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John Pitman deceased as far as we know or believe and that we will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts then the legacies contained in said will as far as his goods & chattels will therewith extend & the law charge us, and that we will make a true & perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels, so help me God.
Sworn to and Subscribed us open Court Holman Pitman
This 6th day of March 1823 Anderson Pitman
E. G. Cabaniss C. C. C. John Powell

Georgia

Monroe County } I William Phillips of the County (and State) of said
Being in a declining and low state of health, but of sound mind and memory, do make (and) ordain this my last will (and) testament, revoking all other wills made by me.

1st That I give my soul to GOD who gave it (and) my body to be buried in a decent like manner. And as to what property real (and) personal that it has pleased God to bestow on me I do hereby honestly desire.

1st That all my just debts be paid in as speedy a manner as it can be done with legal convenience, (and) that the money to do so shall be made out of the sale of the stock, crop (and) lands, or in any other way that my Executors may believe can be done for the general benefit of my heirs, so as not to sell any of my negroes.

2nd That after my just debts are paid, all the moneys arising from the sale of my lands and stock & crop shall be equally divided among my three children viz, David M. Phillips, Mary M. Phillips (and) Elizabeth M. Phillips.

3rd That my Negroes be equally divided among my above named children regarding as far as is consistent with impartial justice the age number of my negroes in their several families, and that my household (and) kitchen furniture, plantation tools &c. all be sold and the moneys arising therefrom to be equally divided also as above directed. (and) that all sales of my estate shall be upon a credit of twelve months the purchaser giving good bonds and security, and in order to carry this my last will (and) testament into full effect I do hereby appoint my son David M. Phillips (and) my friend John Denton my Executors with full (and) large power to do (and) act in conformity with above specified will.

Given under my hand (and) seal this 5th day of April 1823

Witness

Abriel Christian

Ruben Brown

Archibald Boyd

W. Goodwyn

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William Phillips (Seal)
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Monroe County } Personally appeared in open Court Gabriel Christian
Archibald Floyd & George W Goodwyn who being duly
sworn depose & say they saw William Phillips sign, seal publish & declare
this writing as & for his last will & testament, that they in the presence of the
testator & at his request & in presence of each other & of Reuben Brown at-
tested said will as witnesses, & that said Reuben Brown in presence of
of the testator & at his request (and in presence of these deponents) attested
said will as a witness, and that William Phillips at the time of the
execution of said will was of sound disposing mind & memory & that
he executed the same freely, voluntarily (and without compulsion
Sworn to & subscribed in open
Court this 1st day of May 1843

Gabriel Christian
G. W. Goodwyn
A. B. Floyd

Elkabaugh C.C.

The last will & testament of William Phillips dec'd having been proven
in open Court upon the oaths of Gabriel Christian, Archibald Floyd &
& George W Goodwyn, three of the subscribing witnesses thereto

It is ordered by the Court that the same be admitted to record
(and that letters testamentary be granted to David M Phillips & John
Benton the executors in said will named

Georgia
Monroe County } We do solemnly swear that this writing contains
the true last will of the within named William
Phillips deceased as far as we know or believe, & that we will well
& 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 thereto extend & the law charge us, and that we will make
a true & perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels. So help us God
Sworn to and subscribed in }
open Court May 1st 1843 } David M Phillips
John Benton

In the name of God, Amen.

Knowing that it is appointed me for man to
die, and after death to judgment. I beseech thee O Lord
direct my body to decay in peace, and my soul to be
in peace. Amen.

I recommend my body to the ground to be buried in a decent manner
and my soul to the God that gave it.

I beseech thee O Lord direct my body to decay in peace, and my soul to be
in peace. Amen.