

State of Georgia Russell County

In the name of God Amen

As I am a B. Minister of a Unit State and heavily busy of other
affairs desiring to dispose of my property whilst I am thought of
body and mind so to so, do make public and tell me this my last
will and testament,

Point Stuen. I believe this to be a final departure of my term.
I hereby resolve all other wills here before me by me.

Dea. and Mrs. I give and bequeath to my wife ^{and} my surviving
natural life or widowhood the land contained within the following
boundaries. To Wit. Beginning at the bridge on Moppy Creek and
proceeding in a southerly direction along the road to old sunken
house thence due South to the South line of lot of land number 19
thence thence due west to the South west corner of said lot thence due
North along the western boundary of said lot and along lot number 19
and along lot number twenty five to the North west corner of said lot
thence due East to Birch a. Grove Creek thence down said creek
the point at which Moppy Creek enters into the same thence up
said Moppy Creek to the said point of beginning. Also the follow-
ing negroes thirteen in number. Ben, Sarah, Jerry Amount a
Mary, Emeline, Asaph, Joe, Malison, William, Nathan Healy and
George, Also three of my best mules I wish as the may choose from
all my mules my Carriage and Carriage house one cart and a
yoke of Oxen the best one of my two Horse Waggons and all
my household and Kitchen furniture which persons in inter-
est in lieu of Deeds.

Third Term. At the death of my wife I desire that the property willed to her in the preceding Term revert back to my estate, and be equally divided amongst my children and in case of her marriage it be my wish that said property full back and be equally divided amongst her and my children she taking a child part thereof Fourth Term. I also give and bequeath to my wife part here of the sum of Twenty Five, five shillings and three pence for her and Calm Care and Food sufficient to last the year out, and Five hundred Dollars in money.

Fourth Mission. I also give and bequeath to my wife part here of the sum of Twenty Five, five shillings and three pence five baits a Calves Care and Food sufficient to last the year out, and Five hundred Dollars in money.

Fifth Item. I give to my daughter Mary Scotland free from the
Mental rights of my husband and she may marry my Negro girl she
can do for her self and separate her, if she can? during her natural
life and at her decease to each child or children as she may live
with power to convey to her to with the same, and to my daughter
Pamela & son I give my Negro Girl Louisa alias Chance and to
my daughter Maria Priggs I give my Girl Barbara, both given
in the same way and subject to the same limitations and con-
ditions as the others which I gave my Negro girl to
to my daughter Mary Scotland

In the event of the remainder of my property I wish to be equally divided amongst my children, John Thomas, Jane Brown, Sarah Ann, Robert, Mary, William, James, and Susan.

reference being had in the division to such charges as I may have against my children or any one of them

Fourth Item. I give and direct that my lands be sold for the purpose of division the same place on a credit of not more than four years

Fifth Item. I give and bequeath to each one of my daughters respectively five hundred and exempt from the same and a tithe of any husband she may marry the negro that shall in the lifetime of my estate fall to her, for her sole and separate use during her natural life and at her death to such child or children as she may leave, with power however to her to will the same.

Sixth Item. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Samuel B. Norton and Jeremiah Williamson Executors of this my last will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at this 29th day of January 1859

Leonidas W. Mercer (Seal)
Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of us the Subscribers witnesses who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the Notary and at his request this 29th day of January 1859

James H. Nelson

Jeremiah Williamson

Samuel B. Norton

Codicil First

Knowing the uncertainty of life and wishing to have my house finished without delay and that there be no delay on account of my death, I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Ann Mercer one thousand five hundred dollars to be paid to her without delay for that purpose Feb. 11th 1859.

James H. Nelson

William B. Watson

Robert Lundy

Codicil Second

It is my will that my wife Mary Ann Mercer have Jack Carpenter and his wife Mary and their son Abram be given to her instead of Nathan Kelly and George. In Testimony whereof I affix my hand and seal this 29th March 1859.

Robert Lundy

William B. Watson

Leonidas W. Mercer (Seal)

Executed August 10th 1866

Leander M. Leonard

Ordinary Public Leg