

In the name of God Amen
I James D. Christian of the State of Georgia and county
of Newton being of sound and disposing mind calling to
my mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is
incertain for all men here to die or make and ordain this my
last will and testament that it is to say principally and first
of all I recommend my soul to Almighty God and my body
I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian
buriall; and touching such worldly goods whereunto I have
pleased God to bless me I give and dispose of the same in
the following manner and form.

Item 1st My wife is first that all my just debts be paid
out of my effects.

2nd My desire and wish is that after my debts are paid
that the balance of all my property or effects be left in
the hands and control of my beloved wife Mary D. Christian
to control at her disposal for the ~~purpose~~ of raising and
educating my children. And should any of my children marry
or grow up and wish to settle in the world during my wife's
lifetime or widowhood that she be allowed to give off to said
child or children what she may feel able to spare them as
ways keeping the amount given to each one. And in the event my
beloved wife Mary D. should marry again then my wish is that all
my property of whatever kind it may be be sold by my executor
and an equal division be ~~made~~ made to each and all my children
at the amount giving my wife a child's part and if any of the
children has received any thing at the time of this division that
those that had not received be made up equal with those that
have received according to the account as kept when given off.
And should my wife die before marrying again my wish is
that all my effects be sold by my executor and an equal di-
vision be made to each of my children and should any of the
children receive any thing before this division those that had
not received are to be made up as in the case referred to
above.

Item 3rd I hereby constitute and appoint my brother Poseley
D. Christian executor of this my last will and testament
James D. Christian

Signed Sealed published and declared by James
D. Christian to be and contain his last will and testament

who subscribed the same in the presence of us who subscribe
names hereunto in the presence of the testator and of each other this
2nd day of August 1845

Moses Mann
G. S. Mann
Wm G. Mann

Georgia

Newton County, January 3rd 1845
Court of Ordinary in vacation

A person appears Moses Mann who being duly sworn deposes
and says that he saw James D. Christian sign sealed published and
testament, that at the time of said signing and publishing the
testator in the opinion of a person was of sound and disposing
mind and memory, and that he recollects the same freely and
without compulsion so far as he knows or believes, that defendant
G. Mann swears so likewise and that they all signed in the presence
of the testator and of each other.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me January 3rd 1845
Wm D. Luckie Ordinary

Moses Mann

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will
of the within named James D. Christian according so far as I know
or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same in
accordance with the laws of this State. To help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed
March 9th 1845
Wm D. Luckie Ordinary

Poseley D. Christian

Subscribed to record March Term 1845
Wm D. Luckie Ordinary