

In the name of God Amen:— It having pleased the
 Creator of all things to suffer me the undersigned Mary
 Dawson to enter my fifty first year & being sensible in
 consideration of my infirmities of the awful approach
 of death, I do hereby being yet in full possession of
 my mental powers, express my last wish and desire, plac-
 ing humbly my departing soul to the benign care of my
 Great God, whenever it shall please his wisdom to call me
 from hence. I will that the estate & property lawfully held
 by me during my life, & what may be coming to me whenever
 my mothers estate is or may be divided shall be administered
 in the following manner viz:— after the debts & legacy con-
 tracted by me during my life, if such should prove, and
 after the expences incident to the interment of my body shall
 have been duly settled & paid by my executors I will and be-
 queath that my lawful and beloved children, namely Cath-
 arine, Eleanor, Sarah Ann & Christopher shall have divid-
 ed, each his ^{equa} proportion of whatever property there may be
 each equally to share alike, to have & to hold the same dur-
 ing their lives, and at the event of their deaths that their
 lawful heirs shall have and hold the same with equal
 rights and claims Chatham County Wills 1817-1827 I further nomi-
 nate Henry www.georgianpioneers.com Dawson my Executors
 of this my last will. Given under my hand this twenty fourth
 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand &
 eight hundred & seventeen.

Witness

Jonas Cutler.

Mary Dawson.

Georgia
 Chatham County.

Chambers of the Court of Ordinary
 15th December 1817.

Present the Honourable Moses Sheffate
 Thomas Monroe & Oliver Sturges Justices of the Inferior
 Court of said County having Ordinary Jurisdiction.

Personally appeared Doctor Jonas Cutler of Sav-
 annah Physician, a subscribing witness to the foregoing
 will of Mrs. Mary Dawson, late of Liberty Island & decessed
 who being duly sworn saith he was present and did
 see the said Mary Dawson sign & seal and Read
 her pronounce, publish and declare the annexed and
 foregoing instrument of writing to be and contain
 and as and for her last will and testament, that
 the said Mary Dawson was at the time of execu-
 ting the said will, of sound & disposing mind and
 memory to the best of the deponents knowledge &

18. 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,
~~born in open Court~~
this 15th day of Decemr. 1817.
Samuel M. Bond.
Clerk of Ordry. -

Sonias Cutter.

Court of Ordinary v^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 Clerk
C: Ordry.

Recorded. v Febry 1818
Examined by me
= Sam M Bond Clerk.

Charles Skipwiths Testament.

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

v^d 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 Flem-
ing Freeman was the sole cause of my premature
death.

v^d In the hands of Doct: Wm. Bibb I leave
nineteen hundred fifty six Dollars, which sum with
interest due to this day amounts to \$1946.97^{cts} 55^{cts}
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