

In the name of God Amen I Hezekiah Jordan of the County of Greenville and state
of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will
& Testament in manner and form following vizt I Give unto my beloved wife Mary
Jordan the following Negroes vizt. old Sam and his wife Janny, Isham, Chapp, Amy, Lucy,
Robert, Polite, Hender, & Turpance my black smiths tools, my mill, and all the Land
that I purchased of Isham Lundy, & Jose Jordan, also all my household & Kitchen furniture
& plantation utensils of what kind soever during her Life or Widowhood. But if my said
wife should prefer going to the State of Georgia, it is my will and desire that she take one third
of the Land that I have purchased in that state during her Life or widowhood & the same
I have lent her that I purchased of Isham Lundy & Jose Jordan & will be sold by my Executors
& the money arising from such sale disposed of in manner herein after directed. Then it is
my will and desire that my tract of Land in Georgia be equally divided between my two
Sons Benjⁿ Jordan & Abner Jordan, after my wife takes her third part of said Land & at
her death or marriage I wish the said third to be equally divided between them but in the
event my wife does not choose to go to Georgia & take her one third of said Land, but prefers
remaining here on the Lands above described that I have lent her I wish the whole tract in
Georgia immediately divided between my said two Sons Benjamin Jordan & Abner Jordan
Now I give unto my Son Benjamin S. Jordan one Negro boy named Willis & an old man
by the name of Dick to him & his heirs forever & I do hereby certify that

remaining here on the Lands above described that I have lent her I wish the whole tract of Georgia immediately divided between my said two Sons Benjamin & Jordan & Abner. I then I give unto my Son Benjamin S. Jordan one Negro boy named Willis Parson by the name of Dick to him his heirs and assigns forever provided he should arrive to the age of Eighteen years, at which time I wish him to take possession of said Negroes & Land as devised him. I then I give unto my Son Abner Jordan one Negro boy named Austin Parson a Negro man named George provided he arrives to the age of Eighteen years at which time I wish him to take possession of said Negroes & Land as devised him unincumbered & also the same with respect to my Son Benj. S. Jordan. — Item It is my will and desire that if my wife chooses to go to the State of Georgia that my Exors. hereinafter named dispose of all my Land in Greensville County Virginia & in Nottingham County N. Carolina & the money arising from such Sales to be disposed of as follows Vizt for the benefit of each of my daughters one thousand Dollars to be laid out in Land in the State of Georgia & the balance after my Daughters taking one thousand Dollars each to be laid out in Land as before stated I give to my two Sons Benj. S. & Abner Jordan — and it is also my will and desire that my Exors. have my Negroes removed to the State of Georgia, all except those lent my wife during her life or widowhood, if my said wife does not choose to go to Georgia, or let them remain in Nottingham or Greensville as they may deem best or proper. — Also it is my will & desire that if my

69/ Wife chooses to remain on the Land devised her during Life or widowhood that I purchased of
Isam Sandy and Jesse Jordan, that ^{Greensville County, Virginia Wills Book 2, 1806 to 1816} whenever either event shall happen (either her death or
marriage) that the said Land be sold by my Executors and that my Daughters have one thousand ^{dollars}
each out of the monies arising from such sale. The balance to be equally divided between my
two sons. Now I, J. S. Abner Jordan, in that my Daughters are under the age of eighteen I wish the
money laid out in Land for their benefit as before directed. Item it is my will and desire that my
Land in Georgia be paid for out of the monies now due me, Out of the monies arising from the sale
of my Lands in N. Hampton County N. Carolina, Greenville County Virginia & that all my just
debts be likewise paid in the same manner and out of the monies on hand. Item I give & bequeath
unto my Daughter Jane Smith Jordan one horse to the value of one hundred Dollars, & I lend her
during her natural Life three Negro Girls & their increase viz: Cherry, Patty and Miss. & should my
Daughter Jane S. Jordan die leaving lawful issue of her body in that case I give the said Negroes
Cherry, Patty & Miss & their increase to her said lawful issue, but should she die not leaving such
issue my will and desire is that the said Negroes & their increase be equally divided among all my
children that are alive. Item I give to my Daughter Mary Jordan one horse to the value of one
hundred Dollars, I also lend her during her natural Life three Negro Girls viz: Fanny, Charity
& Conny and their increase during her natural Life, and should my said Daughter Mary
Jordan die without leaving lawful issue of her body alive in that case my will and desire is
that the said Negroes and their increase be equally divided between all my children that are alive

Jordan die without leaving lawful issue of her body alive in that case my will and desire is
that the said Negroes and their increase be equally divided between all my children that survive
Then I give to my Daughter Hannah Dawson Jordan one horse of one hundred Dollars value. I also
lend her, during her natural life three Negro Gals Wife Susannah, Mung & Lisa & their increase and
should my said Daughter Hannah Dawson Jordan die without leaving lawful issue of her body
alive in that case my will and desire is that the said Negroes & their increase be equally divided
between all my children that are alive - Then my will and desire is that all my children divide
all the residue of my property not heretofore devised equally in manner following Viz. when my
son Ben J. Jordan arrives to the age of Eighteen years I wish a division to be made. I give him
an equal share of such property. The residue to be kept together untill my son Abner arrives to
the age of Eighteen at which time I give him an equal share of said property, the residue to be kept
together untill my Daughters shall respectively arrive to the age of Eighteen years or marries, at
which time I wish a equal division to be made and the residue kept together untill my Daugh-
ter Mary Jordan arrives to the age of Eighteen years or marries at which time I wish an equal
division of said property between her & my Daughter Hannah Dawson Jordan. Then it is my
will and desire that if either of my before mentioned children should die before they arrive to the
ages specified or marries that the surviving ones equally divide all the property of said decedent.
Then it is my will and desire that all my property be kept together (except a sufficiency to pay for
my land in Georgia & all my just debts) untill my son Benjamin S. Jordan arrives to the age of
Twenty one years & then I give & sell to him & his heirs & assigns & that the

should my said Daughter Hannah Dawson Jordan die without leaving issue
alive in that case my will and desire is that her Estate & her increase be equally divided
between all my Children that are alive - Now my will and desire is that all my Children and
all the residue of my property not heretofore devised equally in manner following VIZ when my
son Benj^d Jordan arrives to the age of Eighteen years I wish a division to be made & give him
an equal share of such property. the residue to be kept together untill my son comes to
the age of Eighteen at which time I give him an equal share of said property, the residue to be kept
together untill my Daughters shall respectively arrive to the age of Eighteen years or marries, at
which time I wish a equal division to be made and the residue kept together untill my Daugh-
ter Mary Jordan arrives to the age of Eighteen years or marries at which time I wish an equal
division of said property between her & my Daughter Hannah Dawson Jordan. Now it is my
will and desire that if either of my before mentioned Children should die before they arrive to the
ages specified or marries that the Surviving ones equally divide all the property of said deceased.
Now It is my will and desire that all my property be kept together (except a sufficiency to pay for
my Land in Georgia & all my just debts) untill my son Benjamin S. Jordan arrives to the age of
Eighteen years for the purpose of raising, clothing & schooling all my Children and that the
Negrais, Stock to be kept at work on the different places for that purpose or any part of my stock
may be sold by my Executors & Negrais hired out for the purposes aforesaid. And should my
son

370/ Benjamin Jordan die before he arrives to the age of Eighteen years it is my will and
desire that my property be kept together as before devised for the purposes mentioned un-
less one of my Children shall arrive to the age of Eighteen years or marries. Item at the death
of my wife Mary Jordan or marriage it is my will and desire that old Sam and his wife
& Joe and his black Smiths tools descend to my Son Benjamin J Jordan this be his and
assigns forever. Item at the death or marriage of my wife Mary Jordan I give unto my
Son Abner Jordan one Negro man Isham to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item at
the death of my wife Mary Jordan (or marriage) it is my will and desire that all the
property lent her not heretofore specially devised be equally divided among all my children.
Item it is my will and desire that if my Exors think that at any time any part of my clock
or a plantation utensils can be sold to the advantage of my children that they will do so
at private sale or otherwise as they may think best. Item it is my will and desire that there
be no appraisement of my Estate, only inventoried, and that my Executors may not be held to swearing
lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Jordan Executrix & Henry Smith jun
of Southampton County Virg & Henry Smith jun (son of Lawrence Smith) of N^o Ampton
County N^o Carolina & my Son Ben J Jordan (when he arrives to the age of Eighteen years) &
Agnes Mason of the County of Halifax State of N^o Carolina Executors of this my last will
& Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 2nd day of September Anno Dom one thousand eight hundred and

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Samuel Mason of the County of Halifax State of N^o Carolina Executors of this my last w^{ill}
& Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and Seal this 2nd day of September Anno Dom one thousand eight hundred and
eleven.

Ben J. Jordan Esq

Signed, Sealed & Acknowledged

In presence of

John Pritchard Samuel Johnson

Rich^d Crump William Finnie

Solomon Smith

At a Court held for Greenville County the 9 day of January 1815. This will was proved by the
Oaths of John Pritchard, and Richard Crump Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded
And on the motion of Benjamin Jordan one of the Exors therein named who made Oaths according
to Law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form. Bond & Security
not being required agreeable to the Will of the testator.

Teste Mason Clk.

I Thomas Branscomb of the County of Greenville being of sound mind & memory