

The Last will and Testament of John Sanders deceased

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen
Chapin County } I John Sanders of said State and County being of advanced age and Railing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper best as respects myself and family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my last will and Testament.

1st Item I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executors herein after appointed.

2nd . I give bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary for and during her natural life only my lot of Land I now live on containing one hundred and one fourth more or less, with my plantation Tools of all descriptions with all of my stock of all kinds, with all of my household and kitchen furniture with the Exception that Elizabeth is to have a Bed and furniture and Pinna a Bed and furniture to make them equal with the rest of my daughters that has left me; and also my wife is to have the crops with all my notes accounts and ready money and after her death all my property is to be sold and divided equally amongst my Children.

3rd Item I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Sons Wiley Sanders and John P Sanders Executors of this my last will and Testament this July 20th 1853 John Sanders

Signed, Read, Declared and published by John Sanders as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers who subscribe our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at the special instance and request and of each other this July 20th 1853

Wm Dennis
John F Dennis
Elizabeth Anderson

Georgia } Court of Ordinary October Term 1853.
Chapin County } The Will of John Sanders being this day produced in Court for probate by John P Sanders one of the Executors named in the will and the same being proved by the oaths of Elizabeth Anderson, William Dennis and John F Dennis the subscribing witnesses thereto as by the oaths foregoing will appear It is ordered by the Court that the said last will and Testament be duly admitted to record and that letters testamentary be issued to said John P Sanders on his taking the Oath prescribed by law which Oath being taken in open Court letters accordingly issued further ordered that William Howard Eli Mcmurray Lewis Pugh Jacob Lindsey John Hogg be appointed appraisers of said Estate.

Wiley Sanders Ordy

Georgia } Upon Wm Dennis John F Dennis and
Chapin County } Elizabeth Anderson do swear that you were present and saw John Sanders sign, seal, publish, and declare the paper foregoing to be his last will and Testament, that at the time he was of sound and disposing mind and memory and did the same freely and voluntarily

and that you attested the same as witnesses in the presence of the
testator and at his request so help you God
Verun to in Open Court Oct 3rd 1853.
Wm J. Davis Esq.

Hiram Merrius
John L. Dennis
Eugene Starnes

Recorded yth Oct 1853.

Wm J. Davis Esq.

The last Will and Testament of John Bird deceased

State of Georgia } In the Name of God! Amen!
Brow County } I John Bird of the County and State aforesaid being of sound
and disposing mind and memory, but Remem'ring that it is
appointed for all men once to die, do make public and declare the following to be my last
Will and Testament thus

1st Item I desire that all my just debts be paid so soon as can be done legally and properly
after my death -

2nd Item After the payment of my debts I Will the Remainder of my property (except as herein
after excepted) to be kept together on the plantation on which I may be living at the
time of my death, to be used, controlled and managed by my Executors and the
proceeds applied to the comfortable support of my Wife, and to the Education and
support of my three Children Alonzo Church Bird, Lavinia Amanda Bird,
and Cornelia A Bird until the death of my wife Amanda M Bird -

3rd Item On the arrival of my son Alonzo Church at the age of twenty one years, I desire that my
Executors give him off the following negroes, Nelson, Geely, Moses, George and Ambrose
and on the marriage of my daughter Lavinia Amanda or her arrival at age I
desire my Executors to settle on her for her own exclusive use, separate, sole and free
from the control of her husband by the interposition of a Trustee as they may
appoint, or otherwise and after her death to her issue and in default of issue
then to her Brother Sisters, or the Representatives of Brother & Sister Alonzo Church
Bird and Cornelia A Bird then living, the following negroes and their increase
To wit: Oan a boy about thirteen years old, Sonoma a girl about two years old
Aaron a boy about eight years old, and Sam a boy about three years old, and
Julius a boy about two years old, and on the arrival of my daughter Cornelia A
Bird at the age of twenty one years or on her marriage then I desire my Executors
to settle on her for her own sole, exclusive and separate use for her life, and after
her death to her issue & in default of issue then to her Brother & Sisters or the
representations of her Brother and Sister Alonzo Church Bird & Lavinia Ama-
Bird then living the following negroes and their increase To wit: Green a boy
about thirteen years old, Adeline a girl about five years old, Henry a boy
about seven years old, and Levi a boy about two years old, and in the event of the
death of either of said children before their arrival at age or marriage and
without issue then I desire the property given in this Will to the one dying to
be divided between the survivors or all the survivors -

4th Item On the death of my said Wife Amanda M Bird, I desire my Executors to give off
my negro woman Martha if alive to my son Alonzo Church, my negro woman
Patsy to my daughter Lavinia Amanda, and my negro woman Patsey to my
daughter Cornelia A Bird in the same manner and under the same restric-
tions as contained in Item 3rd and also out of the property then remaining &
not above disposed of, I desire my Executors to give to each of my said
Children the sum of Six hundred dollars in Cash and also then to