

Thomas Saunders  
And

of the County of Annapolis being weak but of sound mind & memory do  
make this my last will and Testament in manner & form following to wit  
I desire that what cash and Tobacco may be due me (what  
may be in hand) except one half of what may be collected from Ferdinands  
Miller of Georgia, which I live unto my Daughter Patsy Saunders) may be  
appropriated to the payment of my Debt, and to the purchase of Ten pounds  
value in mourning for my wife Esther Mary, and each of my children  
and the residue I live unto my wife Ann Saunders to enable her to live  
& pay unawfully unto my Daughter Nancy Bap into her own hand (and  
none other) the sum of Ten Dollars as well as board my sister Mary  
Saunders so long as they live. I also desire that my son Turner Saunders  
may have my Certificate of \$1800.00 upon this proviso. that he pay  
annually unto his sister Nancy Bap so long as she shall live the sum  
of Five pounds into her own hand (no other) as a partial support.  
Item In lieu of Dower I live unto my beloved wife Ann Saunders during  
her natural life the use of my lands and plantations whereon I now live  
including the title I bought of Fredericks Blomau. De Pinnett Henry  
Puffin & John Cress with my still four wheeled Carriage all my plantation  
stools my Wagon, a 4 harrow, the Household & kitchen furniture with  
all my stock of every kind (and leave it in her power to sell part of  
she thinks best) with all & whatever else I may dispose of except such  
legacies as have or may hereafter be given away in this will. Also  
I live her the use of my Negroes Butler, Jerry, Anthony George & Isaac  
Fanny, Phoebe, Charles, Job, Sarah, & her Child Nelson. Item I live  
& bequeath unto my son Hubbard Saunders the land plantation whereon  
he now lives which I had of D. Mallory, and the lands I bought of Charles  
adjoining Pinnett with five negroes now in his possession to wit Daniel  
Kate, Roger & her two children Valentine & Aaron with all the stock  
furniture & plantation & tools which he hath wife & children. Also whatever  
he may obtain in his name by a power of attorney from Rich. Marr  
I also live him my negro girl Lucinda to him & his heirs forever  
Item I live & bequeath unto my Daughter Patsy Edmunds the negro  
woman George the double chain the boy Mary & the half dozen  
other negroes & children that are in her possession & the my negro girl called  
Lucy

John Pap. having as they shall continue to live together and as touching the  
these negroes being in my Will with their increase and with all the stock  
furniture put into their possession And at the death of my said Daughter Nancy  
I will the said Negroes with all their increase to be equally divided between  
all her said children to have and their heirs forever. Item I Give & bequeath  
unto my daughter Mary Shalons the negro girl Jane the second house saddle  
& bridle bed furniture looking glass her own veaters and other things now in  
her possession with my negro girl Sampy & whatever money her husband may  
be indebted to me for the mare Diamma, to her heirs forever. Item I  
give & bequeath unto my Daughter Patsy Saunders the negro woman Henry  
the negro girl Cutty the Saddle Chares & harness but the same with a  
glass Table & other things with the stock & whatever else may be in  
also give her my negro girl Selah with one half of the land now in  
from Francis Wells to her and her heirs forever and I am in full power  
in law Lewis Saunders the use of the plantation where her house is  
shall only include that hundred acre tract of land I had of John Saunders  
during whatever space of time he may chose to live with and serve her  
thereof or without removing (I must be his) then I give the use of the same  
Patsy during her natural life and then to be divided between her  
Item I give & bequeath unto my son Turner Saunders the use of the  
I had of Dims's wares with the following negroes to wit. First the  
Alimony and her two children John & Susan a cart horse and whatever  
whatever other household & kitchen furniture with her stock & what she  
spare him in case he should remove away from her to live in a separate  
Should continue with her till her death then I desire that Henry James  
or much furniture stock tools &c as will be about equal with the  
did receive of me all set apart before the division and as for horses I give  
him my second Drow devil filly & a riding horse I also give him my surveyors  
instruments & Military Certificate aforesaid on paying Nancy Pap \$500 ann.  
And at death of my said Wife Ann. I Give & bequeath unto my son Turner  
my full & riding Chair with all my land & plantations before lent unto his  
Mother to him and his heirs forever Item it is my will that at the death  
of my wife Ann Saunders every thing that I have before lent unto her and  
not afterwards Willed away be equally divided among all my children  
that may be then living and if any have died add left their lawful  
heirs of their own blood then I desire that the same be

may be avoided among such legal heirs & next of kin to them (their heirs & assigns).  
 But with the exception that the part of my said wife's estate to my Daughter Nancy  
 Prop. shall be by my Executor from time to time only lent unto her during the  
 minority of her children and if any or all of them shall come of age  
 for them to have their full proportion or equal share of it after first selling what  
 one third for their mother's debts by two or three ways whom my Executor shall  
 choose. or if their mother should die before they come of age then I desire that  
 there may be an equal division among all her said Children by men  
 chosen as aforesaid. And I hereby further direct that before a division of the  
 estate lent my wife that out of those negroes lent unto her or their increase  
 every loss that any of my children may have sustained in any of their  
 negroes given them in this will, either by death or any accidental misfortune  
 may be made good by the Judgment of three men whom a majority of  
 my children may choose to them and their heirs forever. Lastly I constitute  
 I appoint my two sons Hubbard & Turner Executors of this my last Will  
 Testament In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
 of January 1841

Attest my hand so well known  
 as to need no Subscribing Witnesses to  
 prove it

Thomas Saunders Esq

Brunswick County Court January 25<sup>th</sup> 1842  
 This last Will & Testament of Thomas Saunders died was presented in Court by  
 Hubbard Saunders one of the Executors therein named and no witness being there  
 Subscribed Ede<sup>d</sup> Dromgoole, Aaron Brown, Robert Watson & Herbert Hill  
 being sworn depose that they are well acquainted with the Hand Writing  
 of the said Testator and they verily believe the said Will & name thereof  
 Subscribed to be wholly written by the said testator and the Court being  
 thereof fully satisfied the same is ordered to be recorded. On the motion  
 of Hubbard Saunders one of the Executors therein named who made oath  
 thereto according to law & together with Aaron Brown, David Meredith  
 & Joseph Phoenix for securities entered into & acknowledged a bond  
 in the penalty of Fifteen thousand Dollars conditioned as the law  
 directs. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof  
 and from liberty being reserved the other Ede<sup>d</sup> therein named  
 to join in the said probate when he may think fit