

Georgia
Monroe County } Court of Ordinary May Term 1837

The foregoing last will & testament of John Mendenhall
having been proved in open Court upon the oath of William Stewart
It is ordered by the Court that the same be admitted to record

Recorded May 10th 1838
E. H. G. H. C.

Georgia }
Monroe County } In the name of God Amen.

I Marcus Vandever being in perfect
mind and memory thanks be to god for the same calling
to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it
is appointed for all men once to die, do make and or-
-dain this my last will and testament, that is to say, first
of all I recommend my soul to god that gave it and
my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a
decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing
doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive
it again by the power of the Almighty god and touch-
ing such world by estate where it has pleased god to
bless me with in this life. I give, devise and bequeath
of the same in the following manner viz. 1st I will that
all my just debts be paid out of my estate. 2nd I give
and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Vandever
One old negro man by the name of Jack and an old
negro woman by the name of Lucy, one negro woman by
the name of Hilary and her child by the name of Sampson
One negro girl by the name of Abby, one negro girl by the
name of Henry and the plantation whereon I live and
formerly, Tools of every description and all my stock of
Horses cows, hogs, and sheep, and all my household
and kitchen furniture also all my corn and fodder,
furnish.

3rd I give and bequeath unto Littleton P. Dorman one
negro girl by the name of Betty forever.

4th I give and bequeath unto Allen Dorman one
negro boy by the name of James forever.

5th I give and bequeath unto my son Leaden Dorman
one negro girl by the name of Michael forever.

6th I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas P. Dorman

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7th One negro boy by the name of Milledge and one negro girl by the name of Milledge forever.
I give and bequeath unto my son David & P. Dorman one negro girl by the name of Anne forever.

8th I give and bequeath unto my cousin Sampson Vandevier here, one negro woman by the name of Judy & her daughter by the name of Rose forever.

9th I will that my two forty acre lots in the country lately acquired from the Cherokee Indians and my house and lot in the town of Macon and my cotton crop be sold to the best advantage and after all my just debts be paid the balance of the money to be equally divided between my five sons viz: Littleton P. Dorman, Allen Dorman, William Dorman, Thomas Dorman, and David P. Dorman.

10th I give and bequeath unto my son Littleton P. Dorman my rifle gun forever.

11th I give and bequeath unto my son Littleton P. Dorman and Allen Dorman my Pistols forever.

12th I do make make appoint and ordain William Oxford and Sampson Vandevier my executors to this my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal This 21st day of October 1835.

Wrote
Amos Forder
Seaborn McCallister
Stephen Darden

Marcus Vandevier

Georgia }
Monroe County } Court of Ordinary

Term 1835

The within last will and testament of Marcus Vandevier died having been examined & established by the Superior Court of This County.

It is therefore ordered by the court that said will be admitted to record and that letters testamentary open

to
said will named)

Georgia }
Monroe County } I Sampson Vandevier do solemnly swear
that the within named Marcus Vandevier deceased so far
the within named Marcus Vandevier deceased so far

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as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will as far as his goods & chattels will thereunto extend the law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect inventory all such goods and chattels: So help me God.

Sworn to in open Court this
day of 1828

Georgia }
Monroe County } I Charles Gibson being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make publish and declare this for my last will and testament
Item 1st I direct that all my lands be sold upon three equal annual instalments and all my perishable and personal property of every kind, except my negroes, be sold upon a credit of twelve months (and) that my land should be sold to the highest bidder for cash in the city of Milledgeville sixty days notice thereof being given in one of the public gazettes in that place (and) I further direct that small notes with approved security bearing interest from date, if not punctually paid be required for all my property which may be sold on a credit.

Item 2nd I will and direct that five persons be appointed by the court of ordinary to appraise my negroes and divide them by lot in parcels of as equal value as possible between my wife Frances Gibson (whose share is bequeathed to her during her natural life (and) my following named children viz Emily Frances Gibson, John Trapp Gibson, Mary Antoinette Gibson, Frances Ann Gibson, Martha Ann Eliza Gibson, Thomas Jephtha Gibson (and) Mary Gibson, and that net proceeds of the sale of my property above directed to be sold together with the money on hand (and) debts due at my death be equally divided between my wife (and) children before named in such manner as to make the distributives thereof each in negroes and money equal, and as before