

In the name of God amen - I Thomas Benn of the County
of Hanover and State of Virginia, being of perfect mind
and sound memory, do make and ordain this my last
Will and Testament, in manner and form following to wit:
I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Benn one third of
the farm I now live upon; also one third of the Swamp
lands so called her life & the other two thirds I give to be
divided equally among my children. My farm situated on the
Western Branch called Barnes, I give unto my daughter
Eliza S. J. Hodges, and my son Thomas S. Benn them
and their heirs forever, another piece of land situated on
the Western Branch and Craney Creek called Hattens, I
give unto my two daughters Mary Hall Benn and Julia
Annatrad Benn, them and their heirs forever; another piece
of land, which formerly belonged to Colley's estate called
Lumber Land, I give my right and title in the same to
my two daughters, Mary Hall Benn, and Julia Annatrad
Benn, them and their heirs. Three Lots situated near
Fort Norfolk. I give unto my daughter Eliza S. J. Hodges
and my son Thomas S. Benn them and their heirs forever.
I give to my wife Nancy Benn in lieu of her dower
one third of all my Slaves during her life, and the
other two thirds to be equally divided among my children.
I also give my wife Nancy Benn, one third of all my
chattel estate.

and I hereby make and ordain this my last
will and testament, in manner and form following to wit:
I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Benn one third of
the farm I now live upon; also one third of the Swamp
lands so called her life & the other two thirds I give to be
divided equally among my children. My farm situated on the
Western Branch called Barnes, I give unto my daughter
Eliza S. J. Hodges, and my son Thomas S. Benn them
and their heirs forever, another piece of land situated on
the Western Branch and Craney Creek called Hattens, I
give unto my two daughters Mary Hall Benn and Julia
Armistead Benn, them and their heirs forever; another piece
of land, which formerly belonged to Colley's estate called
Lumber Land, I give my right and title in the same to
my two daughters, Mary Hall Benn, and Julia Armistead
Benn, them and their heirs. Three Lots situated near
Fort Norfolk. I give unto my daughter Eliza S. J. Hodges
and my son Thomas S. Benn them and their heirs forever
I give to my wife Nancy Benn in lieu of her dower
one third of all my slaves during her life, and the
other two thirds to be equally divided among my children
I also give my wife Nancy Benn, one third of all my
chattel Estate forever in place of her dower in the same
and the remainder to be divided equally among my children
And I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife and

the Esteemed Brother Thomas Satt, Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I Thomas Benn the testator, have set my hand and seal, to this my last will written on one sheet of paper, this seventeenth day of January A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty four Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us, who have Subscribed in of each other

L. A. Kingman
Jos. S. Arthur
Jos. Hollen

Th. Benn

At a Quarterly Court held for Hancock County, the 11th day of March 1844.

This last will and Testament of Thomas Benn deceased, was proved by the oaths of L. A. Kingman and James Hollen, two of the subscribing witnesses, and thereupon ordered to be recorded; and at Quarterly Court by adjournment for the said County on the 12th day of the month and Year aforesaid. This last will and Testament of Thomas Benn deceased, which was proved in this Court on yesterday and ordered to be recorded; and now on this day, in the motion of Thomas Satt, the Executor therein named, who made oath thereto, and together with William J. Wright, and Rice H. Carney, two Solicitors who justifies entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of Twelve thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs; Certificate is granted him to attorn in law for him

two deeds; certified is granted him for obtaining a probate
of the said will in due form - Liberty being reserved to
Staney Berr the Ex-ecutor named in the said will to join
in the probate who she shall think fit.

Teste

Joseph Perkins Clerk

A Copy

Teste

Abram S. M. Fleet D.C.

A Copy

Teste

J. P. Huges Clerk

In the Clerks office of Sanborn County Court Nov 23rd 1871
The foregoing copy of Thomas Berr's Will with Certificate thereon
was produced by John R. Kelly attorney for the Ex-ecutor to the
Clerk of the said Court, and on his application is
recorded among the Books in which the Original was
recorded having been destroyed by the burning of the
Clerks office and records on the 7th day of February 1866

Teste

Willis E. Bohoon Clerk