

Recited and read before me the year of our Lord
thousand seven hundred and eighty nine and of the
Independence of the United States of America the four
teenth-

Stephen Mears (S)

Signed sealed published and
declared by the said Stephen
Mears the Testator the word black Satten
at the beginning of the fifteenth line the
word died at the beginning of the seventeenth
line the word of in the twenty fourth line
from the top and the words our Lord in the beginning
of the third last line first interlined in the
presence of us who have subscribed our names
as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the
request of the said Testator

A. Wambersie

Anthony Goullain

~~Stephen Mears~~
Florence Sullivan

William Parry

Lewis Gardner R. B.

I, Stephen Mears of the County of Richmond and State of Georgia
Merchant being much in debt and of sound and perfect
mind and memory do hereby declare for the same, make and
publish this my last will and Testament in manner and
form following. That is to say first I give to Mrs Anne
Wilkinson widow for the great esteem and regard I have
for her and also for the great trouble I have given her in
my last sickness five hundred pounds Sterling to be
paid her within six months after my decease in specie
or the Value thereof at the appraisement of any part of
my property to be at her option; also I give her one black
Satten sack and petticoat which were my late wifes I
also give Miss Sarah Wilkinson daughter of the said Anne
a Suite of Lelock Lutterwing which were my wifes My
will and meaning is that my Executor hereafter named
do out of my estate ~~educate~~ educate my grandson
Stephen Mears son to Solomon and my further will
and meaning is that the remainder of my estate both
real and personal after payment of my just debts
and not hereby disposed of should be divided I have and
do hereby bequeath to my two sons Solomon and Samuel
And I do hereby make and appoint my son Samuel
Executor of this my last will and Testament empower
and authorize to sell and dispose the whole
or part of my real estate for the payment of my debts
and Legacies hereby bequeathed And Lastly I do
hereby revoke all former and other will or wills
by me made and intended only to be my last will
and Testament In Witness whereof I the said
Stephen Mears have set my hand and seal the
fourteenth day of September

of my Brother Joshua Meale of the City of New York
and that my Executors shall in their discretion make
such sale of my property as they in their judgment
may conceive will most conduce to the benefit of
the said Joshua the younger and Molly Meale

Lastly I hereby appoint my beloved Friends
Major Rob^t Forsyth and Mr. Andrew Jones
Executors to this my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this Twenty second day of
December in the year of Our Lord One thousand
seven hundred and twenty one.

Signed Sealed, Published and
declared by the above named John Meale
to be his last will and Testament, in the
presence of us who have subscribed
our names as Witnesses in the presence
of the testator, Negro boy sent in
testament.

John Meale's Seal

Dennis Amett

Mr. Powell

Wm Meale Jun^r

Georgia

Before James Menzies
Esquire Register of Probates for
the County aforesaid, Personally appeared William
Minor Jun^r One of the subscribing Witnesses to the
afore said Last Will and Testament of John Meale
require decreed contained in the three foregoing

In the Name of God, Amen, I John Meale
of the Town of Augusta within the County of Richmond and State
of Georgia, being weak in body, but of sound and perfect memory
& mind blessed be Almighty God for the same do make
and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner
and form following (that is to say)

First I give and bequeath to each of my Executors, to
Mrs. Fanny Forsyth to Mr^s Sally Armstrong the daughter
of said Fanny, to Master Robert Moriah Forsyth & Master
John Forsyth and to Mr. William Minor each one suit
of mourning.

Second, I give and bequeath to Robert Forsyth
my Interest and Title in and to Two hundred Acres of Land
laying in the County of Wilkes adjoining Lands of Col. Joseph
Parrnell, also my Interest Title and Claim in and to a
Tract of Twelve hundred and fifty Acres of Land laying on
the branches of Sandy river in the County of Washington
which two Tracts of Land are run in his and my Name
jointly and which said Lands in the division of the pro
perty of Richard Call Robert Forsyth and myself fell
into the hands of said Robert but have never been by me
conveyed unto him.

Third I give and bequeath unto Thomas Cannoning
and William Wallace all that unconveyed part of the
Fifteen thousand Acre Tract of Land laying on the
Ogeechee River in the County of Washington commonly
known by the name of the Galphins Tract, Originally
granted John and George Galphin and conveyed by them
to me the same being at that time the joint property
of Richard Call and William Call and Robert Forsyth
and myself, afterwards the said William's part was
purchased out by said Richard, Robert & myself and
after this a division of the property of the said Richard
Call and myself in consequence of which entitled

paper who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, made oath that he was present and did see the said Testator sign, seal, and deliver the said Will to be and contain his last Will and Testament and that he was of sound and disposing memory to the best of his knowledge and belief and that he with Dennis Smith and John Powell subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will at the request and in the presence of the said Testator and in each other's presence. -

Given under my hand this 29th day of December One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety One and in the 16th year of American Independence

J. Meriwether Clerk

of the said Testator, being in the presence of my property the the right all lay in me, and when Robert & Richard were to pay the debts of the concern of John Meale & Co. and Foyth and Meale, it is my will that this right should be transferred to Thomas Cunningham and William Wallace and as before I do devise the same unto them but separately in Trust for the purpose of aiding in the payment of the Debts of Foyth and Meale & John Meale & Co. in execution of which my Friends Mr. Cunningham & Mr. Wallace will take such steps as they may think right & just to answer that purpose in conjunction with my Executors, and it is further my Will that as soon as the debts due by said concerns of Foyth & Meale, and John Meale & Company are covered or discharged that all the remaining part of the Galphin Trust aforesaid shall be conveyed by the said Thomas Cunningham & Mr. Wallace to the said Robert Foyth & Richard Hall in such proportions as the balances on the Books aforesaid in their favour may justify.

Fourthly, it is my Will and desire in consequence of the honesty and attachment of Sarah whom I have from Mr. J. M. Simmons that my Executors do purchase and produce her Freedom not doubting, but Mr. Simmons will readily agree thereto in receiving a reasonable compensation, and I give and bequeath to the said Sarah aforesaid when faced the house furniture of which I am possessed and my wearing apparel and Negroes by subscription by the sum to be paid with my Executors until then. I give her a sum of £100 of current money.

I give and bequeath and desire, after the death of the said Sarah, all the remainder and residue of my estate and personal, unto my Nephew and daughter John Meale, the son and daughter