

Chatham County

In the Honorable Geo. Jones Esq. Register of  
 Probates for this County).

The Humble Petition of Elizabeth Ortnor, widow  
 Sheweth: That her Husband Henry Ortnor of this County —  
 departed this life on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1785; that on the 11 day of  
 May he executed & signed his last Will and Testament, he unto  
 annexed and appointed Jacob McCalloch his only Executor, who  
 refuses to qualify and act, as by his Renunciation hereunto also  
 annexed. Therefore your Petitioner humbly prays that you  
 will grant her Letters of Administration on the Real & personal  
 Estate of her said Husband Henry Ortnor, and your petitioner  
 will pray &c

Savannah 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1785

Witness

Thos Minis

Elizabeth X Ortnor

mark

May the last<sup>th</sup> day 1785

I Henry Ortnor doth desire after my  
 death, that my Land should be sold and ten parts of the  
 money arising therefrom to school my wife and John  
 Weatherford, and it is my Will and desire that my wife Elizabeth  
 Ortnor should have my share and likewise my daughter  
 Barbara Ortnor should have my share &c, and after my  
 just debts are paid all the remaining part of my Estate  
 to be equally divided between my wife Elizabeth Ortnor  
 and my daughter Barbara Ortnor. this my last will  
 and desire —

Savannah 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1785

Witness

Jacob McCalloch

Henry X Ortnor

mark

Before me George Jones Esquire, Register of  
Probates for the County of Chatham in the State  
aforesaid.

Personally appeared Jacob McCulloch of the County aforesaid  
and Joseph Mung' two of the subscribing Witnesses to the aforesaid  
last Will and Testament of Henry Cortner late of the said County deceased  
who being duly sworn maketh oath and saith that they well present  
and ~~did~~ the said Testator Henry Cortner sign by a mark /  
seal pronounce publish and declare the said paper writing to be  
and contain his last Will and Testament, and that at the execution thereof  
to the deponents belief, he was of sound and disposing mind and  
memory and understanding, and further that the said Joseph  
Mung' with Elizabeth Fryer subscribed their names as witnesses  
to the said Will, at the request of in the presence of the said Testator  
and in each others presence and the said Jacob McCulloch, who  
was also present, hath also since signed as a witness thereto  
Summ to this 14<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>  
1785 Geo. Jones

Jacob McCulloch  
Joseph Mung'

To George Jones Esq. Register of  
Probates for the County of Chatham.  
Sir.

I am nominated an Executor in the last Will and Testament  
of Henry Cortner dated the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1785. and as I can't attend  
to the same, I do hereby renounce being an Executor to the said  
Henry Cortner Esq. and desire that you will grant letters of  
Administration to his Widow Elizabeth Cortner.

I am y<sup>r</sup> most  
Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Jacob McCulloch

Witness  
Thos. Minis