

State of Georgia } In the name of God amen
Newton County } Know all men by these presents
that I Thomas Dail of the State
and county aforesaid, being sound in mind and strength
of memory and knowing that it is once allotted
for all to die and am disposed to dis pose to my
family the property which it had pleased God to
bless me, therefore in the first place I give my soul
to God who gave it and in the second place that
my body be decently interred after a Christianlike
manner, then as respects my property in the first
place I bequeath will and give to my wife Margaret
Two Negroes named Hannah and Mary who were
in my possession during his natural life and at her
decease the two above named Negroes with their
increase are to belong to my son William together
with a negro boy named Abram, also one lot
of land known and lying in the State & County
aforesaid known by No. 270. In the 2^d place
I will bequeath and give to my son Andrew the
any half of a lot of land lying and being in
the State and County aforesaid which Galt Hains
Edward & Co. Land and known by No. 269, as also
one Negro fellow named Sam. — in the third
place I will bequeath and give to my son John
the other half of the lot of land, which part
Hains James & Co. Land and known by No. 269,
as also a Negro fellow named Isaac — in the
fourth place I will bequeath and give to my Daughter
Nancy Traiter Three Negroes namely Bettie a woman
and a boy named Tim as also another name
Floze which Negroes together with their increase
to her Nancy and the third of her body — in the
5th place I will bequeath and give to my Daughter
Elizabeth Berry Three Negroes viz Sarah Mithers an
Sammy, which Negroes I bequeath to her and
the third of her body with their increase
In the 6th place I will bequeath and give to my
one Negro Boy named Mark. — 2^d 1/2
In the 7th place I have bequeath and give my
five dollars in cash and for

Copy of the last will of Melis Burge our transpore
from Morgan to Newton County at Sept. Term 1854

In the name of Good Amen I Melis Burge of
the State of Georgia and County of Morgan being in
perfect mind and memory that if to you Sauching
Such worldly Estate which it has pleased God to lay
me with, I give devise and dispose of the same in the
following manner.

First I give and bequeaths unto my beloved wife Mary
all my Estate both real and personal during her nat-
ural life or widow hood on the following terms/ viz
She shall not any power to sell transfer or dispose of
any part thereof of my said estate, without the consent
of my Executors. It is my will that my sons Thomas
Burge & Wiley Burge and James Burge as each of
them shall come to the age of Twenty one years, they
and each of them shall have the sum of One Thousand

Dollars in current money of that day or that amount
of any part of my estate by valuating the property in
each case to be printed out by my Executors, at their
discretion, and each one her and furniture to be
also my daughters Eliza Burge and Nancy Burge
at the age of Twenty years each they shall have
the sum of One thousand Dollars current money
of that day payed to them in the same like man-
ner as is printed out to my sons with each one her
and furniture.

Thirdly it is my will that my
Children namely Wiley Burge Nancy Burge and
James Burge, shall have the following education
Nancy to learn and write Wiley and James reading
writing and Arithmetic. Fourthly it is my will
that my daughter Patsy Lewis and my son

William Burge neither of them shall have any part
of my estate, until after the death of my wife or equal
be widow of the same as I have give each and twenty
dollars hereof.

Fifthly It is my will and I do
hereby constitute and appoint Richard Lewis
William Burge and James Hooper my Executors
and I do hereby authorize and empower my said