

Children

Christian

Sarah m Lillibury Wade. March 4, 1839

1854] Mary m Drovers Salmons June 15, 1837

Martha m Joseph Scallorn Oct 12, 1843

Margaret m William Butler Feb 25, 1836 of Lauderdale Co. 12/6/1843

Rachel m Archibald Mitchell -

Elizabeth m Samuel H True Sept 3, 1843

William m Mary Massengale 9-16-1816 - [same?]

Jesse m Mary Yanner (Karrow?). 3-27-1813

John (m Wm) m
or
12/6/1843

ALLEN CHRISTIAN, SR.
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

PR 7, p. 531
D: July 15, 1836
P: Sept 19, 183

The last Will and Testament of Allen Christian made 15 July 1836. In the name of God, amen.

I, Allen Christian, Senior, of Madison County, Alabama, being of sound mind but feeble in body - conscious of the uncertainty of life, and not wishing to die intestate, do make and publish this as my last will and Testament, to wit:

1st - I first give my body to the dust whence it came, and commend my soul to God who gave me existence, and as to my worldly effects, it is my Will that my debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter named.

I will and devise to my beloved wife, Margaret, the plantation on which I now live consisting [of] two hundred and forty acres, more or less, to hold, possess, and enjoy the same during her life time if she shall remain single after my death. Should she marry, however, then her interest in Said land to cease, and said land disposed of as hereinafter directed.

In the same manner I give to my said wife all the farming utensils on this farm with all house hold and kitchen furniture and stock of every description and it is my will and desire that this farm shall be cultivated and my family remain together on it as heretofore for their comfortable support and maintenance, this provision however to cease as to any of my daughters as they may marry.

2nd - I give and bequeath to my said wife Margaret the seven bales of Cotton now on hand and also the crop of cotton, oats &c now on hand and growing, to be by her applied in her discretion to the Support of herself and family remaining with her.

3rd - I give and bequeath unto my said wife during her widowhood or lifetime as the case may be the following negroes, to-wit: James, Arch, Peter, Lige, Alfred, Westley, Judy, Hannah, Josiah, and Lucy the younger - said negroes to remain with my said wife for her own use and benefit as above mentioned.

4th - I give to my son Allen one negro man named Harry.

5th - I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth a negro girl named Mary about fifteen years old, and a negro child named Lara.

6th - I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah a negro girl, Eliza, about sixteen years old and a negro child named Ermine about a year old.

7th - I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha a negro girl named Harriet, about sixteen years old and an infant boy named Elisha.

8th - I give and bequeath to my daughter, Myoma, a negro girl named Martha, about Sixteen years old and a negro child named Ellen about two years old.

9th - Whereas myself and my son, Allen, have heretofore cultivated a farm in Jackson County together now it is my wish that my son Allen continue to manage said farm as heretofore, and for this purpose I place under his care the following negroes to-wit: Sarah, Lucy the elder, Matilda, and Jemima, and also all my share of horses, farming utensils, and stock of every description on said farm and I wish the proceeds of my interest in the produce of said farm to be applied to the clothing and comfortable support of my single daughters and the balance, if any, to be invested by my said Executor as he may think proper for the ultimate advantage of my estate.

10th - Should my wife die or marry leaving any of my daughters single who are now unmarried, then I wish and will that such daughter or daughters shall have until they marry or die, the use of and benefit of the plantation on which I now live using and enjoying all the farming utensils, furniture, and crops which may be grown thereon.

11th - To each of my daughters now single I give a bed and furniture.

12th - It is my will and desire that my son Allen employ some suitable person to manage our farming interest in Jackson County and that he come and reside with my family here, and superintend and manage this farm for the purpose above mentioned. And I wish it understood that in speaking of the support of my single daughters I wish them to live in the family with their mother and at the home plantation, but their clothing and other expenses to be furnished out of my farming interest in Jackson County.

13th - Whenever my said wife shall marry or die then it is my will that the negroes above bequeathed to her and their increase shall be equally divided among all my children, or if any of them should be dead leaving children their children, with this exception: no part of my estate is given to my son Jesse, but the share to which he should be entitled is to go to his children James and William - and it is further to be understood that the legacies above given to my children, and property heretofore given to any of them, is in a general division to be taken into consideration with the exception the negro Girl Liz or Lizzy given this day to my daughter Martha is not to be by her accounted for on division.

14th - Whenever my said wife shall die or marry, then my lands and other property to be equally divided among my children as above, that is to say the said children of my son Jesse to receive an equal share of my estate in his stead - and with the further understanding that there is to be no division of the home plantation while any of my daughters remain single.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

I hereby appoint my son Allen Christian my Executor.

Attest: J. W. McClung
R. H. Anderson
William Powers
Henry Stokes

his
Allen X Christian
mark

The State of Alabama

Orphans Court of Madison County, this the 10th day of October, 1836. The last Will and Testament of Allen Christian, late of said County, deceased, having this day been duly proven by the witnesses James W. McClung, William Powers, and Henry Stokes, is ordered to be recorded &c See minute Book No. 6 Page 518 & seq[?] Pursuant to said Order said Will &c was duly recorded on the 19th day of September, 1837.

Teste, Richd. B. Purdom, Clerk CC

Allen
~~MARGARET~~ CHRISTIAN ESTATE

(no date)

To the Honorable Clement C. Clay, Jr., Judge of the County Court of Madison County, sitting for Orphans business.

Your petitioners, Littleberry Wade and his wife Sarah Wade, of the County of Madison & state [of Alabama] state that Allen Christian late of said County, deceased, departed this life about the year ___[blank]___ having first made & published his last will & testament of which Allen Christian was appointed & was duly qualified executor -

That said Christian subsequently resigned his office of executor and that on the 27th day of November, 1843 one Joseph Scallorn was appointed by your Honor, administrator de bonis non, with the will annexed, of the said last will & testament.

That Scallorn has had ample time to close his administration of said estate and that there is no cause why he should make a final settlement of his said administration;

That the said Sarah Ann is a daughter & one of the heirs at law & legatees of the said Allen Christian, deceased;

They pray your Honor to cause said Joseph Scallorn to be cited to appear before your Honor and show cause why he shall not be required to make a final settlement of his administration of said estate without further delay.

Littlebury Wade & wife,

by their Attny,

S. D. Cabaniss.

Dated: 9/1/1842
Prob: 11/15/1842
OCM Bk. 10, p. 126

MARGARET CHRISTIAN WILL

D. Sept 1, 1842
P. Nov 15, 1842

I, Margaret Christian, of Madison County, Alabama, do make and ordain this my last will & testament as follows, to wit:

I give & bequeath to Stephen S. Ewing the sum of \$2000 to be held by him in trust for the following purposes, to wit:

\$1000 for the sole use & benefit of my daughter ELIZABETH and

\$1000 for the sole use & benefit of my daughter MARTHA

Said sums to be lent out on interest, and the interest only to be drawn annually by my said daughters, without impairing the principal - the same to be drawn for the personal wants of my said daughters but never to be subject to the control of their husbands should they marry, or to the payment of the debts of their said husbands.

It is my further will that within a convenient time after my death my said Executor shall have the family burial ground enclosed with a brick wall in a neat & substantial manner.

The remainder of my money or property of any description I will & bequeath to my son Allen Christian, except a bed & furniture to each of said daughters - should either of my daughters above named die without issue it is my desire that the survivor shall have the use of said sum of \$2000 subject to the restrictions above mentioned.

Should both my said daughters die without issue then I desire that the said sum of \$2000 with whatever interest may have accumulated, shall go absolutely to my said son Allen Christian.

I appoint the said Stephen S. Ewing, Executor, of this my last will & testament.

Witness my hand & seal this 21st day of September, 1842.

Witness:
J. W. McClung
W. T. Dell

he:
Margaret X Christian
mark

Tuesday, November 15th 1842

This day the last Will and Testament of Margaret Christian having been proven by the oaths of James W. McClung of one of the Subscribing witnesses to said will - It is therefore ordered to be recorded.