

eighteen hundred & twenty two, signed in presence
of us

Thomas Slater
Moses Wilkerson
Thomas M. Wilson
W. H. Pittman

Josiah H. Braugh

In the name of God, I, Matthew Postain of the state
of Georgia & county of Jackson being disordered in body but of
perfect sound mind & memory & desiring to mind the uncertainty of life
& the certainty of death do make this my last will & testament
revoking & annulling all former wills heretofore by me made
Item 1st I devise my body to the grave, & my soul into the hands
of him from whom I received it in full confidence of their
reunion in the morning of the resurrection from the dead &
that to everlasting life

2nd To my dearly beloved wife Sarah Postain I give & bequeath all my
real estate including the plantation whereon I now live
together with that tithers on my son Jacob Postain
now living all my stock of dogs horses cattle & household
& kitchen furniture during her natural life & widowhood
& at her decease or marriage to be divided among my
children in the following manner, to wit, To my daughter
Hannah Postain, I give & bequeath the sum of one hundred
thirty dollars over & above her equal division of all the
residue of my estate, after the payment of my just debts
Item 3rd To my sons Jacob Postain & Matthew Postain, to my
daughters, Elizabeth Postain, Peggy Postain Hannah
Postain, aforesaid, and Kelly J. Post, I give & bequeath
all the residue of my estate to be divided among them
& share alike

Item 4th I do hereby constitute & appoint my wife Sarah
Postain, my son in law John Post, & the said W.
Pemberton the executors of this my last will & testament
In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and
affixed my seal this 18th day of March 1823

Signed sealed & delivered in the
presence of

Matthew Postain *(decd)*

W. P. Postain
Isaac B. Bells Junr
Micajah Bennett

Georgia^{mark} } Personally came into open court William Postain
Jackson County } & Postain Isaac Bells Junr & Micajah Bennett &
being duly sworn saith each for himself that they subscribed their
names to the annexed will of Matthew Postain decd that the all saw
him sign the same or heard him acknowledge it to be his last will
& testament & that they believe the said testator was of sound and
disposing mind at the time of doing the same
sworn to in open court
this 7th day of July 1823
Edw. Adams C. J. O

W. P. Postain

Isaac B. Bells Junr

Micajah^{mark} Bennett

Georgia } The following is the true last will and
Jackson County } testament of Michael McDowell decd
who died on the third day of September Eighteen hundred
& twenty three in Stokes County State of North Carolina
as made expressed & published by him in his last illness
the day before he died though not reduced to writing
before his death. The said Michael McDowell did give
the power unto his wife all of his property to do with &
dispose of as she pleased, except a tract of land which he
had previously conveyed to his son Allen by Deed of
gift & willed & desired that she should have the sole
management thereof thereby appointing her sole executrix
The words^{which} he made use of were in substance as follows
on the evening before he died being asked if he had any
thing to say about the disposal of his property answered &
said yes I want Peggy to have it, he was then asked if he
wished Mrs. McDowell to have it all, answered yes I wish
her to have it all & the disposal of it all except a tract
of land ~~which~~ for which I have made a deed of gift to Allen
McDowell Nov: 21st 1823