

State of Georgia In the name of God. Amen  
Upson County 3

I Myself Steagall of said County do hereby  
make and declare this to be my last will & Testament  
Chiefly. I Commend my Soul to the Mercy of him who gave it  
and my body to the Earth in Christian Burial -  
Item. I wish my just debts paid in such manner & time  
as may suit my Executors

Item. I wish all my property of any & every kind to remain in  
the possession & management of my Executors; and hereby  
give them full power to pay my debts, by hiring, renting or  
selling a portion of my property. Such as they may think  
best. Provided what is due me cannot be made to settle my debts -

Item. I give my wife during her life time a negro boy Charles;  
if she should marry again her husband must give good  
Security to my Executors for the forthcoming of Charles at her  
death before he receives possession of him, and said Charles  
not be subject in any way to his debts, or to be hired out by  
him - also I give my said wife the use of my household  
furniture to give off to the Children as suits her convenience,  
and at her death to be equally divided between my Children

Item. As my Children come of age I wish my Executors to give them  
such part of my estate as they think proper; taking a receipt  
for the same & having it valued by three disinterested & Competent  
gentlemen -

Item. Except the boy Charles and my household furniture; I wish  
all my property equally divided between my Children & my wife  
at or immediately after intermarriage, if she should marry;  
and her share to be equally divided together with Charles  
among all the lawful heirs of her body at her death.

Item. At the death of my wife, if she should not marry again,  
I wish my property of every kind equally divided among all my Children

Item. I especially desire as long as practicable all my property kept to-  
gether without selling Renting or hiring. & my wife simply to receive  
the balance after paying expenses annually, & not to be at the trouble of  
rendering an account of the expenses - And I hereby nominate &

appoint my wife Sidney B. Steagall & Obadiah C. Gibson Executors  
of this Will -

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
& affixed my Seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1842

Signed Sealed & published in presence of us.

John S. Carr.  
Allen Richardson  
Thomas Beall.

J. F. Steagall.

Georgia }  
Upson County } I, J. F. Steagall do hereby constitute & declare  
this instrument a Codicil to the foregoing will  
which I now reaffirm.

Item, All the property my daughters may be entitled to I  
hereby give to them for their sole & separate use for life, and  
at their death to be equally divided among the lawful heirs of  
their body.

Item, I hereby nominate & appoint David A. D. W. Savan an addi-  
tional executor to this my last Will & Testament and Codicil  
to the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
& Seal this first day of April 1848.

Signed, sealed & published in presence of us,

Morgan Bellah

E. B. Beall

Elizabeth <sup>his</sup> Caraway

J. F. Steagall

Georgia }  
Upson County } Court of Ordinary, Upson County  
May Term 1848.

The foregoing last Will & Testament & Codicil of  
J. F. Steagall, having been duly proven, at this regular  
Term in Open Court, upon the Oaths of Thomas Beall  
subscribing witness, to the will, and Elizabeth B. Beall and  
Elizabeth Caraway subscribing witnesses to the Codicil -  
Ordered that the said will & Codicil be admitted to records -

William Lowe J. L. C.

William Price J. L. C.

Wm Crawford J. L. C.

Attest

W. A. Cobb, C. W. C. O.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1848.

Recorded this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1848  
W. A. Cobb, C. W. C. O.