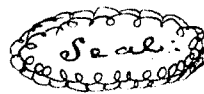


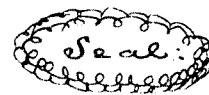
John C. Pruden's Will
In the name of God amen, I John C. Pruden of the County of Hansemond and
state of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind & memory and call-
ing to mind the uncertainty of human life, do make and appoint this to be
my last will and testament, in manner and form as follows, to wit:
Item the 1st. I give and bequeath unto my wife, Mary Ann, the following -
slaves, to wit: Barbary, Joanna, Tom, Neverson, and Peggy. Item the
2nd. I lend unto my wife Mary Ann, during her natural life, my plan-
tation and lands of every description and also slaves, viz. Jordan &
Georgianna, also I lend unto my wife Mary Ann, during her nat-
ural life, all my chattel estate, consisting of moneys, and bonds &
stock of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture and all & every species
of chattel property. Item the 3rd. all the balance of my property, together
with the two slaves, Jordan & Georgianna and chattel estate I have
loaned my wife Mary Ann I desire to be distributed as the law would
do it among the children that may be living at the time of my death
of my sisters Mary Jane & Sarah Ann and also my half sisters Sention
& Patsey. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Mary Ann, the
Executrix of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby
declare these presents to be and contain my last will and testa-
ment. In witness whereof I the said Testator have hereunto set
my hand and seal, this 15th day of April 1862.

signed, sealed and declared by the
Testator John C. Pruden, to be his
last will and testament in the



2nd: I lend unto my wife Mary Ann, during her natural life, my plantation and lands of every description and also slaves, viz. Jordan & Georgianna, also I lend unto my wife Mary Ann, during her natural life, all my chattel estate, consisting of moneys, and bonds to stock of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture and all & every species of chattel property. Item the 3rd: all the balance of my property, together with the two slaves, Jordan & Georgianna and chattel estate lands loaned my wife Mary Ann I desire to be distributed as the law would do it, among the children that may be living at the time of my death of my sisters Mary Jane & Sarah Ann and also my half sisters Sention & Patsey. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Mary Ann to be Executrix of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby declare these presents to be and contain my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said testator have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 15th day of April 1862.

John C. Prudden,



signed, sealed and declared by the
Testator John C. Prudden, to be his
last will and testament in the
presence of us, who, in his presence
at his request, in the presence of each
other have hereunto subscribed our names, as witnesses.

Peter B. Prentiss.

R. H. Riddick Jr.

Wm. J. Hobbs.

At a Quarterly Court held for Nansemond County the 14th day of November 1864.

This Last will and testament of John C. Pruden, late of this County deceased, was this day fully proved by the oath of Peter B. Prentiss and the solemn affirmation of Wm: D. Hollands, two of the subscribing witnesses hereto, and was thereupon ordered to be recorded.

Teste:

Peter B. Prentiss. Clerk.

A. Copy:

Teste:

In the Clerk's office of Nansemond County Court the 23rd day of July 1866

This duly authenticated copy of the Last will and testament, of John C. Pruden deceased, with the Certificate thereon, was produced by Mary Ann Pruden to the Clerk of said Court and on her application is recorded anew. The book, in which the same was originally recorded having been destroyed by the burning of the Clerk's office and records, on the 7th day of February 1866.

Teste:

Peter B. Prentiss. Clerk.

Exam'd

Jason Brinkley's Dr. The Estate of Jason Brinkley deceased = In account with Settlement. Miles Benton and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth