Georgia } I Joseph Shields of the County
Jackson County } & State aforesaid being bodily
afflicted in body but of sound mind & memory & knowing
that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make &
ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form
following to wit, first of all I give my soul unto God who
gave it & secondly I give my body to be buried in a
Christian burial order. Thirdly as respects my worldly
goods. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Peggy a certain
negro woman called Peach to dispose of at her death
as she pleases & also the privilege of the plantation
her lifetime & all the household & kitchen furniture
& farming utensils also three cows & calves also twenty head
of hogs & all my stock of sheep & also I lend to my wife
during her lifetime a certain negro called Jacob and
at her death to be the property of my son James
Shields & also a certain boy Mark called Pigeon, Fourthly
I give to my son James Shields a certain negro woman
called Sophia & giving her child & their increase & a certain
yellow boy named Simon & also all my real estate
such as my tract of land & all my other property that is
not otherwise disposed of also the land whereon he is
now building from the lane back towards the road
on the east side to be his property from this time forward
Fifthly I give to my son in law Thomas Thurmond the
sum of one dollar & fifty cents in money & no more
Sixthly I lend to my daughter Jane Thurmond a negro girl
named Aggy during her natural life so that the negro
shall be in the care of her brother James Shields
so that no person can take her the said negro girl or
her increase away from her my said daughter Jane
Thurmond for her to dispose of at her death as she
sees cause, Seventhly I give to my son in law Matthew
Wily a negro boy named Joshua, Eighthly I give to my
grandson John Rogers a negro boy named Spencer
Provided he should die without issue the said negro shall
be the property of my son James Shields & his heirs

I also give to my grandson John Rayburn my new saddle
Knitting Tobacco hole in etc & appoint my son James Shields & Elijah
Oliver my whole & sole executors of this my last will & testament
hereby revoking all other will or wills by me heretofore made
in Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & affixed my
seal this 15th of March 1818
signed sealed & delivered in
presence of
John Boring
Levi Lowry J.P.
B. Mayo

Joseph Shields (Seal)

Georgia
Jackson County } Came into open Court John Boring, Levi Lowry &
Benjamin Mayo & being duly sworn saith that they did
see Joseph Shields sign seal & deliver the within & will that they are
the subscribing witnesses thereto each signed in the presence of the
other & that the said Joseph Shields was of sound & disposing mind at
the time of doing the same
Sworn in open Court the 4th of May 1818
Edw. Williams Clk

Levi Lowry
John Boring
B Mayo

Georgia
Jackson County } The name of God, I John Scifson of the State & county
aforesaid being sick of body but of perfect mind and
memory & calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that
it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this
to be my last will & testament, that is to say, principally & first
of all I give & Recommend my soul unto the hands of almighty
God, that gave it, & my body to be buried in a decent Christian
burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting
but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the almighty God, that gave it & touching such
Worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God, for to bless
me, I give & dispose of in the following manner
Item 1st I give to my dearly beloved wife Susannah & my daughter
Charlotta Scifson all my land & stock & houshold furniture
equally for their support & for the education of my daughter
at the discretion of my executors