

Georgia. I desire the humble care of writing for testimony of Charles
personally appeared Joseph Welcher Esquire.
one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will & testament
officer of the city of Savannah, Georgia, declared, when
being duly sworn with that he was present and saw the
said testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be
and contain his last will and testament and that he was of
sound mind at the time to the best of his deponent's belief,
and that Coleman Pollock and more Chalmers together with
the deponent subscribed their names as witnesses at the request
and the presence of the said testator and such other

persons in presence

4th April 1853

Ernest White Clerk

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Joseph Welcher.

In the name of God Amen

I James Thompson, of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, do make and publish
this my last will and testament, first I require and direct, that upon
my decease, my body may be buried in a decent & proper manner, but with
as small expense as possible, and it is my will and desire, that a coffin
which may be justly and lawfully due by me, at the time of my decease,
may be paid, also my will is, and I do hereby direct and order, that after my
death, my wife be maintained out of my estate during her life, in as good
manner and situation, in which she has lived during my life, and I do further
order and direct, that my executor and assigns my said house after named shall
keep open the dwelling house and premises, which I now occupy, with the
furniture which shall be therein at the time of my death, that my said executor
shall support and supply the same as it now is, at the expense of my estate,
and that my wife shall occupy this same apartment, be supported therein &
enjoy all the privileges which she now enjoys, so long as she shall live,
and if by fire or other accident my said dwelling house should be destroyed
or rendered unfit for occupation, then and in that case, it is my will and desire
that another suitable dwelling house shall be provided & taken at the expense

of my estate for the purpose of making them similar, and that my wife and I
have therein an apartment equally convenient, and be maintained and enjoy
thence the same privileges as herein before granted, during her life...

And I do further give and devise unto my James Thompson,
my man slave John, and my mistress Mary and Eva shall stand to secure my
wife during her life. Also I give and devise to my Nephew John Oliver, son
of Christopher & Margaret Oliver, four hundred Pounds in money at four shillings
and eight Pence each dollar, to be paid to the said John Oliver at the expiration
of twelve months after my decease. Also I give and devise unto my nephew Ralph
Oliver, son of the same Christopher & Margaret, the sum of four hundred
pounds like money, to be paid to the said Ralph Oliver at the expiration
of twelve months after my decease. Also I give and devise unto my niece Margaret,
daughter of the same Christopher and Margaret Oliver, the sum of four hundred
pounds like money, to be paid to her for her own separate use, on her having
lawful issue of her body; provided, and my will is that my executor hereinafter
after named shall pay to my said niece Margaret, yearly and every year, to be
computed from the day of my decease, untill she shall have lawful issue as herein
expressed at her age eight per centum upon the said four hundred Pounds.
Also I give and devise unto my niece Jane Oliver, Daughter of the same
Christopher and Margaret, the sum of four hundred pounds like money,
to be paid to her for her own separate use, on her having lawful issue of her
body; provided, and my will is, that my executor hereinafter named shall
pay to my said niece Jane, yearly and every year, to be computed from the
day of my decease, untill she shall have lawful issue as aforesaid.

James Thompson
she shall have lawful issue as aforesaid, interest at eight per centum upon the said
four hundred Pounds. Also I give and devise unto my said niece Jane Oliver one
bed together, bedding, bedstead, curtains, and the other articles appertaining thereto,
to be delivered into her possession immediately after my decease. Also I give and
devise to my said niece Jane, my female negro slave Peggy and negro girl Jany to be
delivered into her possession immediately after my decease to hold to her & her heirs
forever. Also I give and devise unto my nephew Philip Young, five hundred Pounds,
like money, dollars at four shillings and eight Pence, to be paid to him at the
expiration one year after my decease. and I give and devise to the said Philip
Young the following slaves, to-wit: a negro boy named Abraham &
a Mulatto girl.

a Statute But under Jury, to be delivered into his possession immediately after
my decease, to have and to hold, to him and his forever also I give and devise
unto Myson Heston two hundred pounds like money to be paid to him at the
Expiration of one year after my decease. Provided always and my will and
intention is, that if either of my said legates herein before named and described
shall depart this life before the summing being when described arrived to him
or her shall become payable according to the terms thereof, that then and in
that case such summing, bequest shall be deemed and taken to have failed and
become void, and the sum of money so devised shall sink into the residue of my
said estate also I will and devise that my executor herein after named

James Moseman

shall pay to my sister Margaret Stach, formerly Margaret Oliver wife of
Christopher Oliver, above named yearly and every year during her natural life,
to be computed from the day of my decease, the sum of twenty pounds like
money afore said also I give and devise to my son James Oliver, son of the
said Christopher and Margaret Oliver all the real and personal, of my estates
real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever whether in possession, remainder
or reversion together with all manors, spirituals, tithes, advowsons and endowments
of debt owing to me, to have and to hold the said estates real and personal,
to him the said James Oliver, his heirs and assigns forever. Provided always
that if the said James shall depart this life without lawful issue living at
the time of his decease, then and in that case I devise the said estates
real and personal to the above named Ralph Oliver, to him his heirs
and assigns forever. provided that if the said Ralph Oliver shall ^{also} depart
this life without lawful issue, living at the time of his decease, then and
in that case I give and devise the said estates real and personal to the above
named John Oliver, and to his heirs and assigns forever, and I do hereby
constitute and appoint my said nephew James Oliver sole executor of this my
last James Oliver sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby
naming and James Moseman

annulling all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made In
Witness whereof I the said James Moseman to this last will and
testament contained in three sheets of Letter paper sealed together, have
set my hand and seal, and to every Page thereof have set my hand,

and seal, this first day of June in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred
and one.

James Mifflin. (L.S.)

sign, seal, published and declared
by the said James Mifflin above named,
as and for his last will and testament in
the presence of us who at his request, in his
presence and in the presence of each other have
subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

four lines being first and added in the margin of the third page marked so.

John Y. Noel.

Sarah C. Noel.

Thomp.ⁿ Mordcaui.

Georgia. Before the honorable the court of ordinary for the county of Chatham
in the state aforesaid, personally appeared John Y. Noel, one of
the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of
James Mifflin, late of the city of Savannah, planter deceased, who
being duly sworn saith, that he was present and did see the said
testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contain
his last will and testament and that he was of sound & disposing
mind at the time to the best of their deponents belief, and that
Sarah C. Noel and Thompson Mordcaui, together with deponents
subscribed their names as witnesses, at the request and in the
presence of the said testator and of each other.

sworn in open court

John Y. Noel.

16 June 1802.

Edward White Clerk

court of ordinary