

To Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court of
the County of Alexandria,

Your Petitioners William B. Alexander, Richard B. Alexander,
Gustavus B. Alexander & Lee. Mafey Alexander the two last Infants
under the age of twenty one years by the said William B. Alexander their
friend respectfully represent - That in the month of April in the year 1806
Charles Alexander late of the said County of Alexandria departed this life
leaving your Petitioners, Charles Alexander ~~son~~ called Charles Alexan-
der Junr, a daughter called Susanna Pearson intermarried with George
Chapman Junr and a daughter called Frances since intermarried with
William J. Swann, his only Children - That on or about the 16th day
of January in the year 1805 the said Charles Alexander father of
your Petitioners duly executed and published his last Will and Testament
to the following effect "Memorandum if I should die Intestate, or in other
words without a Will, it is my earnest desire that Mr. George Chapman who
intermarried with my daughter Susanna Pearson shall not inherit any mar-
of my landed property than I have already given him, and it is my earnest
desire that my daughter Frances shall not inherit any more of my landed
property than just to make her portion equal with what I have given her
sister Chapman. It is likewise my desire that neither my daughter
Susanna Pearson or my daughter Frances shall inherit any of my real
goods or personal estate - This I have written with my own hand and signed
my name the same date but on this 16th day of January 1805." Charles Alexander.

Your Petitioners Charles Alexander further represent that at the time of his
death the said Charles Alexander their father resided within the County
of Alexandria aforesaid, within which he left a large real and person-
al estate, That immediately after his death the said Will of the said
Charles Alexander which has never been revoked or annulled by him was
surreptitiously obtained and destroyed by some person to your Petitioners
unknown - That on the 11th day of June 1806 sundry Depositions that

is to say of Francis Alexander Widow of the said Charles of Miss Ann
Brown (since dead) and of the said Francis Alexander now married to
William J. Swann, were taken under the authority of and before the then
Judge of your Court in relation to the said Will and the manner of its dis-
tinction and was ordered to be recorded, for the purpose of perpetuating the
Testimony of the said Witnesses in the matter aforesaid - Copies of which your
petitioners herewith exhibit and pray that the same may be received as a
part of this their Petition. Your Petitioners further represent, that since
the said Depositions were taken no further proceedings have been had on
the subject of the said Will and they are advised that the same has been in all
aspects duly executed and published by the Testator so as to give it a legal
and obligatory force. But now so it is that the said George Chapman Jr.
and Susanna his wife and the said William J. Swann and Frances his
wife make claim to a full dividend of the real and personal estate of which
the said Testator died seignor in the same manner as if he had died
Intestate the said George giving out in his speeches and conversations
that the said Charles died Intestate. Your Petitioners therefore pray that
the said George Chapman Junr and Susanna his wife, the said
William J. Swann and Frances his wife, and the said Charles Alexan-
der Son of the Decedent may be summoned to answer this petition, and
that commissions may be awarded to take the Testimony of Witnesses and
that the Witnesses on the part of your Petitioners as well as of their ad-
versaries may be examined before your Court if necessary, touching the
matters aforesaid, and if on such examination it shall appear as
your Petitioners charge was the case, that the said Charles Alexan-
der deceased did in due form of law execute and Publish his last
Will and Testament as aforesaid - that at the time he did so he
was of sound and disposing mind and that he died without having done
any act to revoke the same; then your Petitioners pray that the said Will
may be established and declared to be in full effect and operation &c. and your
Petitioners shall ever pray &c

William B. Alexander
Richard B. Alexander

Ala. 29th May 1814

Gustavus B. Alexander and
Lee Mosey Alexander by
William B. Alexander their
friend

The Answer of George Chapman Jun^r and Susanna his Wife to
the Petition of William B. Alexander and others, filed in the Orphans Court
of Alexandria County, against the said George Chapman and others.

These defendants saving and reserving to themselves all manner of advan-
tage and benefit of exception to all uncertainties, errors and imperfections
in the Petitioners said Petition contained; For answer thereto or to so
much thereof as they are advised is material for them to answer unto, they
answer and say,

That they have no knowledge of the making and executing the Will and
Testament in the Petition mentioned, and they do therefore require that
such proof shall be made of the existence and due execution of the same
as shall be satisfactory to the Court. These defendants are advised that
the memorandum or paper attested by the Petitioners to have been written
and signed by Charles Alexander deceased does not in law amount to a
Will and Testament, and therefore if such paper was ever written and
signed by him, they do not admit that the same ought or could be
considered as a Will. These defendants had supposed that the Petitioners
had been long since satisfied that Charles Alexander Esq. had died
intestate. That Admin^r had been granted upon his Estate, and they
believe that the opinion in the family for many years past was that he
had died intestate and under this impression the Petitioners or some of
them filed a Bill in the Court of Chancery for the County of Alexandria for
a division of the estate of the said Charles Alexander deceased founded upon
the opinion that he had died Intestate. These defendants beg leave to sign
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the Bill and answers filed in the said suit, for more perfect informa-
tion on this subject. These defendants conceive that this Court upon due
examination of the subject will consider the said Charles Alexander to
have died intestate and they pray that this Court may hence dismiss
them with their reasonable costs &c.

Suam for the defendants

June 14th 1814

Know all Men by these presents that we Adam Lynn
and Alexander Moore are held and fully bound unto Robert Young Esquire
Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria, in the District
of Columbia and his successors in Office in the sum of five hundred dol-
lars, lawful money of the United States of America to the payment where-
of well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and
Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with
our seals and dated this 5th day of December 1814.

The Condition of the above obligation is such- That if the
above bounden Adam Lynn as Guardian of Mary Buckland shall
faithfully account with the Orphans Court of Alexandria County,
as directed by law for the management of the property and Estate of the
Orphan under his care, and shall also deliver up the said property agree-
ably to the order of the said Court, or the directions of law, and shall in
all respects perform the duty of Guardian to the said Orphan, according
to law, then the above obligation shall cease, it shall otherwise remain
in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed & Delivered
in presence of
A. Moore

Adam Lynn
A. Moore