

## Thomas O'Steen



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Born: 1725 NC

Married: Rachel Pritchard

Died: 1794 Chatham, GA

Parents: Henry O'Steen & Margaret McCullough

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Osteen being rather infirm in Body tho of Sound Mind, and Conscious of the uncertainty of humane life do make this my last Will and Testament. After the payment of my just Debts, I desire and bequeath my Property in the following manner Viz.

Infirmis. I devise to my Wife Sarah all my real Estate. Consisting of a body of land in the County of Liberty Containing four hundred and fifty acres. Composed of three adjoining tracts granted to me as will appear by the three several grants now in my possession to her and her being for ever.

HSM. I Devise to my sons David and Solomon all my Stock of Cattle to be equally Divided between them, each one to receive his proportion on his arrive at the age of twenty one, or being Married and in Case of the death of either before such event, his proportion shall become the property of the Survivor.

Trd, Whereas a Suit is now depending in the Superior court of Liberty County in Which I am Plaintiff and James Threat Administrator of Richard Box, is defendant to recover damages for a receipt in the sale of a Negroe (woman) and child, it is my Will and Desire and I do hereby bequeath the proceeds of such suit whether ended in my life time, or prosecuted and recovered by my representatives" to be divided equally between my Sons David & Solomon at the arrival of the events aforesaid and the proportion either in Case of his Death before his Marriage, or Arrival at the age of twenty one as aforesaid to go to the other.

All the rest of my Estate real and Personal, I Devise and bequeath to my Said Wife Sarah.

Lastly I do hereby appoint my Wife Sarah executrix and Matthew Bennett Executor of this my last Will & Testament. And I empower my said wife to make Butter by the said Stock, and to appropriate the proceeds thereof in such manner as she pleases, for the benefit of herself and Children, during their Minority or remaining unmarried; And I empower my sd Executor and Executrix to sell the heirs belonging to the aforesaid Stock, for the purpose of Educating and Clothing my said sons David and Solomon. In Witness whereof I leave an unto set my hand this first Day of October in the year Seventeen hundred and Ninety four.

Thomas "T" Austen  
His Mark

In presence of  
Edm d. Bacon  
Joseph Clay Jun.  
Edwin L. Harris

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