

**Will, GA, Wilkes, Dred Wilder, 1808**

In the name of God, Amen.

I, **DRED WILDER**, of the county of Wilkes and state of Georgia being weak in body but perfect in memory make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all previous.

ITEM I resign my soul to God my body to the dust to be decently buried, the expense of which to be paid out of my estate.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my beloved son [**SAMPSON**] **WILDER** all my tract of land and plantation whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever. Also a Sorrel gelding to him and his heirs forever. Also my bellows to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my beloved grandson **JESSE BULLARD** two hundred and fifty dollars in cash.

ITEM I give to my daughter **MARY CHAMPEN** my negro **LOWAN**, **BLOSE** and **GREEN & LISLE** to her and her lawful heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my daughter **PHANNEY CODY** three Negroes **RACHEL**, **CAIN** and **SELUDA** to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my beloved grandson **DRED CODY** fifty dollars in cash to be paid of my estate that will be left to be sold.

ITEM It is my desire that my negro man **SAM** and the balance of all my state should be sold with twelve months credit and all my just debts paid out of it with the balance to be equally divided between my two daughters **PHANNEY CODY** and **MARY CHAMPEN**.

I Constitute, ordain and appoint my friends **JESSE CODY** & **HENRY CHAMPEN** my sole executors to this my last will and testament.

As witness my hand and seal, 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1808

**DRED WILDER** {seal}

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**EDWARD STEVENS**  
**COLLIN WOOTEN**  
**WILLIAM SANFORD**

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Georgia  
Wilkes County

Personally appeared in open court **EDWARD STEVENS, COLLIN WOOTEN** and **WILLIAM SANFORD** the subscribing witnesses to the forgoing will & testament duly sworn saith that they saw the above named **DRED WILDER** sign, seal, publish & declare the above instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind & memory.

Sworn to in open court.

The 7<sup>th</sup> November 1808

**EDWARD STEVENS**  
**COLLIN WOOTEN**  
**WILLIAM SANFORD**

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