

Whitfield County Last Will & Testament John Stancee
Georgia In the name of God Amen I John Stancee
of the County of Whitfield and State of Georgia being of
advanced age but of sound mind and in a delicate state of
health deem it right and proper both in respect to myself
and family that I should make a disposition of the property
with which a kind Providence hath blessed me with do there-
fore make this my last will and testament hereby bequeathing all
others heretofore made

1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent Christian
like manner my soul I trust will return to rest with God who
gave it 2nd I desire and direct that all of my just debts be paid without
delay by my executors hereafter appointed 3rd I give grant and
bequeath unto my beloved Sons George W. Stancee and Andrew
J. Stancee Lot of Land no fifteen in the Eleventh District of the
Third Section of the County and State aforesaid with all the rights
members and appurtenances there unto belonging jointly in fee simple
All the farming tools Smith tools Cattle Hogs that belongs to me
I give unto my son A. J. Stancee which is to be used for the
use and benefit of my family as long as they remain at
home with their mother I direct that I have a Cow and
Calf (viz. Margaret Martha and Sarah. At the age of twenty
one years if any or all of my Daughters should marry before the
age of twenty one years they are to have a cow and calf at the
time they marry all of my sheep I give unto my wife Catherine
Stancee to dispose of as she think proper Also all the house-
hold property I give to wife Catherine Stancee during her natural
life and after death the said property to be equally divided between
my Daughters Mary Margaret Martha and Sarah Stancee
I direct that when ever of my sons have said tract of Land
in charge is to maintain my wife Catherine Stancee during her life
also all the girls that remain with the family until they arrive at the age of
twenty one years if they should dispose of said tract of Land the
proceeds of the same is due to go to the raising and maintaining my
wife & family as before directed George W. Stancee and A. J. Stan-
ce to give each of my Daughters when ever they arrive at the age of
Twenty one years fifty dollars each Mary Margaret Martha and
Sarah also one woman saddle each so that is Margaret Martha
and Sarah I constitute and appoint John Stancee for and George W. Stancee
my Executors of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have here-
unto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the twenty fifth

day of July 1854

John Starnes

Signed by William Whitten at his request

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said John Starnes in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above written instrument to be his last will and Testament and we at the Testator's request and his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence

William Whitten of Whitfield County Geo
John A. Hoskins " " "
James T. Tracy " " "

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Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 3rd of March
1854

John A. Hoskins

W. Gordon ordinary

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