

Georgia } I Joseph Baldwin of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound
Upson County } and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament
in manner and form as followeth:—

First my will and desire is that my Executrix (herein after named) keep all my Estate together work the negroes on the plantation, and out of the proceeds of the crops, pay all my just debts, educate and defray the necessary expenses of my children until they arrive at lawful age or marry;

Second. When each of my Children (i.e.) Augusta D. Baldwin, Ann Eliza Baldwin, Mary Jane Baldwin, Benjamin J. Baldwin, and George H. Baldwin, arrive at lawful age or marry, it is my will and desire that they receive two negroes each, nearest their own age, one male and one female, that may be sound and healthy, together with such outfit of house hold and kitchen furniture, Stock &c as my executrix may think right & proper, so that they all receive an equal amount in value of the last named property. My Executrix may also if she thinks it best to do so, give one or more small negroes, to each of my above named Children, of age suitable to nurse or to be of other service, so that such division shall be of equal value to each one of my Children above named.

Third. The residue of my Estate both real and personal, I lend to my beloved wife Mary D. Baldwin during her natural life or widowhood.

Fourth. I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary D. Baldwin sole executrix of this my last will and testament during her natural life or widowhood, but should her death or marriage take place before all my Children heretofore named arrive at lawful age or marry, I do hereby appoint my friend Dr. David Kendall Executor of this my last will and testament, and guardian of such of my children as may be unmarried or under lawful age.

Fifth. It is my will and desire, that my executrix above named may exercise her own discretion in selling and buying, or otherwise disposing of, any of my property real or personal as she may consider best for her own comfort or the benefit of my estate and that the proceeds of sales be again laid out for similar property; or be loaned at interest.

Sixth. It is my will and desire, should my beloved wife depart this life before all my Children heretofore named arrive at lawful age or marry, that my negroes be equally divided between all my Children as above named, and the residue of my Estate both real and personal be sold by Executor on such terms as he may think best for the interest of my estate; and the funds thence arising, as well as such as may arise from the hire of Negroes, be loaned out to the best advantage and out of the interest arising from said funds, I wish my Children which may

be married and under age to be educated and supported until they arrive at lawful age or Mary at which time I wish said fund to be equally divided between all my children hereafter named.

Seventh, It is further my will and desire that should my beloved wife Mary again, she receive one sixth part of my estate in fee simple, and then in that case that the residue of my estate be disposed of as directed in the preceding or sixth item;

Annulling and revoking all other wills or testaments heretofore made by me. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of May 1838.

Joseph Baldwin

In presence of
D. A. Allen
James Hensley
David Kendall

I Mary W. Baldwin do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Joseph Baldwin deceased, so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will so far as his goods and chattels will therunto extend, and the law charge me; and that I will make a true & perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels. So help me God -

Mary W. Baldwin

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 3rd September 1838

J. E. Bowden Dep. Clk. C. C.

Georgia
on County } Court of Ordinary September Term 1838
The within last will & testament of Joseph Baldwin having been duly proven at this regular term upon the oaths of Daniel A. Allen, James Hensley, & David Kendall, ordered that the same be admitted to Record

J. E. Bowden Dep. Clk. C. C.

Registered this 22nd Oct 1838

The J. E. Bowden Clk. C. C.