

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Layman  
of the County of Shamando being of sound mind and memory thanks be  
to Almighty God for the same but calling to mind the uncertainty of this  
Mortal life knowing it is once appointed for all men to die first I Recom-  
mend my soul to Almighty God hoping through the Merits of the Blessed  
Redeemer Jesus Christ to meet with Joyful Resurrection and my  
body to be decently buried at the direction of my Executors hereinafter  
named and as to what worldly goods it is pleased God to bless  
me with to give and bequeath in the following manner

Intendeth, It is my will and desire that all my Just Debts and General Expen-  
ces be first Paid

Item I Give unto my beloved wife Catherine Thirty five Acres of Land  
to be laid off above my old plantation including a small Spring  
adjoining the lands of Great Branch during her Natural life or  
Widowhood and in case she should die or marry to Retain to my  
Executors as hereafter is Directed

Item I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Elizabeth Newman  
one hundred and fifty Acres of Land it being the Shamatoe whereon

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to be laid off about my old plantation including a small Spring  
adjoining the lands of Jacob Parrott bearing her Natural life or  
widowhood and in case she should die or marry to return to my  
as hereafter is directed

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Elizabeth Newman  
one hundred and fifty acres of land it being the plantation whereon  
I now live including the thirty five acres of burnt land with my  
beloved wife which said thirty five acres may and Daughter Eliza-  
beth is not to have in her possession until the death of said wife  
Catherine or Marriage the said one hundred & fifty acres of land  
my said Daughter Elizabeth is to have at the Valuation of the sum  
of Two hundred & seventy five pounds to her & heirs forever but  
to be subject to the Payment of Two hundred & fifteen pounds eight  
Shillings Four pence as is hereafter directed

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Joseph Newman a tract  
of land containing thirty six acres adjoining the lands of  
Nicholas Swann of District No. 10 which said land may be

Joseph to have as the Valuation of one hundred & seventy pounds to him & his heirs forever but to be subject to the Payment of one hundred Ten Pounds eight shillings and four pence as is hereafter directed.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son John Sayman a tract of Land containing One hundred ten Acres it being the Land whereon he now lives situated in Land my said son John is to have at the Valuation of two hundred & seventy pounds to him and his heirs forever but to be subject to the Payment of two hundred and ten pounds eight shillings & four pence as is hereafter directed.

Item It is my will and desire that my Daughter Elizabeth Shireman and my son's Joseph & John Sayman pay to my beloved son Benjamin & my Daughters Mary Boughtman, Barbara Funtbouser, Catherine Wilkin, Ann Susannah, Christina, Roseannah and Sarah Fifty Nine pounds eleven shillings and eight pence each that is to say the said Elizabeth Shireman to pay the sum of Two hundred & fifteen pounds eight shillings & four pence my said son Joseph one hundred Ten pounds eight shillings & four pence and my said son John two hundred Ten pounds eight shillings & four pence so that all my above named children have equal Shares of my estate my said son Benjamin and my Daughters Mary Boughtman, Barbara

so that all my above named Executors have equal shares of my share my  
said Son Benjamin and my Daughters Mary Boughtman, Barbara  
Funtkouse, and Catherine Wilkin to receive their respective parts in  
six months after my Decease, and Ann Susannah, Christina Puscant  
& Sarah to receive their respective shares as above mentioned as they come  
of Age or Marry which I give to them and their heirs forever.

Note. It is my will and Desire that all my Estate of what kind soever not  
already mentioned be Equally divided between my beloved Children John  
Sayman Benjamin Sayman, Joseph Sayman, Mary Boughtman  
Barbara Funtkouse Elizabeth Swanson Catherine Wilkin, Ann  
Susannah Christina Puscant and Sarah as above mentioned.

Note. I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac Sayman one Shilling to him  
and his heirs forever.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint Gadfrey Wilkin Frederick Woodford my  
Executors of this my last will & Testament hereby Resolving all  
other Wills heretofore made by me. In Testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and Seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year  
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred Eighty seven.

to Sarah to receive their respective shares as above mentioned as they come

of Age or Marry which I give to them and their heirs forever

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Already mentioned be Equally divided between my beloved Children John  
Benjamin Benjamin Sayman, Joseph Sayman Mary Pughman  
~~Elizabeth Swann~~ Elizabeth Swann  
~~William Pughman~~ William Pughman and Sarah Swann their heirs forever

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Signed sealed Published and Dated

by Benjamin Sayman his last will  
Benjamin Sayman  
his  
mark

George Hodge  
Henry Daring  
Frederick Woolford  
John Williams

~~At a Court held for the County of Surry on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day  
of February 1788~~

The last will and Testament of Benjamin Layman dec. was exhib-  
ited to the Court by Frederick Woolford & Godfrey Wilkin Executors named  
in & was proved by the oaths of Henry Daring & George Hodge Witnesses  
thereto and ordered to be Recorded, on the motion of the said Godfrey Wilkin  
a Probate thereof is granted here he having sworn <sup>to</sup> the same and  
Given Bond & Security according to Law — Frederick Woolford  
Refused to take the Burthen of the Execution, Test

John Williams Esq.

It now all matters by these presents that we Godfrey Wilkins &  
Henry Havel & John Havel are held and bound unto their  
said Executors with a Booth & John Underhill Gentlemen Justices of the