

In the Name of God. Amen

I Maria Catharine Barthelmess of Savannah and State of Georgia being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this for my last Will and Testament. First, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Maria Bird of Effingham County, a negro girl named Betty now about the age of Ten years, and all the future issue from her body, and all to be subject to the debts or content of her husband, and after the death of my said Daughter Maria, the said negro girl Betty and all her issue shall descend to the Children of her, my said daughter. Second I further give to my daughter Maria, not to be subject to the debts of her husband, and to my son John Barthelmess a certain negro man named Joe, and generally known by the name of Joe Russell, to hold jointly and divide equally between elements arising from his labor, or to be sold and divided as both my Children shall mutually agree. Third, I give and bequeaths to the Children of my son John Barthelmess those who are already born, and those which may hereafter be born from his present wife and by him begotten a certain negro girl named Rachel about the age of seven years and all the future issue from her said body.

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Fourth and lastly, I also give and bequeath to my daughter Maria Bird and her Children, not to be subject to the debts or content of her husband, and to the Children of my son John Barthelmess those who are already born and those which may hereafter be born from his present wife, and by him begotten. All the residue of my estate, both real and personal to be divided equally, that is to say one Half to my daughter Maria and the Children of her body, and the other Half to the Children of my son John Barthelmess as before particularly expressed.

For the purpose of having this my last will carried into full effect to the true intent and meaning thereof I do appoint my son John Barthelmess my sole Executor and trustee for my said Daughter Maria and her Children.

I Charge my said Executor before any Division of my said Estate that all my debts be paid.

Reposing trust in the Supreme King of the Universe & confidence in the Mercies I submit my remaining days and those of mine after to his Holy Power and Keeping. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six signed seal published and } Maria Cth Barthelmess

declared by the said Maria Catharina
Barthelmep to be her last testament
and will in the presence of us
Wm C Barton & P
J Wilson
C Rapp

State of Georgia In the Court of Ordinary
Chatham County May Term 1826

Present the Hon
orable John Cumming Elias Fort and Anthony Porter
Justices of the Superior Court of Chatham County sitting
for Ordinary purposes.

Personally James Wilson of Sar
annah, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
instrument of writing purporting to be the last will &
testament of Mrs Maria C Barthelmep late of Sarannah
widow deceased who being duly sworn deposed and said
that he was present and did see the said Maria C Barthelmep
deceased sign and seal and heard her pronounce publish
and declare the said instrument of writing to be and to
be the last will and testament of the said Maria C
Barthelmep deceased as at the time of executing the
same of sound and disposing mind and memory
the best of his deponents knowledge and belief
That he the deponent and William C Barton Esq
and Charles Rapp of said County subscribed their
names as witnesses to the due execution of the said
last will and testament at the request of the testa
trix in her presence and in the presence of each
other.

sworn in open Court

this 1st May 1826

J Wilson

James M Bond Clerk

1st May 1826 Then appeared John Barthelmep
and qualified as Executor of the foregoing will
of Maria C Barthelmep deceased by taking the oath
prescribed by Law

James M Bond

Recorded 5th May 1826

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