

day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight
Hundred and thirty Seven
signed sealed and acknowledged
in Presence of
Adam Kelly
Charles G. Moon
C. W. Christian

Fanny ^{her} Staples 
mark

Georgia } Personally came Charles G. Moon before us William
Elbert County } Mills and George J. Barr two of the justices of
the Inferior Court for said County, and being duly
sworn saith that he saw Fanny Staples sign and seal the above
and foregoing instrument of writing by making her mark as her last
will and Testament, and that this deponent together with Adam
Kelly, and Charles W. Christian signed the same as witnesses in the
presence of the testatrix and at her request and in the presence of
each other and this deponent believes the testatrix to have been of
sound disposing mind & memory at the time she executed the same
born to & subscribed before us this 16th
day of March 1847

Charles G. Moon

William Mills, J.S.C.

George J. Barr, J.S.C.

Court of ordinary July Term 1847. the within will has been
proven and ordered to record and further ordered that letters
testamentary be issued to Charles W. Christian Executor
Attest Wm. B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Recorded the 5th July 1847 Wm. B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Daniel Thornton ^{sr.} will.

Georgia } In the name of God Amen. I Daniel Thornton of the
Elbert County } State and County aforesaid am now through the mercies
of God, sharing a reasonable state of health and am
also enjoying of perfect mind and memory and knowing that life
is uncertain and that all men have to die. Do make ordain
and publish this my last will and Testament in the following
manner and form, viz: I do give and bequeath unto my
beloved wife Sarah Thornton all the tract of land whereon I now
reside during her life or widowhood and then to go into the
possession of my son William D. Thornton and be held by him as trustee for
his children and at his death to be equally divided between his said

children. And all of the rest of my property negroes stock of all kinds household and kitchen furniture and all that I own took &c. after the payment of my just debts I give and bequeath unto my said wife Sarah Thornton during her lifetime or widowhood and then to be divided into two shares or lots and one share or lot to go into the possession of my son William D. Thornton and be kept and held in trust for his children and at his death to be equally divided amongst his said children. and the other lot or share to go into the possession of William Bell to be kept and held in trust for my beloved daughter Elizabeth Bell during her lifetime and at her death to be equally divided between her children And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said wife Sarah Thornton my executrix of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other and former wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of February one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven.

Signed, Sealed and delivered and acknowledged in the Presence of us
Johnson Akin
Jacob M. Cleveland, J.P.
Robert McMillan, J.P.

Daniel Thornton
mark

Georgia Court of ordinary September Term 1847
Albert County } Personally came into open Court Robert McMillan
who being sworn saith that he saw Daniel Thornton
senr sign seal and heard him acknowledge the above &
within instrument of writing as his last will and Testament
and this deponent together with Johnson Akin and Jacob
M. Cleveland signed the same as witnesses in the presence and
at the request of the Testator and this deponent believes the
testator to have been of sound disposing mind and memory at
the time of execution of the same, Sworn to in open Court this
6th of September 1847.
Attest Wm B. Nelms, C.C.

Robert McMillan

Georgia Court of ordinary September Term 1847
Albert County } Upon reading the will of Daniel Thornton
senr. and the same having been proven in
due form it is ordered by the Court that
said will be Recorded.
Attest Wm B. Nelms, C.C.
Recorded the 10th day of September 1847. Wm B. Nelms, C.C.