

Stephen Doster's Will

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Georgia

Wilcox County

In the name of God Amen,
I Stephen Doster of the County
of Wilcox and State of Georgia
being of sound and disposing
mind and memory and being
desirous to settle my worldly
affairs while I have strength
so to do, do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament
revoking all wills by me
at any time made heretofore
And first (1)

I commit my soul
to God who gave it and my
body I desire to be buried in
a decent manner and my worldly
estate I dispose of as follows

First I desire all
my just debts paid as early as
possible

Second (2nd) I give and
bequeath unto my beloved wife
Susan Doster during her life time
(3rd) ~~Edward~~ and Henry (two) women
my slave George Gaddy and Mary
and all the household and ~~the~~
furniture she may want or
need about the premises and one
year's provision also "Five hundred
Dollars of my money collected
from the sale of my property
not disposed of

The Same Continued

3rd (3rd) I give and bequeath unto my Son Philitus Docter my Negr Man (Dick) also Two Hundred Dollars of the proceeds of my Distable property

4th I give and bequeath to my Three Grand Children Heirs of Wilson Docter Lot of Land number (184) One Hundred and Eighty four in the (8th) Eighth District of Originally Dorcy now Wilcox County containing (202 $\frac{1}{2}$) Two hundred two and One half Acres.

5th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth C. Smith during her natural life and after her death to the heirs of her body the following a boy by the name of (Henry) and a Girl (Martha) and I hereby constitute and appoint Horace A. Smith Trustee for said Elizabeth C. Smith

6th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Harriet M. Fitzgerald during her natural life and after her death to the heirs of her body (Louis and Tom) and I do hereby appoint James Fitzgerald Trustee for said Harriet M. Fitzgerald

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7th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Ann McLeod during her natural life and after her Death to the heirs of her Body (Lucy) a Woman and her Child (Ella) and I do hereby constitute and appoint Daniel A. McLeod Trustee for said Mary Ann McLeod

8th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Susan Hutch during her natural life and after her Death the following two Boys (Vern and Austin) and appoint John Hutch Trustee for said Susan Hutch

all the above named property given to my Wife Susan it to remain in her possession during her life time to be Equally divided between my five Children above named or their heirs now should either of my Daughters above mentioned depart this life without leaving a child then the property and increase given in this Will to be Equally divided amongst my living Heirs

For the purpose of carrying this my last Will & Testament into effect I hereby constitute and appoint Philip Dozier and James Fitzgerald Executors

The Same Continued

In Witness whereof I the said
Stephen Dexter in this my
Will consisting of the foregoing
three sheets of paper have set
my hand and seal this the 21st
day of February 1859

Stephen Dexter {L.S.}

Signed, Sealed, Published, and declared
by the above named Stephen Dexter
as his last Will and Testament in
presence of us who at his request
in presence of each other have subscri-
bed our names as Witnesses hereto
James G. Conroy {L.S.} Wilcox County
G. W. Graham {L.S.} Wilcox County
Thomson McDuffie {L.S.} Wilcox County

Georgia - before me Jas W. Mathews
Wilcox County, Ordinary of said County came
in person Philip Dexter and James Fitzgerald
Executors of the last Will and Testament of
Stephen Dexter Deceased state of said
County and also the Witnesses to said Will
James G. Conroy, G. W. Graham, Thomson
McDuffie who being duly sworn depose
and say that they know the said Stephen
Dexter, sign, seal, publish and declare
the said instrument as his last Will
and Testament, voluntarily and freely
without compulsion and that they signed
said Will as Witnesses in the presence
of said Stephen Dexter and each
other

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J. G. Conroy
G. W. Graham
Thomson McDuffie

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The Same continued

Shewn to and subscribed before
me this 2nd day of May 1859

Jas. W. McWhorter
Ordinary of Wilcox County

Whereupon it is Ordered by the
Court that ^{the} said Will be admitted
to Record as the last Will and
Testament of Stephen Doster
deceased and that Letters
Testamentary do Issue thereon
to ^{the} said Philip Doster and
James Fitzgerald Executors
in terms of Law

Entered this October 10th day
of 1859