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Georgia } In the name of God Amen
Newton County } I Reuben M Christian of said county and
State being of sound mind and memory and
knowing at night we are poor shall I should make a disposition
of the property that the Almighty has blessed me with I
therefore make this my last will & testament hereby revoking
all other made by me

Item 1st It is my will and desire that first of all
my just debts be paid by my Executor

Item 2nd My will is that after my death that my
estate be wound up and after my debts are paid
money with all the money that I may have on hand and
an equal division be given to my following named brethren
& sisters to wit my brother Joe B Christian and William
B Christian and my sisters Malissa Christian Elizabeth Christian
Sarah Christian Martha J Christian & Lucinda Christian
Ann Christian and my sister Malissa Christian having an equal
each as of the above named brethren & sisters having an equal
share

Item 3rd I hereby constitute and appoint my cousin and
friend Presley J Christian Executor of this my last will
and Testament

Reuben M Christian [illegible]

Signed Sealed published and declared by Reuben M Christian
to be and contain his last will and testament who
subscribed the same in the presence of us who subscribed
our names hereto in the presence of the testator and of each
other this 23 day of October 1863

Richard Dorsett
Jo B Christian
Mary J Christian

Georgia } Court of Ordinary in vacation
Newton County } January 4th 1864

In vacation personally appeared Richard Dorsett and
Jo B Christian who being duly sworn deposeth and say that
that they subscribed the written will as witnesses — that they
saw Reuben Christian Sign the same and publish the
same as his last will & testament — that at the time of the
signing & publication the said Reuben Christian in the
opinion of deponents was of sound disposing mind and
memory & that he executed the same freely so far as

they know & believe and that they signed the same in the presence of
the testator and of each other & in the presence of [illegible] Christian the
other witness

Sworn to and subscribed
before me January 4th 1864
Wm D Luckie Ordinary

Richard Dorsett
Jo B Christian

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will
of the within named Reuben M Christian deceased so far as I
know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same
in accordance with the laws of this State. So help me God
Sworn to and subscribed before
me January 4th 1864
Wm D Luckie Ordinary

Presley J Christian

Recorded in record January Term 1864
Wm D Luckie Ordinary

State of Georgia
Newton County } In the name of God Amen
I Samuel Marks of said State and county
being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly
depart this life, deem it right and proper both as respects
my family and myself, that I should make a disposition of
the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, so
therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking
all others heretofore made by me

1st Item I desire and direct, that my body be buried
in a decent and Christianlike manner suitable to my circumstances
and condition in life. My soul I trust into the hands
of God who gave it trusting for eternal life who gave it through
the atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2nd Item. I desire and direct, that all my just debts
be paid without delay by my Executor hereinafter appointed

3rd Item. I give and bequeath and devise to my grandson
Wm Samuel J Marks son of my son Samuel J Marks seventy
One hundred and forty acres of land known as the Hodge place
But should my grandson Samuel J Marks die before he be
comes of age then my will is that the land return to and be con
sidered a part of my estate to be equally divided among my
heirs