

State of Georgia
Burke County

In the name of God Amen: I William Saxon of the County
of Burke and State of Georgia being of sound mind though weak and
infirm in body recollecting all former wills do make and ordain this to be my last
will and Testament.

After paying all of my just debts I do will unto my beloved wife Celia Saxon
for her support, and all the rest of my family while they remain with her dur-
ing of her natural life, all of my estate both real and personal for their support
and if any of them leaves the family by marriage, or otherwise, then to enjoy the
benefit from said estate during of my wife Celia's lifetime. And if my wife Celia
should marry, or any of my children then they are considered no part of the family
and shall not have any contrall over my estate during my wife's lifetime or her
descendants. Martha Cox and her children shall be supported off of said estate
so long as my wife may live, if so be they remain with the rest of the family
and the property to remain together for the benefit and support of the rest
of the family.

I do hereby make ordain constitute and appoint my brother John Saxon
Executor and Trustee to take my last will and Testament to take into his
hands the whole of my ^{Burke Co, GA Wills 1855-1858} ^{www.georgiawills.com} real and personal which now is, or hereaf-
ter may come into his hands from any source whatever for to manage and
contrall as he may think proper for the benefit and support of my family
subject to his contrall to manage according to his best judgement, to sell, convey
lease or buy for said estate, with all the authority that I myself could do if
I was in life. And if my wife should marry then for my Executor and Trustee
to act and do as he may think best to distribute the above estate as equal as
possible among my heirs without having any thing to do with the County
respecting said estate whenever the youngest child may come of age or at
any time previous that he may think necessary.

I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
Seal this 24th June 1858.

Signed and Sealed in presence

Reuben Chance
Simon Thompson
James Chance
Charles Scott

Wm Saxon

State of Georgia. In person appeared before me ~~John~~ ^{John} ~~Saxon~~ ^{Saxon} who
resides in ~~South~~ ^{South} ~~County~~ ^{County} & being ~~sworn~~ ^{sworn} deposed and said that the above and
 foregoing is a true and correct copy of the last will & testament of the
 late William Saxon that was probated & duly recorded in the office of the
 Ordinary of South County to the best of his recollection, and that it was
 destroyed on the night of the 24th of January last by the burning of
 the Court House as he verily believes.

Sworn to & subscribed
before me this 24th of Jan 1856

W. P. Jones A. P. 18. C.

W. P. Jones

Celia ^W Saxon
mark

South County. I Edward Larkin, Ordinary for said County do certify
that the last will & testament of William Saxon, late of said County
deceased, together with record thereof, were destroyed, in the burning
of the Court House, of said County, on the night of the 24th of January
1856.

Given under my hand & Official Signature 26th January 1857.
Edward Larkin O.R.C.

In the matter of the last will of William Saxon. It appearing to the
Court, that the last will & testament of William Saxon late of
South County deceased, together with the record thereof, were destroyed by
fire in the burning of the Court House in this County on the night of
the 24th of January 1856 & it further appearing that "It" annexed p. 1
whereof, is substantially a true copy of said will. It is an motion
ordered, that the copy will hereto annexed, be established, in the lieu
thereof, and placed of said lost or destroyed original will, & that the same
be recorded in the ordinary office of this Court, and that the petition
established, will & the other papers pertaining to this affair be
placed of file in said office.

Recorded 25th June 1857.