

Georgia Court of Ordinary January Term 1842  
 Franklin County Personally appeared in open court James  
 Hood & John McInnis who being duly  
 sworn depose and saith that they saw the above  
 named Richard Freeman sign & seal the above  
 will for the purposes therein mentioned when in  
 his proper mind that they deponents subscribed  
 the same as witnesses  
 sworn to in open court  
 3 Jan'y 1842  
 J. L. Hood  
 John McInnis  
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 John McInnis

James Mitchell Will

Georgia In the name of God  
 I do hereby certify that James Mitchell  
 of the State & County  
 aforesaid being sick and weak of Body  
 but of sound and disposing memory do  
 make and ordain the following and last  
 will and testament that is to say first  
 of all I Recommend my soul to God who  
 gave it and my body to the earth to be  
 Buried in decent Christian Burial  
 at the discretion of my Executors & friends  
 And as touching such worldly Estate where  
 with it has pleased God to bless me with  
 in life I dispose of the same in the following  
 manner to wit  
 Item 1<sup>st</sup> I Give and bequeath unto my son  
 Ruben Mitchell one negro girl named  
 Hester which he is to Receive at my  
 Death  
 Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I Give and bequeath unto my son  
 Daniel R. Mitchell one negro girl  
 named Harriet which he is to Receive  
 at my Death

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Item 3<sup>d</sup> I Give and bequeath unto my son James  
Mitchell one negro Boy named Leaster  
which he is to Receive at my decease.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I Give and bequeath unto my son Stewart  
Mitchell one negro Boy named Sabie which  
he is to Receive at my decease.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore given to my Son Robert  
Mitchell and my two Daughters Areadia  
Simmons & Mary Morrow two negroes each  
which make them equal to the Rest of my  
Children.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> It is my will that the tract of Land I  
now live on be sold and the proceeds be  
equally divided among all my Children after  
the payment of my just Debts out of the  
Fund provided however that all the Debts  
due me shall be applyed so far as they may  
go to the Extinction of my Debts with the  
Cotton Crop on hand in Stewart County with  
so much of the Corn Crop at the same pla  
ce as may not be necessary for the Support  
of the family and Stock at that place.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife  
Mary Mitchell the tract of Land I now  
own in Stewart County Georgia together  
with Stock of all kinds that may belong  
to me at my death with household and  
Kitchen furniture plantation tools and  
pleasure Carriage.

Also the following negroes  
Isaac Charlotte Esther Leahy Terrel Baloo  
Ginny Alfred Hannah Loty Elyak and  
James to hold and enjoy during her  
natural life or widowhood only.

Item 8<sup>th</sup> It is my will that at the death or  
marriage of My wife Mary Mitchell  
all the property both real & personal with

the increase thereof that I have willed  
to her be sold to the best advantage  
and the proceeds arising therefrom be  
equally divided between all my children  
and I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife  
Mary Mitchell one negro man named  
Jesse to dispose of in any manner  
she may think proper during her life time  
Last I do hereby appoint and nominate  
My beloved Mary Esceutrice and my son  
Ruben Mitchell and William Morrow  
Esceutors of this my last will and testament  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed my seal this 2<sup>d</sup> day of  
February 1842

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged

in presence of  
Simon Maffey  
Nathaniel H. White  
James M. Edwards

James Mitchell J.P.

Georgia Court of Ordinary  
Franklin County May Term 1842

Personally appeared in open  
Court James M. Edwards who being duly  
sworn deposed and said that he saw  
the within named James Mitchell now sub-  
sign & seal the within will for the purposes  
 therein mentioned when in his first mind,  
 that he deponent subscribed the same as a  
 witness and saw Simon Maffey & Nathaniel  
 H. White do so likewise

Given to & subscribed  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1842 in  
open Court

James M. Edwards