

in my last will and testament in the manner and form as followeth but first and foremost I have given and bequeathed my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it me and my body to death to be buried in such christian like manner at the discretion of my executors here after named and as to my worldly estate which I both pleased God to bless me with I have and bequeath as followeth after my just debts and funeral charges being first paid

Then my Will and desire is that my wife Mary Wells do have hold and enjoy all my whole estate both real and personal during widowhood to support her and her children and if she marry again then she is to have her thirds and the remainder of my estate to be sold and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my six children that is to say Ann Surden Benjamin Elizaeth Letitia Martha but here remembered that Surden Wells and Benjamin Wells must give up ten pounds out of each of their shares to be divided between the other four children as the said Surden and Benjamin has received each of them the sum of ten pounds of me which I paid them in part of their share in my estate and I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Wells my sole and sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof the said Benjamin Wells hath signed sealed published pronounced and declared this to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us this 2^d of June 1784

Benjamin Wells

John Coalman
Phillip Paul

Georgia

Edm^d Cantledge S. C.

personally appeared John Coalman and Edmund Cantledge who being duly sworn depose that they was personally present and saw Benjamin Wells sign seal publish pronounce and declare this to contain his last will and Testament and that the said Wells was of sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief and that signed their names to the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of the Testator and they saw Phillip Paul the other witness being with the Testator and they saw him sign the same as before me the seventh of May 1784