

as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend
and the law charge and that you, and that
you will make a true and perfect inventory
of all such goods and chattels so help you the
Sworn to by me

this 27th day of Dec 1855

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John M. Millers

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Georgia

Chatham County

In the name of God Amen - This is the
last Will and testament of me John Macpherson Bessie
of the City of Savannah in the County of Chatham and State
of Georgia -

I desire that my just debts may be paid.
I nominate Charles I. Jenkins, Thomas M. Bessie, Henry
Williams, and my son James Hunter Bessie, when he
attains the age of twenty one years, Executors of this my
Will hereby giving to them and to the survivors or
survivor of such as may qualify full power and auth-
ority to do whatever is directed in this Will - I direct
that my lands in Florida be sold by my executors
and the tract of land adjoining the Martin Hall plan-
tation which I purchased from Mrs. Henrietta Allen
and that the proceeds of such sales, if not sufficient
for the payment of my debts be invested in negroes
to be employed on my plantation - It is my will
that my plantation called Oak Grove, and my negroes
be kept together, and that the same be cultivated
for the support of the children of my last marriage
until the youngest of them shall attain the age of
twenty one years - after which it is my Will that
all my Estate real & personal of whatever description
be divided by sale or otherwise, as a majority of the
persons entitled may agree, among all my children in
the following proportions - that is to say one third to
children by my first marriage, and the remaining two
thirds to my children by my second marriage, and
I hereby give devise and bequeath my said Estate
real and personal, or the proceeds thereof if sold to
my children in the aforesaid proportions to them to
their heirs forever - My children are all equally the
objects of my affection, but this distribution is made
because my eldest child, Mary, by my first marriage
is still in life, and will have her mother's prop-
erty under my marriage settlement, and my child-
ren by my last marriage and young, not yet
settled in life, and will have no other provision
than I can make for them.

my children shall have departed this life, leaving
a wife or children, such child or children shall be
entitled to the share of his her or their parent -
And my Will that until my youngest child shall
attain the age of twenty one years, the proceeds of
the crops of my my plantations the rent of my
house and lots in Savannah (if it shall be rented),
and any other income of my estate, shall be appli-
ed by my executor to the support and education
of my children ~~by my children~~ by my last
marriage - If after a reasonable allowance for this
purpose any supplies shall remain - I direct the
same to be invested in some safe stock until
my estate is divided, and then to be divided
in the proportions herein before provided - I hereby
authorize my executor on the application of a ma-
jority of my children, to sell my place in Hab-
ersham County, called Rockingham, and to invest
the proceeds in like manner - the same to be
divided among my children on the division of
my estate in the proportions herein before spec-
ified - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of Decem-
ber one thousand eight hundred and fifty four
Signed and sealed by

John Macpherson Berrien

the said John Macpherson
Berrien as and for his
last Will and testament
in the presence of us present
at the same time who in his
presence and in the presence
of each other have hereunto

subscribed our names as

Witnesses thereto
E. A. Sullard
O. A. Burroughs
H. A. Crand

State of Georgia
Chatham County

Present - John M. Miller Esqr Ordinary
for Chatham County - Personally appeared E. A. Sullard
and Herman A. Crand subscribing Witnesses to the
annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be
the last Will and testament of John Macpherson
Berrien late of Chatham County deceased, who
being duly sworn depose and swear that they
were present and did see the said instrument
of writing duly executed by the said John Macpherson
Berrien and depose and swear that the said

John Maypherson at the time of executing the same
instrument of writing was the deponent's best
knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind
memory and understanding, and that E. A. Scullard
and H. A. Crane (the deponents) O. H. Burroughs in
the presence of each other and of the said John
Maypherson, and at his request signed their
names as witnesses to the due execution of the
same

Witness to before me

this fifth day of January 1856

John McMillen

O C C

E. A. Scullard

H. A. Crane

I do solemnly swear this writing contains the true
last Will of the within named John Maypherson
deceased - so far as I know or believe and
that I will well and truly execute the same
by paying first the debts and then the legacies
contained in the said Will as far as his goods and
chattels will thereto extend and the law charge
me, and that I will make a true and perfect
inventory of all such goods and chattels so
to keep me

Witness to before me

this fourteenth day of
January 1856

John McMillen

O C C

Henry McMillen

State of Georgia

County of Chatham

City of Savannah - In the name of God Amen - I Robert
Diamond late of the Parish of Northam in the County of
Devon in that part of the Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland called England but now residing in the City of
Savannah in the County of Chatham and State of Georgia in
the United States of America, being of sound and dispos-
ing mind and memory, in view of the uncertainty of life
and the certainty of death - and with the desire herein to
dispose of all my temporal affairs - Do make declare and
publish this my last Will and testament, hereby ex-
pressly revoking any and all Wills and testaments by me
at any time heretofore made - Item 1st - I direct that
after I shall have departed this life my body be con-
veyed to earth in a decent and orderly manner. Item 2^d
I direct the payment by my executors herein after
named of all my just debts and soon as they can
conveniently pay the same. Item 3^d I give devise