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Signed, sealed, Published
and declared by the said
Thomas Shepard to be his last
Will and Testament in the
presence of us who have hereunto
subscribed our names in the presence
of each other

W^m Shepard

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James Sandiford
Ann Baker
Sarah Sandiford

W^m Mrs Baker, Widows a solemn
Witness to the last Will and Testament of Thomas
Shepard dec. who being duly sworn saith that she was
present and did see Thomas Shepard the above named
Testator sign, seal, Publish and declare this instrument of writing
in and for his last Will and Testament as it now
stands to the best of her knowledge and belief that
she the said Ann Baker together with James Sandiford
and Sarah Sandiford at the request of the said Thomas
Shepard who appeared to be in his proper senses
and in his presence and in the presence of each other
subscribed their names as Witnesses thereto
Ann Baker

Sworn in open Court
4 March 1811
W^m Stevens
John Newberry
H^m Fleming?
John Munn

George
Liberty County

I Thomas Shepard of the said County do bind my
Beloved Wife and Executors and Exs to give Mellow for a living Charge
to make a Crop & raise as many hogs as he sees fit in order to pay for his
freedom and his Wife Yallow rose with I give him the privilege of
living in my life time and he may feed apart to me he is to pay for
himself \$250 of his Wife now and in case of one should die by the
time he pay three hundred and fifty the live shall first at Thomas
dies she and Delivered
in presence of us who present
of my Beloved Wife
Rebecca Shepard

W^m Shepard

Seal

Recorded 5th March 1811
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In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Bacon son
of the State of Georgia and County of Liberty; Being indisposed in
body though of sound mind and memory, calling to mind the

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mortality of my body, and that it is appointed unto all Men once to die
I make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form
following; First, I recommend my Soul unto the keeping of Almighty
God, who gave it and my body to the Earth, to be buried in a decent and
Christian like manner, and as touching the worldly estate with which God
has been pleased to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of it the following
manner, First I give and bequeath to Martha my dear & beloved wife, my
negro man named Joe and her wife named young Catharine & her two
children, Charlotte and Lily and the increase of the same, to her forever
and lend her during her natural life as well together with those before named
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Chair my riding Chair with the furniture & harness belonging to it, my riding
saddle furniture and one of the Horses which she may prefer, together with
One third or half of my whole Stock of Cattle in line of her dower, and let her
choose to revert to my younger Children viz Edmund, Eugene, Thomas & her
and Sarah Ann, also to my daughter Catharine Pamela & her, during her
natural life, & if she leave issue to them for ever otherwise to revert to the children
I had by my last wife, it is also my Will that my wife, have the use of the free
place and plantation called the desert tract, which I purchased from my
Nephew John Bacon and which I now live, together with the free use of the
timber and firewood to be held and possessed by her during her natural life &
at her death to pass to my younger son viz Edmund, Eugene, Thomas
Wheeler: Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Thomas Bacon the
following Negroes viz: George, Jack, Primus, Joe, Caesar, Wile, Roso & her
children viz: Sarah, Abby, Abram & Jeffy and Tenahs Children viz: Abby, Rose
Sarah & Betty and Jeffy's Children viz: Isaac, together with the increase of all the
same, and also all that lot of land on which he has settled for his lifetime
retreat, containing fifty acres more or less on the north branch, together with
the improvements and what ever pertaineth thereto, when my eldest son Tho-
mas Bacon and his heirs forever. Item I further Will and direct, that all
my lands in South Carolina, Edgefield County be sold, my debts paid with the
money there arising, & the remaining surplus (should there be any) be placed
to the Benefit of my Children, which I had by my last wife in the way which
may appear best to my Executors: Item to my younger son viz: Edmund,
Eugene & Thomas Wheeler, I bequeath, all my lands lying in or
adjoining to the desert, excepting the part bequeathed to my wife Martha
Bacon

Bacon and the lot mentioned to my Eldest Son Thomas Bacon, who
 first of him known by the name of the Green Plantation, one other tract
 the back Swamp of the Matamaha containing Two hundred and fifty acres
 & half more to be equally divided between them & then to my Son Edmund Bacon
 my double barrel Gun. Then to my daughter Catharine Pamela Wheeler
 bequeath a tract of land, containing Two hundred Acres lying on the back of
 Matamaha back Swamp bounded north westerly by Matthews land, south
 East by Henry Wheeler's land, South West by Lydia Bess land to her and her heirs
 for ever, I stand my daughter Catharine Pamela Wheeler, two Negro women, one
 Nancy and her daughter Abby, during her natural life and should she survive
 to then for ever, otherwise to revert to the surviving Children which I had by my
 last wife Martha. Then to my daughter Sarah Ann, I give one other tract of land
 lying in the Matamaha back Swamp, containing Two hundred Acres more or less.
 It is my Will that each of my younger Children viz Edmund, Eugene, Thomas
 & Sarah Ann, have an equal dividend with their Father of all my personal
 property except what is before willed or bequeathed, and in case of the death
 of any of my Children during their minority, their dividends shall go to the
 survivors of them of the said issue, which I had by last wife Martha. Then
 I stand my daughter Catharine Pamela Wheeler, during her natural life
 as many Negroes as will together with those before named make an equal part
 with her Mother & the rest of my younger Children viz Edmund, Eugene, Thomas
 & Sarah Ann, and should she survive to them for ever, otherwise to
 revert to the surviving Children which I had by last wife Martha. Then is
 my Will, that my Son Edmund shall have Two Negro men viz Charles
 & Malbis, at their full value towards his share of my personal property, and
 in the same way Eugene shall have Boston, Thomas Wheeler, have Toby, & Sarah
 Ann have Abby. Then I Will that my Grand son Henry William Bacon, have
 One Negro Girl, viz Abby to him and his heirs for ever, except he should die under
 this and in that case, the said Negroe to revert to the Children which I had by my
 last wife Martha. Then if it should be thought best by my executors and
 for the advantage of my Estate and the mutual Interest of the legatees and
 devisees to sell and dispose of said lands above willed and bequeathed every
 part of them (except the lot given to my Son Thomas Bacon) and purchase
 Negroes or lands elsewhere, they may sell and dispose of said land putting to
 my

Money to the use above mentioned. Then it is my Will that my Old Negro John
 in his attachment and services, resident to me, may move to put to labour but none
 of the said free man and a Slave every for out of my estate with at least two parts
 in my Will that the above free party, both male and female, all as my slaves and things
 which my Executors think proper to make as within distribution. Then I do hereby
 declare, constitute and appoint, my Eldest Son Thomas Bacon & Edmund Bacon, my
 Executors, and I do hereby fully revoke and disannul, all former Wills, Testaments
 & powers bequeaths, and is made by me in anywise before made & altered or bequeathed
 having I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of November, in the year
 of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seven, and in the thirty sixth year
 of the Independence of America

Signed, sealed & delivered
 To be his last Will & Testament
 Wm. S. Way, Wm. McGovern,
 Robert Quastman, J.P.
 Thomas Bacon Sr. (1)

State of Georgia
 Liberty County
 Personally appeared William McGovern a Subscribing
 Witness to the last Will and Testament of Thomas Bacon
 deceased, who being duly sworn, said, that he was present and did see, the said
 Thomas Bacon, the within named Testator, sign, seal and declare the within In-
 strument of writing, as in and for the last Will and Testament, as it now stands
 to the best of his knowledge and belief, that be the said William McGovern
 together with William S. Way and Robert Quastman, at the request of
 the said Thomas Bacon Sr., who appeared to be in his proper senses and in
 his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed their names as his
 subscribing witnesses

Wm. McGovern
 Sworn to this 28th day of
 January 1812
 Recorded this 29th day of January
 1812
 J. R. Clark

Animal brought forward	\$159 64 12
Hay mow } truck	2 -
1 hay & 3 mules	50
1 horse	3 -
3 for four days	7 -
3 for horse & trap	4 -
Plow & ditch	3 -
1 for well callow	50
5 something more	1 50
Animal arrived forward	\$159 87 12

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Kitchen furniture	2 -
Copper mill	12 -
2 Corn mills	25 -
Gig & harness	8 -
1 Cart	1 -
Whipsaw	0 -
X cart do.	7 -
1 Lot of books	\$160 52 31

Recorded 9th March 1924

E. Baker Clk.

Olinus Stevens
Jesse Campbell
Audley Maxwell