

Moyses J.  
Having bound myself in the name of God & man & Samuel  
I, Kenan of the County and State aforesaid  
being by age four advanced in years and collecting  
mind that is as pointed for all manner to do  
being at this time of sound mind and memory  
and knowing from the course of nature that the  
remaining years of my life cannot be many so  
despose of such worldly estate as I have pleased the  
Lord bless me with in the following manner that  
is to say first of all I recommend my soul  
to god who gave it and my body to be buried  
in a christian like manner by my Executors  
here after named

Item 1 I will that all my just debts be paid in  
the first place and the amount that is deducted  
from my estate.

Item 2 I give and bequeath unto my two eldest sons  
Daniel & James Messer Six dollars each and  
to my Daughter An Maria Patterson the  
sum of Six dollars and also to my Grand Daughter  
Nancy Ruth Patterson Six dollars provided she  
is living at my death and has loss of her husband  
but she dies without child or children then  
the sum of Six dollars set apart for her to be  
equally divided between Daniel and James the  
next An Elizabeth Patterson I believe the  
amount I have given to them Daniel & James  
An Elizabeth and Nancy Ruth will be fully  
equal to what the rest ~~has got~~ of my children  
herein after named will get after paying my  
debts - I give and bequeath to my beloved  
wife Mary Elizabth one sheet and another  
head and forepart and one Cow & calf  
and two huffor workings

Item 4 I give and bequeath to my two sons John  
G and Samuel C Messer the south half of  
my land in Henry County being but one half  
for partly compensating them for maintaining  
and taking care of my madened wife during  
her life or removing a widow

Item 5 I Give to my single daughters each that is to  
say ~~Elizabeth~~ - Frances Nancy & Elizabeth, to  
Mary L - and Ethie I am the 1st n

and furniture to be worth twenty five dollars  
each and to be divided out of ~~this~~ part  
of my estate

I will all the remaining part of my property  
both real and personal to be ~~equal~~ sold and  
Equally divided among my children except  
those that I have here given six dollars each which  
I think is their full share and they are not to  
receive any part of my estate except the amount  
herein pointed out for them and my Land  
estate that is ~~not~~ lying in Butcher County in the  
state of Georgia I want sold by my Executors  
either privately or at public sale in this county  
without going to Butcher County for to do so and  
my daughters to receive their beds and furniture  
as they marry or arrive at the age of twenty one  
I also give to my youngest son Samuel Merritt one  
hundred dollars over and above an equal share  
to be first taken out of my estate and to have  
an equal share with the rest of my children that  
has not got their certain portion pointed out  
I hereby appoint my son John S. Merritt and James  
W. Crumett my Executors to execute this my last  
Will and to collect hereby removing all former  
wills heretofore made by me  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal this twelfth day of March  
in the year of our Lord 1841

Signed sealed published and declared in presence of  
Lure Johnston  
Duny Baugh  
James R. Brown

Georgia April 5<sup>th</sup> 1841  
Henry County 3 Before James & John A. Stephen  
Witness - personally came James & Brown  
Lure Johnston & Duny Baugh who being duly sworn  
say that they are sensible when they sign and publish  
do declare the written instrument to be a true copy  
of his last will & testament & that at the time  
thereof he was of sound mind & memory & capable

the sum without any compulsion - And that signed  
the same as witnesses at his request in his presence  
and in the presence of each other

Sworn to before us the day  
& date above written

James & James IIO  
John M Shepherd IIO

John Johnson  
Henry Carroll  
James R Brown

Georgia 2d April 5 1841 Before James & John  
Henry County M Shepherd Justices personally come

James Wherrett & John McLean

who being duly sworn say that this writing contains  
the true last will and testament of the aforesaid now  
and Samuel McLean so far as they know or believe  
& that this will well and truly execute the same by  
paying first the debts and then the legacies contained  
in the said will as far as his goods & chattels will  
then to extend & the law charge them and that they  
will make a true & perfect inventory of all such  
goods & chattels

James Wherrett

John McLean

Sworn to before us the date  
above written

James & James IIO  
John M Shepherd IIO

Recorded May 6 1841

Attest, Elmon & Co