

The Last Will & Testament
of
Isabella Benson

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In the Name of God Amen I Isabella Benson of the County of Kent &
State of Virginia being of sound Mind and Memory, and knowing the uncertainty of my Ex-
istence in this Life, do make constitute and assign this my Last Will & Testament in the
Manner and Form following to wit:

First - I will and bequeath to my Daughter Harriet Carpenter my Negro Man
James and his Sister Fanny and Fannys Increase if he should have any after my Death
during his natural Life and after his Death to his full age having first given her two
Negro Girls Mary and Emily. I also will and bequeath to my said Daughter Harriet the
Half of my Plots.

2^d I will and bequeath to my Son William J. Benson Negroes Teller Gabriel Rich-
mond and Negros Gil Pauline and the remaining Half of my Plots. Should my Son Willi-
am J. Benson die without having lawful Issue then and in that case Negros Gil Pauline
and her Inters Increase is to be equally divided between my Grandchildren Harriet Carpenter
Pauline and George Benson's Children with the Exception of my Grand Daughter Minerva
Norston who will not be included in said Distribution.

3^d I will bequeath to my Daughter Ann J. Benson Negro Woman Martha with her
Children Mary & Polly also a good Feather Bed & Bedstead and Furniture and a good pair of shoes.
Should the said Ann J. Benson die without having her natural Life and after her Death
I will and direct that it shall go to her full age if he should have any at her Death living.
But if the said Ann J. Benson should outlive her full age then and in that case she can
dispose of the Property here bequeathed as she may see cause. But if all of her full age should die
after her Decease before they arrive at the Age of Twenty One without leaving lawful Issue then
the said Property shall go to Harriet Carpenter's Children and be equally divided to each of them.

Iuliana Mary & Polly also a good Gentle B^e Reputation and a good Parish
 In the same & many Men want to have the same & I am not sure if I can
 will and direct that it should go to her children if she should have any at her Death living.
 But if she the same & many Men want to have the same, then upon that point she can
 dispose of the Property how she pleases as she may see cause. But if all of her children should die
 before her, I desire to give them all the sum of Twenty One, a without having lawful Issue then
 the Property shall go to nearest persons Children and be equally distributed except Moneys who
 will not be included in such Distribution.

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 If we shall ever be united to my Grand Daughter Minerva Rogers a Negro Girl named Ellen to
 her and her issue, if she should have any, Phil or Philena, and in case of her dying without
 a child then the said Girl and her future increase is to go to the two sisters in my Grandson's
 share.

I am I am bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sophia Carpenter a Negro Girl called Rachel to her and her Issue & she the said Sophia should have any and if she should die without issue then the said Girl Rachel is to go to her Brother Manville Carpenter.

And I give and bequeath to Milton Carpenter a Negro Boy call'd Fuelin I further will and
desire that my Son William J. Benson pay the Sum of Fifty Dollars towards the Education of my
two Grandsons Charles T. Benson and Newton T. Benson a twenty five towards the Education
of each. All the Name of my Deputy of any Description I will and bequeath to my Son
Wm. J. Benson with the Exception of a Negro Girl call'd Patience which I will and desire my
Daughter Ann to purchase to have my Son Wm. J. Benson to pay all my just Debts and I do hereby
appoint my Son William J. Benson my Executor to carry this my last Will and Testament into
Effect and request that they not suffer him to administer without holding him to Security.
Given under my Hand and Seal this 30th Day of November Eighteen Hundred and Forty two.

William
 George McKee
 & Charles Brown

H. Williams & Son

Codicil - I am hereby making this my last will and testament in full of my Right Title and Interest that I have or may in any manner have to my Right of Mar in the Milledale on the other side of the River joining the Farm now occupied by Joseph Stephens in any Mar Right I may or might have in Lower County to the said Farm on which said Joseph Stephens now resides the said Milledale the way of family and when my late Husband occupied it he was Peter and David. I leave off Joseph and Milledale to be taken. Witness my Hand and Seal.

Isabella C. Benson Esq

Witness
 George Offear
 William Brown

Proke County, N.C.

At a Court held for the County of Proke on Monday the 24th day of July 1843
 The Last Will and Testament of Isabella C. Benson Decd. was produced in Court and being proven by the Oaths of George Offear and William Brown the two subscribing Witnesses for the said Isabella C. Benson to be Read as follows

To

John Hey of the County of Proke

Last Will & Testament
 Margaret Tinsler
 Decd.

In the Name of God Amen, Margaret Tinsler of the County of Proke in the Commonwealth of Virginia being of sound Mind and of legal Age