

Winded Chamberlay File No 27
Copy of the will of Charles C. Mitchell.

In the name of God Amen.

I Charles C. Mitchell of the County of Hannover, being diseased in body but of sound mind & disposing memory for which I thank God & calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath the, in name following

Item 1st I will that all my just debts, and funeral expenses be first paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item 2nd I leave to my beloved wife Emily, A. Mitchell so long as she remains my widow the land whereon I now live together with all my personal estate except such as I give to my children at the time of their marriage or becoming twenty one years old.

Item 3rd I give to my daughter, Nancy Jane Mitchell as soon as she can marry or become of age the following shares

When my Mary or become of age the following shares
namely, & Violet with their increase, should either of the above
shares die, before possession is given. I will that one equally
valuable be selected from the remainder of my servants and
herein after disposed of & substituted for it. I give also one bed and
furniture to my said daughter Nancy.

Item 4th I give to my daughter Mary D. Mitchell the following
shares as such time as she may marry or become of age. namely,
Ben & Leona with their future increase thereof and should either
of said shares die before possession is given to my daughter Mary.
I will that one equally valuable be selected from my servants not
hereafter disposed of & substituted for it. I give also to my
daughter one bed & furniture.

Item 5th I give to my son John D. Mitchell the following
shares. namely Lewis & Ellen with their future in-
crease and should either of said shares die before my
son John is of lawful age or takes possession, I

that one especially valuable be selected from the Remainder
of my Slaves and hereafter disposed of and substituted for it.
I also will my son John one bed & furniture.

Item. 6th I give to my daughter Sarah E. Mitchell when she
marries or comes of age the following Slaves namely
William & Frances with their increase & should either of said Slaves
die before possession is given, I will that one especially valuable be
selected from the Remainder of my Slaves & substituted for it.
I also will to my daughter Sarah one bed and furniture.

Item. 7th I give to my daughter Lucy E. Mitchell when she marries
or comes of age, the following Slaves, namely, James & Sarah.
with their increase & should either of them die, I will
that one especially valuable be selected from the Remainder of
my Slaves and substituted provided it dies before possession
is given. I also give to my daughter Lucy, one bed and
furniture.

Item. 8th I will that should my will be void, it shall

Item 8th I will that should any wife have any other child by me, shall have equally with my other children in all my property real, and personal.

Item 9th I will that should the death of any of the above named Slaves render it necessary to substitute others from my estate my beloved wife & Robert Coleman of them can see both of them shall make such selection as they may think just and Equitable.

Item 10th I will that all my children shall live upon my land with their mother free of board until they marry or become of age & that they have a liberal education.

Item 11th I will that should any of my daughters die without legal heirs of their body that all the property Willed to them revert to my surviving children & be equally amongst them.

Item 12th I will that should my beloved wife Emily find it necessary to have any money advanced and paid her for the support of herself and children

Article 11th. I Will That Mr. Brown for the purpose of paying debts or the education of our children or for the purpose of purchasing land &c. she shall be at liberty to do so.

Article 13th. I will at the death of my wife all my lands &c. equally divided amongst my children.

Article 14th. I Will That as more disinterested, judicious persons shall be selected by my wife to value the property willed to each child when possession is given.

Article 15th. I will that all the residue of my property, not herein disposed of shall at the death of my wife be equally divided amongst my children & should any of them die without heirs of the body their proportions to revert to the survivors & to be equally divided amongst them.

Article 16th. I Will That fully on account of her faithfulness she be at liberty to go with her daughter Louisa, in the service of my slaves if she wishes it.

Article 17th. I Will That there be no appraisement or sale of

my property after my death & That my Beloved wife Emily
be appointed my Executor without being required to give
any Security whatsoever. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this 2nd of June 1842.
Charles C. Mitchell

Witnessed & declared by Charles C.
Mitchell as for his last will and testament
in the presence & hearing of us, who at his
request & in his presence have subscribed
our names as witnesses.

Geo. Shering

Math. Brown

George B. Mason

Charles L. Kelly

Witnessed. I also will that my son John shall assist

his mother in the management of my estate & as soon as she
is old enough to qualify as my executor, without being held to
Security Test.

Charles B. ^{the} Mitchell.
Wm.

Chas. M. Brown.

George B. Mason.

Charles L. Kelley.