

The last Will and Testament of Bessie Mitchell of Decatur County, Georgia in the name of God Amen I Bessie Mitchell of the County of Decatur and State of Georgia finding myself oppressed with many infirmities of body through age and suffering, which reminds me I have no long time to continue in this world and that it is my duty to settle and dispose of that small remainder of Estate which it has pleased God in his mercy and goodness to preserve to me, and being of sound mind and memory I do make this my last Will and Testament (repealing all other heretofore made by me) Supreme - I commend my soul to the Lord of life steadfastly believing through the merits and satisfaction of his son I shall obtain pardon for my many transgressions and that having finished these days of misery and mortality I shall inherit everlasting quiet and I give my body to the earth wherof it was made to be decently interred without any superfluous charge and expense in hope that it shall rise a glorious body at the general resurrection.

Item 2 - It is my will that all my just debts shall be paid by my Executors and for this purpose I charge all my real estate (except the place on which I now reside containing one thousand and fifty acres) and also all and every description of property besides this that I may have (except the negroes bequeathed to my Grand Children as hereinafter described and designated)

to be sold either publicly or privately at
their own discretion and as in their judg-
ment they think best.

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- Item 3^d To my five Grand Children the chil-
dren of William G. Mitchell, Sarah Lockett
Mitchell William Mitchell Thomas Mitchell
Augustus Mitchell and James Mitchell
I make the following bequests that is to say
- Item 4th To my Grand daughter Sarah Lockett Mitchell
I give and bequeath the three following negroes
Martha Henry and Jackson
- Item 5th To my Grand son William Mitchell I give
and bequeath the three following named
negroes Sarah, Abram and Jess son of Celia
- Item 6th To my Grandson Thomas Mitchell I give
and bequeath the three following named negroes
Mary, Milo and Jess son of Maria
- Item 7th To my Grandson Augustus Mitchell I give
and bequeath the three following named negroes
Susan, Cain and Edmund
- Item 8th To my Grand son James Mitchell I give
and bequeath the three following named negroes
Betsey John and Jo
- Item 9th Should there be other children hereafter
it is my will that my Executors shall appor-
tion them (from the negroes not bequeathed
to my Grand Children as above) the same
number of negroes of as near as possible
the same value as those already bequeathed
to each of my five Grand Children as above
And should either of the negroes die
that is bequeathed to either of my Grand
Children - then their place to be supplied
with other negroes of equal value not yet
bequeathed - And should any of my Grand
Children die before they arrive at age

or many then the property bequeathed to them to be equally divided DeKalb County, Georgia Wills 1828-1838

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Item 10th It is my Will that my son William G. Mitchell should take possession of the entire plantation whereon we both now reside containing one thousand and fifty acres and the following negroes Old Patience, Hank, Big, Henry, Nelsom, Fayette, Wobe, Little Peter, Wilson, Harriet, Maria, Elizabeth, Sally, Susan and Belia and keep the said plantation in his possession and the said negroes (except such as may be apportioned to my Grand Children in compliance with bequests previous to this item) during his lifetime for the support of himself and his family and the education of his children and in the event of his death before his wife Emily L. Mitchell then the said plantation and negroes to remain in the possession of Emily L. Mitchell for the support of herself and children during or life or widowhood and when the said William G. Mitchell and Emily L. Mitchell shall both die or the said Emily L. Mitchell shall again marry it is my will that the said plantation and negroes be equally divided among the children of William G. Mitchell.

Item 11th It is my Will that all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal my rights credits and effects debts demands and securities which have not been heretofore bequeathed after the payment of my just debts be divided equally among all the children of William G. Mitchell.

Finally - I hereby nominate constitute and

appointed William G. Mitchell Charles J. Freeman
 Henry S. Arnett and William G. Arnett
 Executors of this my last Will and Testament
 and it is my will that neither of my
 Executors appointed under this Will shall
 give bond and security of any kind whatever
 for the future management of my Estate nor
 shall they be accountable to any Court of
 Law or Equity for their acts and doings under
 this Will and further that this Will be
 construed according to its literal meaning
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and affixed my seal this third
 day of June Eighteen hundred and fifty six
 the word meaning was erased before signing
 and the word seal inserted

Witnesses Greene Mitchell (L)

W. C. Dickinson

D. J. Dickinson

B. H. Lee

B. F. Bruton

State of Georgia } Codicil to my last Will
 Decatur County } and Testament - At the
 time of making my last
 Will there were but five legatees since that time
 two more have been added to that number
 making it now seven - In my last Will I
 gave to the five legatees my negro property
 by name - I am satisfied I cannot give them
 all that much. My Executors will have to
 sell a good deal of my property to pay the
 debts and instead of giving my seven grand
 children the children of William G. and Emily
 G. Mitchell viz Lillie Lockett William Thomas
 Augustus James Greene and Emily Eliza
 my negro property by name I desire my

Executors to give to each of said children
 as they become of age one share to negroes
 a boy and girl sufficiently young to plough
 and cook and as near as possible of the
 same value and if either of said legacies
 should die without issue his or her portion
 is to go to the other surviving children

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If Emily L. Mitchell should
 survive her husband it is my desire
 that she have the management of the
 plantation and negroes during her life
 or widowhood - But no part of my
 property real or personal is to be sold
 for private immolument nor without the
 consent of my Executors.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand
 and seal this the sixteenth of March in
 the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and sixty three in the presence of

Ralph E. Burr

HK Baimeau

Jane Baimeau

William F. Smith

Emmie Mitchell ^{his} 

Georgia

DeKalb County

Court of Ordly May 4th 1866

Personally came William

G. Mitchell & Felix G. Arnett

two of the Executors of the last Will & Testament
 of Emmie Mitchell late of said county do
 & produced before said court the last Will
 & Testament together with the Codicil thereto
 of said dec'd HK Baimeau & J. Dickinson
 two of the witnesses to the said Will who
 being sworn depose & say that they saw Emmie
 Mitchell sign seal declare & publish the
 instrument now presented as his last Will
 and Testament freely & voluntarily of his own

accord without any compulsion or influence
 whatever - That at the time of the execution
 of said Will said Testator was of sound
 & disposing mind & memory - That defendants
 (Witnesses) signed said Will as witnesses in
 the presence of the Testator and at his special
 instance and request in the presence
 of B. H. Lee & B. F. Bruton two other subscribing
 witnesses thereto who signed the said Will
 at the like instance & request of the
 said Testator

Shown to & subscribed before me this 4th May 1863

Wm B. Dickinson
 J. F. Dickinson
 H. M. Beach Prov.
 Georgia
 Court of Ordly May 4th 1863
 Decatur County } Presmally came also H. K.
 Barineau & Lane Barineau

two of the witnesses to the Codicil to the
 last Will & Testament of George Mitchell late
 of said county and who being duly sworn
 depone say, that they saw George Mitchell
 sign & declare & publish the said instrument
 now presented as a Codicil to his last Will
 & Testament freely voluntarily & of his own
 accord without any compulsion or influence
 whatever - That at the time of the execution
 thereof Testator was of sound & disposing mind
 & memory - That Defendants (Witnesses) signed
 said Codicil as witnesses in the presence
 of the Testator at his special instance request
 and in the presence of H. E. Green & H. F. Smith
 two other subscribing witnesses thereto who
 signed the same at the like instance &
 request of Testator

now & subscribed before me this May 4th 1863

H. K. Barineau
 Lane Barineau

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 The last Will & Testament
 together with the Codicil thereto of Greene
 Mitchell having been proved in common
 form on the oaths of H. K. Barneau
 June Barneau W. C. Dickinson & D. J.
 Dickinson witnesses thereto (there being
 no objection) It is Ordered that the same
 be recorded

Georgia
 Decatur County } H. M. Beck Ordry
 We do solemnly swear
 that this writing contains
 the true last Will and
 Testament of the within named Greene
 Mitchell so far as we know or believe
 and that we will well & truly execute
 the same by paying first the debts and
 then the legacies contained in said Will
 as far as his goods & chattels will thereto
 extend & the law charge us and that
 we will make a true & perfect inventory
 of all such goods & chattels - So help
 us God

Given to before me
 May 4th 1863
 H. M. Beck Ordry }
 F. P. Annett
 William C. Mitchell
 C. J. Munroe