

and contain a Codicil to his last Will and Testament
and that he was of sound mind at the time to the best
of this deponents belief and that Robert J. Houston &
Robert Habersham together with the deponent subscribed
their names as witnesses at the request and in the pre-
sence of the said Testator and of each other.

Sworn in open Court

G. Woodruff

9th January 1809

Edw. White Clerk.

State of Georgia

Chatham County

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In the Name of God Amen.
I Levi Sheftall of the City of Savannah in the
County and State aforesaid being of sound
mind and memory and knowing that it is ap-
pointed for all men to die, but being certain
of the resurrection of the dead, do hereby declare
this to be my last will and Testament, in manner
and form following revoking all former wills
and Testaments heretofore made or done by me
imploring my Creator to receive my soul into his
holy keeping. Respecting my burial I have
left written directions to my Family, therefore
it is useless to mention it here, as to my temporal
affairs which it has pleased ^{God} to bless me with.
It is my will that my executors and Execu-
tives have full power and liberty to sell
and dispose of any part of my Estate either real
or personal if it is thought by them, and my Heirs
to be of benefit to the Estate but not otherwise, ex-
cept that Tract of Land known by the name of
the Tanyard contiguous to Savannah which
will be hereafter mentioned in what manner
it is to be disposed of. All Sales made by my
Executors and Executives must be with the con-
sent of my Heirs in the Court of Ordinary and
the monies arising from such sales must be
invested in other property real or personal
it so happen that any dispute arises between
Heirs every such dispute shall be settled by
determination of the Court of Ordinary.

should be first and binding and if either of the
 parties should be dissatisfied with the said
 decision and institute an action he, she or them,
 so doing shall only be entitled to Ten Dollars
 as their share of my Estate both Real and
 Personal and such forfeited share or shares
 shall be equally divided amongst my Heirs
 I mean my sons and daughters at present
 unmarried and them only, this I do in order
 to prevent my Heirs going to Law with each other.
 It is my (page 2) Will that my
 Dear wife Sarah Cheffall shall keep in her
 possession my Houses Negroes and every species
 of my property for and during her life, But in
 case she marries then and in that case, she
 shall only draw an equal share of my Estate, with
 my Heirs, It is my will that what I leave to my Heirs
 the profits of which being sufficient to maintain
 them decently they keep together and live in the
 House or Houses until a division takes place.
 this is if they think proper no division of my
 Estate shall take place during my wife's widow-
 hood, that when the time arrives when a division
 must take place, it shall be in the following man-
 ner, the Value of the property shall be first
 ascertained by three respectable appraisers, then
 the solds agreeably to advertisement on a particular
 Day to the highest bidder on a reasonable Credit taking
 Bond and Mortgage on the property sold or disposed
 of, and further Security of my Executors and Exors
 if they think proper, the purchase money must
 be paid by instalments so that the youngest Child
 may have an equal chance with the Eldest, as it
 is my wish that every one of my Heirs may be well
 satisfied with what is done therefore whenever my
 Sons and Daughters arrive to the age of thirteenth
 years, then they be considered my Executors Execu-
 trices equal to those that may be qualified respecting
 my tract of Land Called the Tanyard, it is my will
 that the same be equally divided between my
 Heirs hereafter named but that they shall not
 have a share in the profits of a Sale any

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Sarah Cheffall
 Joseph M. Brown
 John C. Brown

of their Shares for Twenty Years after my death.
It must be clearly understood, that the whole of
the Tract of Land is meant by the name of Tongue
which contains upwards of forty Acres including the
surplus for which said surplus I have a
grant upwards of thirty years old, my heirs may
lease or build on any part of it for them to reside
on. It is also the profit must be for the benefit
of all Lot No 20/ twenty I recommend the greatest
Care of, its being near this City its Value is great.
It is my will that ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~part~~ ^{part} or share of my
Estate either Real or Personal which shall come
to either of my daughters hereafter named, the
same shall not be liable, under the Contract, or
subject to any debt or Debts of any Husband
they may intermarry with, that before any such
marriage shall take place, the portion of my
Estate 1/3 which they inherit shall be settled
in Trust for that sole and only use, and
to be disposed of by my said Daughters as
they may think proper. My son David Sheftall
was possessor of a half Lot of Land in Swan-
nah adjoining Robert Greens, and a Negro
boy named Carolina and as he died in Ch-
leston and on his Death had requested his
uncle Mr. Emanuel D. Mottar to remember he
left his property to his Godson Abraham Ab-
raham Sheftall, and my said son Levi Sheftall
being a minor at the time of his Death and
leaving no will and the property coming to me
as his Father under the Laws of the State, I have
now in Compliance with his honest bequest
my son Abraham Sheftall the said half
and Negro boy named Carolina as he
forever, after the decease of his mother
property to be his exclusive of his share
in that Real or Personal which he
entitled to, I have and bequeath
to him my Negro boy named Levi
the sum of three hundred Dollars
to be paid to him at his death.

my Estate both Real and Personal. I Give to
 my Son Emanuel Sheftall my Negro boy named
 Bonders this gift is also exclusive of his equal
 share of my Estate both Real and Personal.
 I Give to my son Mordecai Sheftall a Negro
 female named Spencer with her four Child-
 ren to wit Rose, George, Venus & Jane & her
 future issue and increase to him forever
 after the decease of his mother. this gift is Ex-
 clusive of his equal share of my Estate both
 Real and Personal. It is my Will that my
 Estate be divided in the following manner
 and to the following named persons only
 that is to say / to my Dear Wife on the Condi-
 tions before mentioned To my son Benjamin
 Sheftall one share under certain conditions
 that will be hereafter mentioned to my
 Daughter Hannah Sheftall one equal share
 of my Estate To my daughter Judith Sheftall
 one equal share of my Estate To my son
 Mordecai Sheftall one equal share of my
 Estate To my son Emanuel Sheftall 1/4
 one equal share of my Estate To my son Solomon
 Sheftall one equal share of my Estate To my son
 Abraham Sheftall one equal share of my Estate
 To my Daughter Abigail Minis Sheftall one
 Equal share of my Estate To my Daughter Pella
 the wife of Isaac Russell I Give the sum of
 Five Dollars this is all she shall have of my
 Estate both Real & Personal. this is to be paid her
 after the Division aforesaid, no support shall be
 given her out of my Estate on any pretence; and
 it is my Will that my Executors and Executives
 do not on any consideration suffer her to dwell
 on any part of Land or live in any of my houses
 I Give to my Dear Daughter Sarah Delyon the
 wife of Abraham Delyon the sum of Ten Dollars
 this is to be considered her full share of my Estate
 both Real & Personal. I Give my Daughter Sarah
 Delyon at her marriage a valuable property
 more than any of my Children will inherit from
 me, this I Give her and not a want of

This is
 the
 will of
 Benjamin
 Sheftall

Sarah Delyon
 Judith Sheftall
 Abigail Minis
 Pella Russell
 Isaac Russell
 Solomon Sheftall
 Abraham Sheftall
 Emanuel Sheftall
 Mordecai Sheftall
 Hannah Sheftall

parental affection, that I have left her in my
Will Ten Dollars, the part of my Estate real &
Personal which I give to my son Benjamin Sheftall
is subject to the following Conditions and abso-
lutely bound by the following Trust, and upon
no other terms or Conditions shall he enjoy any
part of my Estate, to my sons Mordecai Sheftall
and Emanuel Sheftall in Trust for my son
Benjamin Sheftall an equal share of my Estate
both real & personal, the said Benjamin Sheftall
to have & receive the rents issues and profits
of the property aforesaid for his support and
maintenance during the Term of his natural
life, and not to be subject to the Debts of the
said Benjamin Sheftall, but in case he should
marry and die without issue legally begotten
then and in that case the said property both
real & personal & the profits thereof shall be
divided between my heirs hereafter named
to wit, Hannah Sheftall, Judith Sheftall,
Mordecai Sheftall, Emanuel Sheftall, Solomon
Sheftall, Abraham Sheftall & Abigail Minis
Sheftall and no other person whatsoever, but
should he leave issue at the time of his Death
lawfully begotten, in that case they shall have
and receive that portion of the Estate which
was vested in the Hands of the Trustees for the
use of the said Benjamin Sheftall, provided
they live to the age of Eighteen years, not other-
wise, and in case they do not live to the age of
Eighteen years, then in that case the property shall
revert to my heirs, Hannah, Judith, Mordecai,
Emanuel, Solomon, Abraham and Abigail ⁽⁵⁾ Minis
Sheftall, In case of the Death of either of my
said children, to wit, Benjamin, Mordecai,
Judith, Mordecai, Emanuel, Solomon, Abraham
or Abigail, before the Division takes place
or after without issue legally begotten, then
in that case the portion of him or them so
deceased shall be only intestate and divided
among my heirs the children of my
children.

interpretation may be given to my meaning in
 this my will, I deem it highly proper to say, that
 in no case are my daughters Sarah Delyon and
 Paula Russell to inherit any part or portion
 of my Estate on the decease of any of my Eight
 Children. In case any of my sons or daughters
 should marry, and die leaving issue
 legally begotten, they shall not inherit their
 Father or Mother's portion of my Estate before
 they attain the age of Eighteen years and in
 case of the Death before they attain that age
 the property of the father or Mother so deceased
 shall return to my Children, I mean the Eight
 which I have so often mentioned. It is my
 particular request and desire that my old
 faithful Negro man London who has laboured
 hard with me forty years & upwards be kindly
 carefully and well treated as long as he lives.
 I do hereby appoint my Dear wife Sarah Sheffall
 Executrix, my Sons Benjamin, Mordecai & Emanuel
 Shiffall Executors & my Daughters Hannah & Sarah
 Sheffall co-executors to this my last will and
 Testament resigning myself to the mercy of my
 Creator hoping my soul will be received to him.
 Done at the City of Savannah this fourth day
 of July Eighteen Hundred Eight and in the
 thirty third year of American Independence
 Levi Sheffall (Sd)

Signed, Sealed published
 and declared by the said
 Testator and for his last will
 and Testament in the presence
 of us who in his presence and
 at his request and in the presence
 of each other did subscribe our
 names as witnesses hereto, and
 we further declare that the said
 Testator was in his proper senses
 at the time of his signing this his
 will and that given by him to
 be his last will and Testament.

Asiah Poyfield
 Joseph McBride
 W. H. J. P.

Georgia & Personally appeared before the Honorable the
Court of Ordinary for the County of Chatham in
the State aforesaid U. Tobler Esq. one of the subscribing
Witnesses to the foregoing Last Will & Testament
of Levi Sheftall Esq. Deceased who being duly
Sworn Saith 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 this Depoⁿent's belief and
that Josiah Penfield and Joseph McBride
together with the deponent subscribed their names
as witnesses at the request and in the presence
of the said Testator and of each other

Sworn in Open Court

U. Tobler.

7th March 1809

Edw. White. Clk. Co. Ordinary

8th March 1809 Thos M^{rs} Sarah Sheftall
Benjamin, Mordecai and Emanuel Sheftall
appeared and were qualified Exors

State of Georgia
Chatham County In the Name of God
Amen, I John Barton Gibbons of said State
and County planter, being in a low state of Health
But of sound mind & memory & understanding, and
knowing the uncertainty of this life, Do Make
and Constitute this my last will and Testament
in manner and form following, First that all my
Just debts & Funeral expences be fully paid and
satisfied, Then I Give and bequeath to Charlotte
S Gibbons the whole of my Estate, Viz. Will
Shancho, Dick Ben Hyland & her Childs London
with her future issue together with all Land
Machinery & Black Furniture & every other
property that I own In case my wife
prove pregnant & have a Child the
share