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State of Georgia

Chatham County

In the name of God Amen,
 I Moses Shephard of the City of Savannah and State
 aforesaid being at this time of Sound and disposing
 mind, and being about to leave my home, to go to the
 Northward by Water, accompanied by my only son
 Moses Shephard, knowing the uncertainty of human
 life, and having but little property to dispose of, know-
 ing that making a disposition of the same, cannot
 tend to shorten my days, I now make this my last
 will and testament, and do publish and declare
 this to be my last will and testament, for the purpose
 herein, to remain to wit, It is my will and desire,
 should I with my son Moses Shephard be lost at sea
 or die during our absence, that all my just debts
 be paid as speedily as possible, which consist prin-
 cipally of one note payable at the Planters Bank in
 this City for nine hundred dollars, One at the State
 Bank for four hundred and seventy dollars, and
 one at the Bank of Georgia for Six hundred dollars,
 The first enclosed by my friend Theobald &
 Butler & Co. The other two by my friend Simon
 Williamson & Co. also a note to Col. Smyth
 for eighty dollars, and a small bill to Mr
 Wm. Daniel for my small debts;—

Moses Shephard

my brother John, the youngest, never makes in the common
business company in my name and for the sake of
my brother by the wife Sally, both account, date and
draw related provisions 1830. Now I have examined my
book to that great and attempt. I see that you it was,
and I am very sorry that I may be permitted
through to draw goods to return in Scotland to pay
to my beloved family and to enjoy happiness with them
for many years to come.

In witness whereof I have accounts
at my hand on saturday the 10th day of April in the Year
past my last the twenty fifth day of April in the Year
one thousand eight hundred and twenty one in the
presence of the undersigned witnesses
Signed in my presence this day Moses the place 
and you above written

John D. Cole
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Georgia

Chatham County Court of Ordinary, Chatham, July 10th
Present there Thomas Joseph Cummings & John Cum-
mings Justices. Personally appeared James Espringer
a free testing witness to the within and annexed instu-
ment of writing purporting to be the last will and testa-
ment of Dock Mottel Shafford late of Chatham County
deceased, who being duly sworn deposed and said that
he was present and did see the said Moses the place,
sign & seal and did hear him publish and declare the
same to be and contents his last will and testament.
That dependent further said that at the time of exe-
cuting the said last will and testament the said Moses
Shafford was of the best of disposing mind and being
of sound and disposing mind, memory and understand-
ing, and that he, the deponent, and John D. Cole and
John Gibbons, in the presence of each other and of the said
testator and at his request, signed their names as witness
to the said last will and testament of said instrument of writing
Tours to depose us,
this 10th day of July 1835

 James Espringer