

and in presence of witnesses
one names as witnesses thereto

William A. Peacock (deceased)

A. M. Peacock

Montgomery County, Tenn. January 1846

Then the foregoing will was offered
in open court for probate and was duly
proven by the oath of William A. Peacock
ordained to be recorded

Nathl Knight Clerk

John Christian's will

In the name of Almighty and all merciful God, I
John Christian of the town of Lawrenceville County of
Montgomery State of North Carolina have thought pro-
per to make the following disposition of my estate
real and personal.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary and
my son Samuel & Christian my house & lots in the town
of Lawrenceville except the Sterling Andrews and McBain
houses and lots, also I devise and bequeath unto my
wife Mary and son Samuel, my lands on the west
side of Lawrenceville down as far as John C. Atkins,
Joining William Christian and Thomas Christian and
Harborton. also one other tract of land beginning
at mouth of the branch above the Berry landing then
up the branch to its head then east to Tellman's
line, then with Tellman's line to John C. Atkins,
line with his line to Rocky Creek, then down the
various courses of the creek to the mouth, then up
the various courses of the river to the beginning in-
cluding my mill. I give and devise to my daughter
Maria I. McBain to her separate use and benefit the
upper half of the Tho. C. Dunn tract of land by run-
ning a dividing line beginning at the mouth of the
Spring branch near the Blakely landing, then a
direct line to Joseph Dunn, & upper corner, near the
foot of the naked mountain, then the lines of the
Dunn tract to Cox's line, then with his line to the
river, then down the various of the River to the be-
ginning to have and to hold the same to the separ-
ate use and benefit of her and her heirs. As the
balance of the Tho. C. Dunn tract. if George W. McBain
dies and shall release my estate from the sum or
sums of money for which I am bound, then and in
that event I devise the above mentioned balance of
Dunn's tract of land to him and his heirs. I give
& devise to my son John Lewis Christian a tract of
land beginning on the River at Foster Craig, up

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corner, on an apple-tree and with his line to my back line and with the same opposite to the head of the San-trough-branch when a corner is marked, then run the said branch to the River, then down the various courses of the River to the beginning, being the William McSennan Tract to have and to hold to him and his heirs.

I give & bequeath to my son Eli M. Christian a tract of land, beginning at a holly on the east side of the River at the mouth of a branch opposite to Jacobs branch, then with a line of marked trees an easterly course until it strikes a branch that empties into the River at the feed or shelter place, called the middle branch, then up the said branch until it strikes the back line, then with the lines of Smith's heirs to Delamoths line, then with his line to Rocky creek, then down the various courses of said creek to the River, then down the various courses of the River to the beginning, including my former residence, also one other tract of land on the west side of the River joining William Swearingens being about one hundred acres, to have and to hold the aforesaid lands to him and his heirs.

I give and devise to my daughter Mary Ann Christian a tract of land beginning at the corner of the San-trough-branch, then with my son Lewis lining up the branch to the corner at or near the head, then with his line as marked to the back line, with the back line to Eli's line, then with his line as marked to the Holly on the bank of the River, then down the various courses of the River to the beginning including the upper part of the lower plantation, also two hundred acres of land joining the lands of Thomas Moore and Merriam Moore, including the High-House tract all the part on the west side of the road from Lawrenceville to Peachtree also the houses and lots being formerly in Lawrenceville called the Sterling

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Anderson place to have and to hold the aforesaid lands and lots to her separate use and benefit and her heirs.

I give and devise to my wife Mary, my sons Lewis, Eli and Samuel my daughters Maria J. McBain and Mary Ann Christian fifty acres of land on the east side of the road from Lawrenceville to Peachtree, my daughters to hold their interest to their separate use and benefit and their heirs.

I give and devise to my executors hereinafter mentioned the house & lot in Lawrenceville I bought of Spencer sixteen or seventeen acres of land adjoining Lawrenceville on the south, one lot I bought of Mr. Davis, one tract of land adjoining John Early, one tract of land which I purchased of Palmer, on the waters of Clark's creek, one other tract of between fifty and one hundred acres adjoining the lands of Selby & Doctor Craig, also the house on the academy lot (but not the lot) and all the real estate which I may not devise, the aforesaid lands and lots devised to my executors for the use and benefit of my wife & children, and in order to make it useful and beneficial my executors or the survivors are authorized to sell, and dispose of the same or to improve the lots and lands and rent the same and it is my desire that my executors in executing the Trust in this particular would from time to time ask the advice and assistance of my friend John Bels.

I give and bequeath the whole of my personal estate to my wife Mary, my sons John L., Eli M. and Samuel & my daughters Maria J. McBain and Mary Ann to be divided in six equal shares, which said personal property together with the lands devised to my infant children, are to remain in the possession and under the management of my wife for her use and benefit and the use and benefit of my infant children.

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my children may attain the age of twenty one years or many, then on the happening of either event my executors shall select three prudent discreet individuals who with my executors shall value and deliver to such of my children as may attain twenty one years or many its share of my personal estate, and in making distribution such of my children to whom I have given or may give property shall bring the same into account as it is my desire that my wife and each of my children shall have an equal share of my personal estate, and I do further direct that in the division of my negroes that Daniel and his wife and such of his family as may be necessary shall be allotted to my wife if she chooses, then not else, and I do further order and direct that the share of my personal property which may go to my daughter shall be to their separate use and benefit with power to dispose of the same by will or in any other way by a deed. I will and direct that the real and personal estate devised & bequeathed to my wife & son Samuel shall be considered as a common fund for use and benefit of my wife & son Samuel during the life of my wife and after her death to be divided and the whole of of the said real and personal estate to my son Samuel.

I authorize and empower my wife if she should deem it advisable to give to the young females we have in the family out of my estate a portion and furniture, wheel and cards, cro & c. and other necessaries towards house keeping. the said female may leave my wife and wife is further authorized and empowered of my estate to give to the said Adeline Haskins such an education as is common to bound females.

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In the clause as to the division of my negroes I have directed that Daniel his wife and part of his family should be allotted to my wife upon reflection I have thought proper to it at the discretion of my wife if she should prefer other negroes in their place than they are not to be allotted to her. I further order and direct that should my wife see proper to marry then and in that event the property real and personal which I have devised and bequeathed to my wife and son Samuel shall be divided into two equal shares one of which shall be to the use and benefit of my wife during her life and after her death the said share shall go to my son Samuel, as it is my intention and express will that in the final division of my estate Samuel shall have two shares.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Mary & son-in-law George W. McLean Executors of this my last will & testament reposing full confidence in their prudence and discretion and feeling well assured that they will execute the trusts in a way to advance the interests of all concerned and it is my will and desire that that in the management of my estate that my Executors will from time to time counsel and advise with my friend John Kils. In witness of this my last will and testament I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 7th day of January anno Domini one thousand Eight hundred and thirty one (1831)

John Christian (Seal)

Signed sealed published & declared as the last will of the testator in

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in presence of
J H Dreadwell
Jas C Atkins

Montgomery County Court July Sepims 1831
Then the above will was returned in open
Court and ordered to be recorded

Jas B Martin Clerk

State of North Carolina

Montgomery County } I David R Cochran
Clerk of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sepims
for said County do hereby certify that the
foregoing will of John Christian is a true
copy as taken from the records in my office

In witness whereof I hereunto set
my name at office

This 5th October 1842

D R Cochran clk

By C W Wooly, Atk

Montgomery County Court April Sepims 1846

Then the foregoing was offered as a
certified copy of the last will & testament
of John Christian and was proven so
to be by the oath of Calvin W Wooly,
who certified the copy and was order-
ed to be registered & recorded

Math^r Knight clk

Joseph Smithson's will

North Carolina }
Montgomery City } May the 5th 1846

I Joseph Smithson being in a delicate health
but of sound mind make this my last will and testa-
ment Item 1st I give and bequeath to my wife
Rachel my land and improvements, farming tools, one
waggon, two horses with all the stock cattle, hogs & sheep
all the corn, and all the wheat, with all the contents
of the barn also all the contents of the smokehouse,
also leave Adam & Anica and her children during
the life of my wife Rachel and at her death they
be sold giving them the privilege of choosing their
homes. Jacob and his wife be sold after the gather-
ing in of the present crop let them choose their
homes, - my carpenter's tools and blacksmith tools
all be sold, one horse, one wagon, one hundred
acres of land to be sold the Hillery Ruffel tract
of land, I give and bequeath to my wife Rachel
all the household furniture her life time and
after her death all to be sold one half of the
same for her to dispose of as she thinks proper,
I leave one hundred dollars to the Quaker Yearly
meeting for the poor and afflicted in the state
of North-Carolina one hundred dollars to the
Methodist Conference of North-Carolina, fifty dollars
to the missionary cause to the Methodist conference
the balance of my estate after the death of my
wife be equally divided between my brother
Josiah's four children, Isaac, Sarah, Eli & Mary.
my tools to be sold also, I leave as my Executors
Ezekiel Hallow and Jas Sanders

Jas Lomas &

Harris Reaves

Joseph Smithson (sig)

State of N.C. Carolina

Montgomery County Court July Sepims 1846

Then the foregoing will was proven in open Court by
the oaths of Jas Lomas & Harris Reaves subscribing witness
ordered to be recorded Math^r Knight clk