

143 In the name of God I Abner Bennett being  
doubtless long dead & often mentioned, now calling to mind  
the contents of my will, now knowing that it is a specimen  
and not the main & sole, so much more do I say, let my last will  
and testament, now just I give and bequeath my soul to  
God who gave it, and my body to the dust to be buried at  
the discretion of my friends, also as to such earthly substance  
whereat it did please God to bless me I say post of it so  
shortly, just to say I leave wife Nancy Daniel  
Irene and bequeath the following part of land inclu-  
sing the dwelling house beginning on the old boundary  
line of former property and running with the same  
on the line leading to Hoppe's Mill until the fence  
between the banks thereof with the road to Lamb's  
old house with said line to Pepp's lawn thereon west  
said line to Pepp's line thereon with Nelson's line to  
the opposite old boundary line, thence with said line to  
the beginning containing one hundred and twenty five  
acres more or less to have and to hold the said property re-  
maining his life, and at his death to be equally divided among  
all my children, I also give my wife wife her negro boy

George and Lucy, a black man, two cows and calves, a  
cow, a bull, a sow and eight pigs, five sheats, and his bedding  
also his choice out of the widow's lot, five sheep, all my  
rest of very thing made on the plantation the present  
year, all my household and kitchen furniture, syphons &  
candle & the rest of my old property resto, to hold till death  
then to be divided as the land.

Second, To my beloved daughter Elizabeth I give and  
bequeath a negro girl named Caroline a slave to the young ones,  
one hundred dollars, a cow and a calf, a bed and furniture  
and common tools.

Third, To my dear children, Mary, Lydia, Francis  
Nell, Sarah, Lizzie, Anna, Hagar, Amaria, Harriet,  
Annie, Gibson & William T. Bennett. I give and bequeath  
the ten following negroes viz Cain, Green, Judah &

144 Tom his children, Abner & Jerry, Lester, Amaria, Jeff, Randolph  
Austin, to be equally divided between the same children aforesaid,  
in any way they may agree upon. The balance of land, stock,  
house and plantation tools, and every thing else not hereby descripted,  
of, after the payment of my debts, to be equally divided among  
my eight children those I have above.

To my dear Daughter Amelia Harriet I give ten acres to  
be taken out of the the property of the land, stock &c before  
the division. I nominate and appoint William Gibson &  
William Bennett my executors of this my last Will and  
Testament, and now dividing all former debts by me at any  
time herebefore made, I declare this to be my last Will and  
Testament, as witness my hand and seal this twentieth day  
September 1845

Abner T. Bennett  
President of us  
John P. Jackson  
Thomas J. Carter  
Joseph Perry

A. Bennett Test.

Georgia. I distinctly came into open庭 with John T.  
Newton Gruber & Jackson Thomas J. Carter & Joseph Perry  
who being duly sworn deposed & said that  
they saw Abner Bennett sign and publish to declare  
the foregoing instrument to be and certain his last will  
testament & that in view of his widow dying mind & memory  
lost & the time of signing the same that he intended the  
same freely without compulsion so far as we know & that  
we sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator & each other  
Joseph Perry  
I swear to subscribe my name to this instrument John T. Jackson  
the 2<sup>d</sup> day of December 1845 Thomas J. Carter  
Augustus N. Evans 1845

Recd Decr 15<sup>th</sup> 1845

W. G. Lincoln Attest