

97 Easley White one of the Executors then named
and the same having been sworn on the Oaths of
Gasper Short & Charles B. Short Two of the Sub
Scribers Midway to the same (It is entered there
being no objection that the same be admitted to
probate & record.

Given under my hand in open Court
at Law City

Georgia
DeKalb County In the Name of God Amen

I Maria Benbow of said County
being of advanced age and knowing that I must
depart from this world cannot right and proper both as
respects my self and my Family that I should make
a bequest of the property which kind Providence has bestowed
upon me I therefore make this my last Will and Testament. Be it known
that I do hereby make this my last Will and Testament. Be it known
and annulling all others made by me.

I Give, devise and direct that my body be buried in a
decent & Christianlike manner suitable to my circumstances
& condition. My Soul I trust shall remain to rest with God
who is good.

I Give and devise to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Benbow
when I have lived in the strictest good and law abiding
appear two Negro Slaves to wit. Louisa a married Black
Woman a long free from all charges or Encumbrances
to her own proper use and benefit I hereby give her
full power to dispose of the same at her own pleasure
her death as she may think proper & also give her
my Slave named Henry during her natural life
& at her death said Negro Henry is to become the
property of my Son Warren in Quaker's State
My said Son I give of land which is to include my said
Slaves & the other real Estate during her natural life
I give to my said Son Warren & his heirs.

keep together on the plantation during the lifetime of my
beloved wife. After her death to be divided between myself in
such a manner as they may agree upon also One Wagon
one Burrough & one buggy to be disposed of as myself may
see proper.

3^d I give and bequeath to my son William S Donaldson lot of land
No 56 in the 20th district of formerly Early now DeCATUR County
or so much thereof as lies in the East end of the Allegashas Creek
and also the timber & red mud or life lying on the West end of said creek
which is now furrowed in to its bed and is Cultivation being a part
of said Lot of land No 56 in the 20th Dist. Also Two Negro men
Slaves by the name of Charles and Henry

4th I give and bequeath to my son William S Donaldson Two
Negro men Slaves one by the name of Charles and the other by
the name of Levi also two Lots of land numbers 65 and 96
both in the 20th district of formerly Early now DeCATUR
County I give jointly between him and my son George W Donaldson
to be divided between them as they may agree upon between
themselves or to a third party and people the same in common and apart
as they see proper. Except however that the time & end in charging
is to remain with the property of my beloved wife Rachel during
her natural life & after her death to be the property of
my said son William S Donaldson.

5th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jane Melvin
Two Negro Slaves as follows to wit. Rachelle a woman
and her four children three boys named as follows to wit
Luis, Vanny & Turner and one girl named Mary all of
which is now in her possession.

6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Swicord
One Negro man Slave named Jim. also a horse and
some cattle besides other property all of which has been
delivered and now in her possession.

7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary C. Preffin
One Negro girl Slave named Hannah also One Slave
Girl in the City of Allegashas and one Black Horse

9th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha Christ
a negro Girl named Matilda also One Bridgman
situated

9 I give and bequeath to my son George W. Donaldson one
Negro man Slave named Jack in addition to his part
of the land which negro man has been allowed to him besides
other property

10 I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Estlin
One Negro Girl Slave named Dora which has been allowed
to her and now in her possession

11 I give & direct that my lot of land numbered 79 in the
20th District of Family Early New Creation County be
Reserved and unexpended of during the life of my beloved
wife for the purpose of furnishing wood timber to keep the
fire in my good respects and after her death to be disposed
of as my ~~sons~~ may see proper The rest of my property
both real & personal where ever & whatever it may be
I give and bequeath to be Equally divided between my three
Sons in such manner as they may agree upon I appoint
my Trusty & worthy friends Mrs. Christ & George Donald
Executors to this my last will and Testament this
the fifth day of May 1853

William ^{his} Donaldson
mark

Signed sealed declared & published by William
Donaldson Senr as his last will & Testament in the presence
of us the Subscribers who Subscribed our names thereto in
the presence of said Testator and of each other this
5th of May 1853

William Christ
William Daniel
John W. Mayfield

State of Georgia Whereas I William Donaldson
President of the County of Chatham and in the fifth day of May in the
Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty three
Signed Sealed and attested and published my last will
and Testament in presence of William Christy William
Donaldson and John W. Mendenhall who requested the said will
and Testament as witnessed. And Whereas I have seen
the State of said Will become property of a negro girl
named Selby in addition to the property disposed of in
said Will. I therefore make and publish this my
Codicil to said Will. I therefore bequeath and
devise the said negro girl Selby to my beloved Wife
Rachel for and during her natural life. To the right
and privilege for her to dispose of at her will & pleasure
in full power with full power to dispose of at any time before
or at her death as she may think proper in the same manner
as provided for in the Direction of my said last Will & Testament
which disposes of a negro Woman named Louisa and a boy named
Rehman. My Friend William Christy and my son Green
W. Donaldson who I have appointed & constituted my Executors
to my said last Will is also constituted and appointed
Executor to this Codicil. This 19th of August 1854

William Donaldson
Wife

Signed Sealed & attested and published by William Donaldson
as the Codicil to his last Will & Testament of the fifth day
of May Eighteen hundred and fifty three in the presence of
the Subscribers who subscribed our names hereunto
in the presence of said Testator at his special instance
and request and of each other This August 19th 1854

William Christy
Andrew McElroy
William M. Hiley
Edmund Kerring

September Term 1854-

Court of Ordinary of Denton County George
 The open Court personally called William Christy and
 William Daniel Minter of the last Will and Testament
 of William Dinslow Sr late of said County deceased:
 Who being duly sworn Depose & say that they saw the said
 William Dinslow Sr Sign publish and declare the said
 Instrument as his last Will and Testament Voluntarily and
 freely without compulsion and that they signed said Will
 and Testament in the presence of the said William Dinslow
 and at his request and in the presence of each other & that
 he was at the time of sound disposing mind & memory
 sworn to in open Court
 William Christy
 William Daniel
 of Law only

Court of Ordinary of Denton County
 Sept Term 1854-

The open Court personally examined William Christy
 & James McElroy & William W Hilley Witnesses to the
 Codicil of the last Will & Testament of William Dinslow
 late of said County deceased dated August 19 1854
 who being duly sworn Depose and say that they saw the
 said William Dinslow Sr Sign publish and
 declare the said Instrument as his Codicil to the said
 last Will and Testament Voluntarily and freely without
 compulsion and that they at his request signed said
 Codicil and in the presence of each other & that
 he was at the time of sound disposing mind & memory
 sworn to in open Court this 4 Sept 1854
 of Law only
 William Christy
 J McElroy
 W W Hilley

