

instance and request- and in the presence of each other
sworn to in open court-

August 3rd 1863

R R Solan Ordway

B F Pattillo

S J Walker

Georgia } Court of Ordinary August term
Henry County } August 3rd 1863

Into open court-personally came John
P Austin Executor of the foregoing last will and testament-
who being duly sworn depareth and saith that-the foregoing
writing contains the last will and testament-of L B Brannon
deceased late of said county so far as he knows or believes
and that-he will well and truly execute the same by
paying first-the debts and then the legacies contained
in said will and the law charge ~~thereon~~

That-he will make a true and perfect-inventory of
said goods & chattels so help me God

sworn to in open court-

this August 3rd 1863

J P Austin

Georgia } In the name of God amen. I John Childs
Henry County } being of sound & disposing mind & memory
do make this my last will & Testament in manner & form
following that is to say-
Item 1 The after payment of my just debts & funeral ex-
penses I bequeath to my beloved wife Amanda Anne
Childs all of my Estate both real & personal there being
Five hundred & forty acres of Land & Ten Negroes and
their increase together with all my household & kitchen
furniture in fact every thing that I am now in possession
of to have to controule for the purpose of raising my children
and giving them schooling. I wish the balance of my children
to receive as much Education as the Three oldest has received
and as my children marry off & become of Lawful age
my will is that my wife give each one a negro at valuation
by three disinterested persons and in the Event they or any
of them choose money instead of taking a negro him or
her choosing money shall draw the amount that the negro
may be valued at to the one choosing the negro. Leaving
it to my wife what negro she will let each child have.
I now mention the names of my several children to viz.
James C. Childs, Regina, Ann, Mahaley, Catherine

Martha. Margaret. Hannah. Brantley. John. William. Polly. Ann, Manda. J. Sallie. C. Charles. J. and the young-est son George. I Beauregard these children who have not their schooling are to be Educated out of the proceeds of the farm each & every year until each of them are learned to read & write and also the Arithmetic & Sattly I appoint my wife & my son James. C. Childs my cohe-ritors of this my last will & Testament & should my wife mar-ry again then my will is that all my Estate be sold and the proceeds of such sale be equally divided between my wife and her children share & share alike.

Signed sealed published & Declared for and as my last Will & Testament of John Childs at his request and in his presence of each other
This 8th Sept 1863

Attest William. R. Henry
Wilbiam Underwood
Thos. P. Atkinson.

John Childs Execd

Georgia } Before me J. R. Nolan in & for said County
Henry County } in open court came Amanda Jane Childs
one of the Executors of the last will & Testament of John Childs late of said County deceased & propounded for probate in common form of Law the last Will & Tes-tament of said John Childs decd & also brought into open court Wm Underwood one of the subscribing wit-nesses thereto which witness being sworn saith that he saw John Childs the testator sign seal publish & declare with his hand & seal the instrument now presented as his last Will & Testament ~~and~~ freely & voluntarily of his own accord & without any compulsion or influence whatever. That at the time of the Execution of said Will Testator was of sound disposing mind & memory. That deponents signed said will as a witness in the presence of the Testator & in the presence of Wm R Henry & Thos. P. Atkinson the other Witnesses & at the special instance & request of the Tes-tator & that the other witnesses signed likewise.
Sworn to & subscribed before me }
This 2nd Nov 1863 J. R. Nolan. Crdy. }

William Underwood

Georgia } I Amanda Jane Childs do solemnly swear that
Henry County } the foregoing contains the true last will & Testament
of the within named John Childs decd so far as she knows
or believes. That I will well & truly execute the same by

paying first the debts & then the legacies contained in said Will so far as his goods & chattels will thereunto extend & the Law charge me, that I will make a true & perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels so help me God. Sworn to & subscribed before me Nov 2nd 1864.

J. R. Nolan Clerk

Sworn to & subscribed by said
E. Childs in open Court
March 7th 1864.

Amanda ^{her} Childs
marks

James E. Childs.

State of Georgia } In the name of God amen I George T. Barn
County of Henry } of said State & County being feeble in
health & believing that I must shortly depart this life
deem it right & proper both as respects my family & myself
that I should make a disposition of the property with which
a kind providence has blessed me do therefore make this my
last will & Testament hereby revoking all other made heretofore
by me.

Item 1) I desire & direct that my body be buried in a decent
& christian like manner suitable to my circumstances &
condition in life. My soul I trust shall return to rest
with God who giveth it as I hope for eternal salvation
through the merits & atonement of the blessed Lord & Saviour
Jesus Christ.

Item 2) I desire & direct that all my just debts be paid without
delay by my Executors hereafter appointed as I am un-
willing my creditors should be delayed in their rights
especially as there is no necessity for delay.

Item 3) I give bequeath & devise to my beloved wife Charie
with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet for Twelve
years. Lot of Land number Two hundred & seventeen in
the Sixth District of Henry County containing One
hundred & One & a Quarter Acres. Of which the East half
the line to run North & South parallel with the original
lines about Thirty five Acres of which are cleared and
in cultivation with all the rights members & appurtenances
to said Lot of Land in any wise belonging, free from all
charges or limitations whatsoever to her own personal benefit
and behoof forever during her widowhood & in the event of
her intermarriage with any other man it is my desire
that the above Lot of Land that is mentioned in this
(Item) be equally divided between the heirs of her body viz