

have written that such was his wish and I have  
further say, that to the best of my knowledge and  
belief the said Mr. [illegible] was of sound & disposing mind  
memory & understanding, and that these papers  
in the presence of each other signed their names there  
in witness. Margaret Loper  
William A. Webster Joseph Felt  
Given to be you as his 2<sup>d</sup> day of March 1840.  
At Peter [illegible] the buyers of [illegible] Francis [illegible]  
Recorded 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1840.

New York 25 July 1839

Dear Caroline

In case of accident to myself I think it proper  
that I should say to you that it is my intention that you  
shall be my sole heir and executor, and to this effect if I  
find it necessary I may make what is called a Will.  
Meanwhile in order to assist you in the settlement of my  
affairs I would remark that my school is in the hands of  
Thomas Wallace. Care must be taken for safe keeping and my other  
books in the desk of my counting room the key of which I  
carry in my pocket. My papers will be found partly in my  
pocket and the rest in my counting room in 2<sup>d</sup>  
cases of pigeon holes a green tin case and a fine box the  
key of which are in the desk containing my book. A  
tin box of papers is also kept in the Little Rock Church  
for safe keeping. All the letters I have written these  
some years are not copied in my letter book in consequence  
of my absence from it but of such as are not copied there  
copies will generally be found in the pigeon holes of one  
of the 2<sup>d</sup> cases above mentioned. My unsettled accounts  
are few but they are important they are with the trustees  
of the Malabar lands representing the tribe of Seneca  
& Mohican with John Butcher and with Robt. Butcher.  
These you will find stated in file of papers in my  
pocket with me. I would not enter them in my book  
because they are not finally closed. In connection with  
cause of keeping open my account with the trustees I shall  
not enter occasionally whatever may occur. I am your Obedt. Servant

deposited, a trunk, I think, containing some plates is de-  
posited for safe keeping in the State Bank of Georgia.

August 1 December 1839.

Dear Benjamin,

The annexed letter was intended for  
instruction &c. to your father but as she is now dead,  
I leave the instructions for you in case of accident to me,  
and in case of accident to you then to my son Charles  
Mitchel also in this. Dad will also be my executor.

I leave you my sole executor to settle my affairs  
into the instructions by way of Will that you settle my  
affairs in the best way you can and as soon as you can  
for the advantage of my estate and my heirs.

For my heirs, I leave yourself to take one quarter,  
my son Charles A. Mitchel one quarter, my Brother  
Octonius Mitchel one quarter and my brother Freden-  
rich Mitchel one quarter of all my estate. I am truly yours  
Peter Mitchel

This document opened in my presence this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 1839. A. Wallace

State of Georgia, Chatham County, Court of Ordinary for 1839  
Term 1840. Personally appearing A. A. Snick the being  
duly sworn deposes and says, that he is well acquainted  
with the hand writing and signature of Peter Mitchel late  
of Chatham County &c; having often seen him write,  
that the foregoing signature of "Peter Mitchel" his  
deponent believes to be of the true & proper hand writing  
of the said Peter Mitchel &c;

A. A. Snick

Shown to before us in open Court this 6<sup>th</sup> January 1841  
this A. A. Snick. A. Peter J. Hays, James Bond, J. Hays  
Recorded 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1840

State of Georgia. On the name of God! Amen! I William  
Taylor of the City of Savannah in the State of Georgia, Merchant  
being of sound and disposing mind man of understanding,  
do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in  
manner following, that is to say.

First - I do hereby declare that all my just debts be paid