

belief, and that he the deponent subscribed his name as a witness to the said will at the request and in the presence of the said Testatrix.

Done in open Court -

this 15th day of Decemr. 1817.

Samuel M. Bond.

Att. C. Ord.

Jonas Cutter.

Court of Ordinary. 2^d February 1818. Then appeared Henry Harbock, an Executor named in the foregoing will of Mary Dawson deceased & qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by Law.

Sam Bond Att

C: Ord.

Recorded. 2 Feb'y 1818

Examined by me

= Samuel Bond Clerk.

Charles Skipwith's Testament.

Having well grounded motives to believe that the period of my final dissolution is fast approaching I now deem it a duty incumbent upon me to acquaint you, my father, Fulmar Skipwith, with my last desired thoughts and wishes. - and to request you to carry these into complete execution, as my last will and to consider this document as my private, nuncupative & autograph-ical Testament.

1st Being under the impression, that when I shall be consigned to the mansions of rest you will feel some anxiety to ascertain, with precision the causes which produced the untimely fate of your illegitimate son: and desirous myself that you should neither form distressing conjectures nor live in painful uncertainty about the real cause of my death, I feel constrained to reveal to you what I had never intended to communicate to any body in this world. I know then that the wife of Fleming Freeman was the sole cause of my premature death.

2^d In the hands of Doct. Wm. W. Bibb I leave nineteen hundred fifty six dollars, which sum with interest due to this day amounts to \$1948.97¹⁰/₁₀₀ say one thousand nine hundred ninety eight dollars ninety seven cents. The same Doctor Bibb owes me the further sum of \$29. say twenty nine dollars

19. for money he borrowed from me on the 19th of last month. As the said Bibb intended to return me the above amount within a few days, he deemed it unnecessary to furnish me with a receipt thereof. His mother Mrs. Barnett also borrowed of me on the 8th ultimo. \$20. say twenty Dollars, for which through similar reasons she gave me no receipt. In my purse will be found twenty Dollars in a Georgetown Bank note. besides five receipts from Fleming Freeman for money borrowed from me forming in the aggregate \$380. deducting \$20. on his note of 19th Oct 1816. for as much as he paid me reduces his whole debt to \$160. and adding to the latter sum the respective interest of his notes, it will be found that the said Freeman owes me to this day \$574.⁵⁵/₁₀₀. say three hundred & seventy four Dollars ninety nine cents. By inspecting a memorandum contained in my Pocket Book it will be discovered that the sum of \$521. 5^{cts} say five hundred & twenty one dollars, five cents is now due to me for tuition by sundry debtors. all these separate & collective sums amounting in the aggregate to \$2964. 1.^{ct} say twenty nine hundred and sixty four Dollars. one cent, are the (not) net proceeds of the earnings that I have acquired as a teacher of the Pestalozzian System. Through filial affection & gratitude I do bequeath the said sum of twenty nine hundred & sixty four Dollars & one cent to my dearly beloved, indigent and unfortunate mother, Luce Corbin surnamed Lapoule Dauberming. Altho my dear mother was but a poor sempstress, who gained her livelihood by her needle, yet by hard industry she sent me to school & maintained me decently during twelve years of my infancy. I die with regret that I cannot leave her enough either to support her declining years, sweeten her old age or prove to her the grateful remembrance I preserved through my whole life of her maternal love and affection for me while I was a helpless boy. —

21th. In case of my mother being not alive I do bequeath the aforesaid sum of \$2964. 1.^{ct} to my generous & affectionate aunt Felicite Signard, as a testimony of my gratitude for the support she afforded to my mother and myself, when we were both deprived of the means of subsistence.

5th. Should the said aunt be dead then my father is to inherit the aforesaid sum of \$2964. 1. & should he also be dead then the said sum is to revert to his children or their heirs.

6th. I never have received a cent from Doctor Bibb either on account of his sons tuition or through generosity. This I mention, not as a reproach to that Honourable gentleman, but only to declare that in consideration

20 of his friendship for me I relinquish all pecuniary claims upon him for my services.

7th. My father may do what he pleases with my books, cloaths & other moveables. —

8th. As to my body I wish it to be buried in ^{the} most private manner without any kind of ceremony, and unattended by any friend or acquaintance

9th. Hoping that my soul is immortal and will animate in another world a perfect and imperishable body and being conscious that I have lived on this earth as an honest man, I die with a tranquil conscience without regretting this troublesome life.

10th Done this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen. and of my age the twenty fourth

Charles Skipwith.

Georgia
Chatham County } In the Court of Ordinary
February Term 1818.

Present the Honourable John T. Williamson, Moses Sheftall & Thomas W. Morel Justices of the Superior Court of said County. Chatham County Wills 1817-1827

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Personally appeared Simas Ponce of Savannah merchant, who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Charles Skipwith, late of Savannah deceased, and with the hand writing of said deceased, having frequently seen his hand writing in letters and other papers, that he verily believes the paper writing hereunto annexed purporting to be the last will & Testament of the said Charles Skipwith deceased, is wholly in the hand writing of the said Charles Skipwith — and that the name "Charles Skipwith" thereto subscribed is the name, and he believes, the proper hand writing & signature of the said deceased. and this deponent further saith that he found the said will among the papers of the said Charles Skipwith on the day of his death. —

Given in open Court

this 2^d February 1818.

Simas Ponce Clerk.

Simas Ponce

21 March 1818. Andrew G. Semmes

Esq. appeared & qualified administrator with the will annexed, of the Estate of Charles Skipwith

decd.

Simas Ponce

Recorded & examined 2^d
February 1818. by

Samuel Bond. Clerk