

State of Georgia } Knowing all men have to
Decatur County } die and believing my time is
near at hand and being of sound mind and memory
and wishing to dispose of my effects to my satisfaction
do make the following bequests

1st. I wish to be decently buried

2nd. I wish my just debts to be paid, which are few

3rd. I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Emily
S Ballard my two servants Sally & Sambo and my
ornel together with all my household & kitchen
furniture &c also to all debts ~~dues~~ & claims
vs individuals or Government to have and to hold
so long as she may live for her soul benefit and
at her death the above named effects to go to my
Son in Law John Conally & my daughter Martha S
Conally & their children equally and forever,

I further wish my wife to give out of my effects
to my Son in law John Conally the sum of five
dollars in cash and I further constitute and
appoint my dear wife E.S. Ballard my Exec^{tr}
my last will & testament - Given under my hand
& Seal 20th day of August 1853

Signed & sealed in

Rufus Ballard 

Present, of - Test - Reuben Donaldson

William R Stuart

Osley R Stuart

A E Donaldson

A J Stuart

Georgia } Court of Ordinary In chambers
Decatur County } Oct 4th 1853

Before me Joseph Larr Ordinary
of said County in vacation came Emily S Ballard
Executrix of the last will & testament of Rufus Ballard
late of Franklin County & State of Florida but who

aforsaid by her friend Jonathan Donaldson and
produced before me the within last will & testament
of said Rufus Ballards decd^d and Reuben Donaldson
one of the witnesses to said will who the said Reuben
Donaldson being duly sworn saith that the said
Rufus Ballard before he died presented him
witness the within instrument in writing saying
to witness that the said instrument in writing was
his Rufus Ballards last will & Testament also
saying that he Rufus Ballard had signed the
same as such & that he Rufus Ballard requested
him witness to sign the same as a witness - witness
further saith that the said Rufus Ballard was
at the time of making said request was of
sound disposing mind & memory & that he made
the request aforsaid freely voluntarily & of his own
accord without any compulsion or influence
whatever as ~~the~~ witness believed that witness signed
said instrument as a witness in the presence
of Testator & at his request & in the presence
of William R Stuart who also signed the same
as a witness in the presence of Testator and
at his request & in the presence of deponent
- and deponent saith that he heard J E
Donaldson another of the subscribing witnesses
say that she signed said instrument as a witness

Sworn to & subscribed before me } Reuben Donaldson
this 4th Oct 1853 I Law Org }

It is ordered on the oath of Reuben
Donaldson one of the witnesses to the within last
Will & Testament of Rufus Ballard Decd^d
that the same be admitted to probate
I Law Org

Georgia 3 Court of Ordinary November Term 1853
Declarator County 3 Present J. Law Ordinary

The within will & Testament of
Amos Ballardo late of Franklin County & State of
Florida but who lately departed this life in the
County first aforesaid having been proven in
vacation on the oath of Reuben Donaldson a witness
thereto it is therefore ordered that said will
be admitted to records

J. Law Ordinary