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 I solemnly, appeared Adam Alexander of a subscribing Witness to the
 last Will and Testament of Isaac Bartholomew deceased late of said County
 who being duly sworn said he was present and did see the said Isaac Bartholomew
 the within named Testator sign, seal and declare this Instrument of writing
 as in and for his last Will and Testament as it now stands to the best of his
 knowledge and belief that he this said Adam Alexander together with his
 Sonny Princy and Samuel J. Law at the request of the said Isaac Bartholomew
 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
 Adam Alexander
 7th day of July 1811
 Witnesses
 John Samuels
 James Fleming

Recorded this 9th day of July 1811
 J. H. W. E. C.

Georgia Liberty County

In the name of God Amen - I Thomas

Shepherd of the State and County aforesaid, planter, being in a weak
 and low state of health of Body, but of sound mind and memory, thank
 to give to God for it - I calling to mind the mortality of my body
 do constitute this my last Will and Testament and desire it to be received
 as such -

I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker, beseeching
 his most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merits
 & mediation of my most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who
 I most humbly trust will not reject me when I come to him for mercy;
 and I humbly beseech him to fit & preserve me for my approaching
 dissolution and then to take me to himself -

Item I assign my body to the dust, to be buried in a Christian manner
 at the discretion of my Executors -

As to Worldly Estate which it has pleased God to bestow upon me
 I will and order that out of it all my Just and lawful debts be
 paid and my Estate disposed of in manner as follow. Viz. I
 give & bequeath to my well beloved Wife my wearing Chain & Har-
 our New one Feather bed Furniture for the same which
 Har-our Bed she shall be allowed to choose for herself out of

any that I shall have at the time of my dissolution, to her, her heirs
 and assigns forever on lease of her lawful Dower the remaining part of
 my Real Estate I give to my Children for their mutual benefit
 I desire that the remaining part of my Household furniture, Kitchen
 furniture, & Stock of cattle and Hogs be kept together for the mutual
 benefit and use of my Family until a better time shall please
 to what shall hereafter follow -
 Item, my Negroes I will & desire shall be kept together on my Estate
 for the mutual benefit of my Wife and Children until my eldest
 Child becomes of age, or my Daughter should marry; then I give and
 bequeath to my beloved Wife one of my young Nieces, and one of my Negro
 girls Nancy or Polly, allowing her to make her choice in both Cows, which
 said Negro I give & bequeath to her only during her natural life; at
 her death they shall return & become a part of my Estate -
 Item all the remaining part of my Estate, both Real and Personal I
 give and bequeath to my Children, to be equally divided among them
 share and share alike, each to receive their proportion at the age of
 twenty one, or the Daughters at Marriage; to them, their heirs or assigns
 forever -

Item. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my Wife
 Rebecca Shepherd Executrix, together with my Friends William Baker
 Micajah Andrews, John Good Baker and John Roberts, my
 Executors of this my last Will and Testament; giving them the power
 also of purchasing property for my Estate if the income of said Estate
 will admit of it, and allowing my Wife an equal share with the
 Children in what may be so purchased, provided it should take place
 while her Negroes remain with the Children, and not otherwise - I also
 desire that my Children have a plain English Education, and that
 the Boys be bound out to learn some trade at a suitable age by my
 Executors and Executrix or a Majority of them that may be acting for
 the Children, and at their discretion -

I do hereby revoke and disannul all former Wills and Testaments
 Legacies & Bequests by me before Wills or bequeathed, ratifying
 and confirming this, and no other to be by my last Will and Testa-
 ment, in Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand
 Eight hundred and Ten -

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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 Ann Baker, Under a solemn
Oath to the last Will and Testament of Thomas
Shepard do, who being duly sworn, saith that she was
present and did see Thomas Shepard the above named
Testator sign, seal, publish this instrument of writing
as 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 person 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 Bunnedy
J^r Fleming
John Milne

George
Liberty County

I Thomas Shepard of the said County do bind my
Beloved Wife and Executors and Ex^{rs} to give Mellow for a living Chancery
to make a crop & raise as many hogs as he may fit in order to pay for his
freedom and his Wife shall row with I give him the privilege of
living in my life time and he has paid a part to me he is to pay for
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 three dollars
since she and Edward
in presence of us who present
of my beloved Wife
Rebecca Shepard

W^m Shepard

Seal

Recorded 5th March 1811

Forrester Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Bacon of
of the State of Georgia and County of Liberty; Being independent in
body though of sound mind and memory, calling to mind the