

Georgia } In the name of God Amen —
 Brooks County } I Benjamin Bentley of said State and County
 being of advanced age deem it right and proper to make
 disposing of the property which a kind Providence has
 blessed, do therefore make this my last will and testament
 hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me —

Item 1st

I desire and direct my body to be buried in a decent
 christian like manner, suitable to my circumstances
 of life. I trusting my soul shall return to rest with
 God who gave it —

Item 2nd

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my
 Executor and that ~~the~~ ^{he} hereinafter appointed as soon as
 possible after my death without detriment to my estate

Item 3rd

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha J. Ben-
 tley Two Thousand and five hundred dollars in money
 and bed and furniture with bedstead and also my negro
 woman Morniah for her own proper use and benefit forever
 to be freed by her free from the debts, contracts, or control of
 any future husband, and with full power in her to dispose
 of the same, or any part thereof at any time previous to, or
 by will or deed at her death as she may think proper —

Item 4

I have heretofore given to my son W^m G. Bentley a negro
 boy named Tom, valued at the time at seven hundred dollars
 and also a bed and furniture. I confirm that gift for
 ever.

Item 5

I have heretofore given to my son James A. Bentley a negro
 boy named Chandler valued at the time at seven hundred
 dollars, and also a bed and furniture I confirm the
 gift to him and his heirs forever —

Item 6

To my daughter Nancy Jane Harnesberger, wife of John J.
 Harnesberger I have heretofore given a negro girl named
 Margaret valued at six hundred dollars and also a bed
 and furniture I confirm that gift and now also I give
 to my said daughter Nancy Jane Harnesberger and to her
 heirs one thousand in money to make her equal with my
 sons W^m G. and James A. Bentley

Item 7

I give to my daughter Mary E. Bentley one bed and furniture
 and also seven hundred dollars in money or property to make
 her equal with my other children, and I also further desire
 and direct that should I die before my said daughter Mary
 E. Bentley completes her education, that the expense of her
 schooling shall be paid by my Executor and Executrix out
 of my estate without charge upon her distributive share

Item 8

The residue of my estate of property both real and
 personal whosoever may be. I give
 bequeath and

Item 9

Shard aliffs between my wife Martha J. Bentley
my son Wm L. Bentley and James H. Bentley and my
daughters Nancy Jane Hamberger and Mary C. Bentley
As my executor and executrix may not be able to
collect money very early in consequence of notes paya-
ble to me, not being due and also in consequence of
the stay law - I desire and direct they shall be required
to pay money legacies herein given only, as they may
be enabled to collect debts due with reasonable diligence
and then to pay each distributee pro rata -

Item 10th

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife
Martha Jane Bentley executrix and my son Wm L.
Bentley executor to this my last will and testament
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand, this 15th day of July 1862.

Signed, sealed, declared and published by Benjamin
Bentley as his last will and testament in the presence
of us, the subscribers, who subscribers our names
here to in the presence of said Testator at his
special instance and request, and in the presence
of each other, This the 15th day of July 1862.

Benjamin
P. B. Woods
Benjamin Woods