

Georgia
Chatham County, I Lewis G. Butcher of the County & State aforesaid
said Planter being in perfect health of Body & perfect
mind and memory thank, be given unto god, calling
unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that
it is appointed for all men once to die. Do make and
ordain this my last will and Testament: that is to say
Principally and first of all. I give and recommend
my soul unto the hand of almighty god, that gave it, and
my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in
decent Christian burial at the direction of my Executors
nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive
the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching
such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me
in this life. I give demise and dispose of the same in the
following manner & form.

I give and bequeath to Martha Wood my dearly beloved
wife, whom I likewise constitute make and ordain the
sole executrix of this my last will and Testament, all and
singular my real and personal estate consisting of lands
and negroes with their future issue and increase together
with my stock consisting of Horses & cattle also all my
Household goods debts and moveable effects. Freely to be
possessed and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever. Provided
the said Martha Wood shall pay or cause to be paid all my
just debts that I may owe at the time of my decease, And
I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all
and every other former Testament, Will, Legacies bequests
and executors by me in any wise before named Willed
and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and other to
be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand & Seal this thirtieth day
of August in the year of our Lord one thousand and
three, And in the twenty eighth year of the Independence
of the United States of America.

Signed Sealed published pronounced &
declared by the said Lewis G. Butcher
as his last will & Testament in the
presence of us who in his presence &
in the presence of each other have
hereto subscribed our names

Lewis G. Butcher

Joseph L. Bridger }
Benj^r Langley }
John Keller } Georgia.

Before the Honorable the Court
of Ordinary for the County of Chatham in the State aforesaid
personally appeared Benjamin Langley, who being duly sworn
saith that he was present and did see Lewis, G. Gilbert dec^d
sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of
writing to be and contain his last Will & Testament, and that
he was of sound mind at the time to the best of this deponent's
belief, and that Joseph L. Bridger & John Keller together
with himself subscribed their names as witnesses at the
request and in the presence of the said Testator and of
each other

Sworn in Open Court

Benjamin Langley

This 4th day January 1811

Edmund Roberts, C.R. Court of Ordinary

Savannah January 7th 1811 then Martha Wood Bridger
appeared and was duly qualified Executrix

Recorded November 30. 1812

In the name of God amen, I, John W. Hendlen being at
present of sound mind memory & Judgment but weak in
health and looking forward to the uncertainty of life, and
in order to prevent the separation & division of my negroes
and all disputes between my heirs, Do publish and declare
this to be my Last Will and Testament as follows. I leave
James McLaren Son of my Brother in law Arch^r McLaren my
sole Heir to all my lands, negroes, money & Debts that may be
due to me of whatever nature or kind, saved and of which I
may dis possess of or be entitled to, Subject to the payment to
my Brother James Hendlen of the sum of One Hundred Dollars
in one month after my death, and the further sum of two
Hundred Dollars per annum during the life of the said James
Hendlen to be computed from the day of my death & to be
paid Quarterly at the rate of Fifty dollars per quarter, for the
sole use and support of my said Brother James, but not
to be subject to any debts he may have contracted or
may hereafter contract, this Legacy & Annuity being intended
to keep my said brother James from want during his life