

Last Will of William Bennett

State of Georgia } In the name of
Appling County } God Amen I
William Bennett of

of said State and County being
of advanced age but of sound
and disposing mind and memory
knowing that I must shortly depart
this life deem it right and proper
both as respects my family and
my self that I should make a
disposition of the property with which
A. kind providence has blessed me
I do therefore make this my last
Will and Testament hereby revoking
and annulling all others by me here-
before made

First I desire and direct that body
be buried in a decent and christian
like manner suitable to my circum-
stances and condition in life my soul
I trust shall return to rest with
God who gave it as I hope for
salvation through the merits and
attonement of the blood of our
Savior Jesus Christ

Secondly I desire and direct that all
my just debts be paid without delay by
my Executor herein after named and
appointed

Thirdly if I do not give to my son
A. Bennett a horse during my
natural life and should depart life
my beloved wife Ann M. Bennett
shall have the same horse my

Annihilated during her natural life and my

Son H. A. Bennett is to have the next ...
choist- animal and my Blacksmith tools
and fire arms immediately after my death
and if I should not leave more than one
horse nor give my son H. A. Bennett a horse
during my life in that case he is to have a better
horse and the lot or saving of land that I am
or may be living on at my death also the tools
and fire arms is to be free from any
charge or consideration in final settlement or
distribution of my estate and my son H. A.
Bennett through my land is to remain in
the possession of my beloved wife during her
life for her use and benefit then to belong
to my son H. A. Bennett at his death as I
will hereafter provide in another clause of this
my will

Fourthly I distinctly wish it understood that my
Beloved wife is to remain in possession of
Whatever land and all other property or
Effects that I may leave except the horses
tools and fire arms as before given to
H. A. Bennett during her natural life
her bodily support and maintenance then
not to sell anything for the purpose of
living to any one else and if her
needs require any thing of my estate
to be sold for her personal benefit
Executor hereafter is to effect and
do her personal needs is with
Fifthly after the death of my beloved
if she should be the longest time
with all of my estate and
Executor hereafter is to effect and

Property as heretofore given to my
son H. A. Bennett in another
Second of this will it be Equally
divided one half to my son Henry
A. Bennett or in case of his death then
to his child or children and the other
half to the two children of my son
John M. Bennett to wit - Mary Anne
and Isabella M. Bennett and should
either of the aforesaid children of
John M. Bennett depart life leaving
no child or children and the other
should be living or have children
living or child or its child or children is
to have whatever of my estate the said
child of John M. Bennett may have and
should have of said children the
John M. Bennett should depart life
and have no child or children
then in that case their share of my
estate go to my son Henry A. Bennett
or in case of his death to his child or
children

Fourth I hereby appoint my son
Henry A. Bennett Trustee over
what ever property may be going to
aforesaid children of John M.
Bennett deceased from my estate for
the purpose of procuring and protecting
the same for the said children and beneficiaries
until they become
of age or marry

Fifth I hereby constitute and appoint
my son Henry A. Bennett Executor
of my last will and Testament

~~Signed sealed declared and Published by~~
William Bennett as his last will and
Testament in the presence of us the undersigned
who subscribed our names hereto in the
presence of said testator at his special
instance and request and in the presence
of each other this 6 day of August 1866

A. P. Surrency
W. H. Overstreet
B. A. Williams
Benj. Militin

George
Appling County } I Benjamin Militin do hereby
testify that I as well as A. P. Surrency
William H. Overstreet and
B. A. Williams saw the within named
William Bennett sign and publish
the within paper as his last will and
Testament - that I subscribed the same
as a witness thereto at the special
instance and request of the said
William Bennett so and in his presence
as did A. P. Surrency William H.
Overstreet and B. A. Williams and
said William Bennett so signed the
same freely and voluntarily and was of sound
mind and disposing mind and memory
at the time of such signing of said
will and disposing mind and memory
that since A. P. Surrency and William
Overstreet departed this life by
the making of this affidavit
I have been and am now the only
surviving witness to the making of said will

Oath of Henry A. Bennett Executor

Georgia Appling County

Henry A. Bennett

do solemnly swear that this writing
contains the true last will of the
Within named William Bennett
deceased so far as I know or believe
and that I will well and truly execute
the same in accordance with the
Laws of this State so help me God
sworn to and subscribed to before
me this 1st day of February 1892
Jas S. Patterson
Ordinary &c. H. A. Bennett

Georgia Appling County

Henry A. Bennett

Accepting the will of William Bennett
Late of said County deceased
Having been duly proved and
admitted to record in my office in
which you are the person named
to carry out its provisions and you
said Henry A. Bennett having
taken and subscribed the Oath
required by law as the Executor
of said will are therefore to
authorize you and you are hereby
authorized and required to do and
perform all the duties imposed
upon you by said will and the
Laws of this State given under
my hand and seal of office
Jas S. Patterson