

The Last Will and Testament of Joseph W. Swan —
In the name of God Amen — Intending to start on the morrow
for New York, I have thought proper to guard against accident
by directing the following disposition to be made of my property in case
of my death

1 — I leave my two negro slaves, named Brother and Aggy to Mrs
Margaret Velfair of Wilkes County: —

2 — I leave my books to Dr Wm Chancellor: and request him to act
as Executor of this will; — hereby revoking all others. —

3 — I make Henry Hannahan, of Athens, my residuary legatee
after the payment of my debts which are trifling and inconsiderable.
Witness my hand and seal at Savannah in the County of Chatham and State
of Georgia, this eighth day of July one thousand eight hundred and
twenty four

Signed & Sealed in the presence of

Thos G. Miller

Ben. D. Merrill

Joseph W. Swan J. W.

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State of Georgia, South Court of Ordinary
Chatham County May Term 1830

Present the Honorable John Summing

Alexander Selfors, Patrick Woodson and Jacob Nease Justices
of the Superior Court of Chatham County sitting for ordinary purposes

Personally appeared John S. Muller one of the subscribing
witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last
will and Testament of Joseph S. Bessan deceased late of Savannah
who being duly sworn depose and say that he was present
and did see the said Joseph S. Bessan deceased sign seal put
and pronounce and declare the said instrument of writing to be
and contain his last will and Testament that he the said Jo-
seph S. Bessan deceased was at the time of executing the same of
sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of this deponent's
knowledge and belief that he the deponent and Benjamin D.
McNeill subscribed their names as witnesses thereto at the re-
quest of the Testator in his presence and in the presence of each
other

Done to in open Court

this 8th day of May 1830

Wm. M. Rogers, Copy. C.C.

(The J. Muller

Recorded this 28th June 1830