in his presence at his special instance and request as witnesses, and in the presence of each other & that Wm. F. Reid signed the same as witness in their presence and the presence of the testator } George F. Britton
known & subscribed in open Court - June 3rd 1861. } J. M. Jackson
attest Quinea O'Neal Ordinary } John W. Swan

Recorded by Order of Court June 3rd 1861.

Quinea O'Neal Ordinary

Letters Testamentary to Elias Stevens

State of Georgia } By the Court of Ordinary for said County
Taliaferro County } To all to whom these presents shall come greeting

Know ye that on the third day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, the last will and Testament of John W. Stevens late of Taliaferro County deceased, was exhibited in open Court, and in Common form of law, proved and admitted to record, a copy of which is hereto annexed, and administration of all and singular, the Goods and Chattels of said deceased was granted to Elias Stevens, the executor in and by said Will named and appointed, he having first taken the oath, and performed all other requisites required by law, he is by Order of said Court, and by virtue of these presents legally authorized to administer the goods, Chattels and Credits of said deceased, according to the tenor and effect of the said Will and testament, and according to law; and he is hereby required to render a true and correct inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, and appraised and returned to this Court according to law, and to render a true and correct account to the said Court of all his actings and doings, and every year, until his administration is fully completed.

Witness my hand, as Ordinary, and the seal of the said Court This third day of June eighteen hundred and sixty one. } Quinea O'Neal Ordinary

Recorded June 3rd 1861.

Quinea O'Neal Ordinary