

swearing witness thereto.

Swear before me this

6th March 1820.

Jno: Stevens J.J.C.

James Lambright

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State of Georgia

Liberty County } James Lambright, being duly sworn,
deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the
written last will and testament of Stephen Christopher
deceased; that he saw it ~~not~~ executed by signing and
sealing in the presence of him the said deponent, and of
Samuel T. Law, the other subscribing witness) by the said
testator; and that the said testator appeared, at the time,
to be in his perfect senses.

Sworn to before us this

1st May 1820

James Lambright

Thomas Bacon J.J.C.

Thos. Mallard J.J.C.

Received 6th July, 1820

E. Baker Esq.

George

Liberty County } In the name of God Amen.

I William Fleming, of the aforesaid State and County, being at present, in my ordinary health, and of sound mind and memory; calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and wishing to have all my temporal concerns so adjusted as that they may not intrude upon my last precious moments, which I desire may be tranquil and happy, do now make and ordain my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First of all, I would yield my soul to God the Father, who gave it, to God the Son, who purchased salvation for fallen man with his own precious blood, and to God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth the heart, and maketh it holy, to be to the service and praise of this triune God to all eternity.

I next commit my body to the earth, in hopes of a glorious resurrection to life eternal, for which I wholly depend upon the merits, righteousness and atonement of Jesus Christ the only

of my personal effects, as well as that the value of my negro slaves and servants be fairly divided between myself and my wife, and to have our slaves with the exception of one or two, sent to the colored people.

My wife and I have now been married 27 years and have no children, and we have found

it a happy and quiet life, one set of lots, has been divided by us, and we have a large property of slaves, and the slaves are now in possession of us for upwards of fifteen years, and we have had no trouble to be troubled from the slaves, but only, in each case upon the slaves leaving their master, and the slaves, would "leave Wilson," when we came to the word of God, she was of opinion our slaves

were to be freed, however, as a friend recommended our slaves to

be sold, as her son, John Wilson Fleming, "the son of my

writing here, is seeking a home together with such outfitting

as may be necessary for his comfort and convenience. Also, to an

one who, one of these slaves, during that period, he may need

to go to the hospital and kitchen furniture, etc., and

not only this, but more afterwards, he entitled to any part of it

of course, that whenever a division of my estate shall take place in this my widow, she shall have the right of selecting

one half, which shall not be, at that time, subject to division

and the other, then taking off his or her part, must take it from

the remaining lots, but whenever my wife shall choose to take

her part, she shall have the right to make a choice from among

the lots made out for the division.

My son, Wilson B. Fleming, having inherited property from

his grandfather, my wife, that he did not inherit, nor be en-

titled to, any part of the property, which may make a part of my

estate by inheritance from Mr. Peter Klein, the grandfather of my

children.

I make my children of age to receive their property at the age

of twenty-one, or marriage.

Upon my death, my writing, and my brother, John Wilson, and

my much esteemed friend, James Wilson, shall be divided

between us, and the rest of the property of this my last will and

testament, and the slaves, to a majority of them, with full prop-

erty in each, so long as they may think fit, except such slaves as

are in my estate, and property, real or personal, without being bound to

a partnership with the testator, regarding the value and functions of

specified in such cases.

And now, my dear wife, and children, know, on the first

page, expressed a wishings of to get up my will to you who

know it, and then made a deposition of the earthly inheritance

with which he has been pleased to thy man, it now only remains

for me to conclude, by committment from all to God, who is our

just and good, and whose commandments and commandments

is beyond all conception, how thy childrening him to take care of all

under his fatherly care and keeping, that he would be the just

protector of my children, lead them through all the slippery

pools of youth, preserve them from the snares and temptation

of this wicked world, and then more weighty care and least,

and from Satan, the grand enemy of souls and family,

that he would bring us all to meet in his heavenly kingdom

where, through Jesus Christ, we love one another.

I heartily invoke all those who former wills, and confirm

and ratify this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal,

this twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen

hundred and eighty-four.

In presence of,

William Wink,

Wm. Wilson,

E. Baker,

State of Georgia,

Liberty County,

William Wilson, being duly sworn, do-

senth and declare, that he is a subscriber

to this, the written last will and testa-

ment of the testator, and that he has

do my business, that he now at duly executed by the undersigned
for the province of Williamson Ward and Eliza E. Baker, as per
the following witness, and that the said witness affirms
at the time, to be in his perfect senses.

Wm. H. Brown

18th of October 1820.

Geo. Stover
John Bradford

Recorded 1st of November 1820
E. Baker (Signature)