

Georgia In the name of God Amen;
L. Sarah Pitts of the County & State
aforesaid, being weak in body,
but of sound mind disposing mind & memory
do make and publish the following as my last
Will & Testament, to wit, -

Item 1st - I give, bequeath & devise unto my children
namely, William W. Joseph C. Eli, & John W. Benson
& Margaret T. now the wife of Shadr. J. Baggett
all of my negro property, to wit, Abby a woman
about fifty years old - Betsy a negro woman
about thirty years old - Peter a negro man
about twenty three years old - Amanda a
negro girl about sixteen years old, George
a negro boy about thirteen years old, Henry
a negro boy about nine years old - Andy a
boy about five years old - Which negroes they
are to take possession of after my death, and
divide them equally according to their
value, among themselves, as they may
think proper & best - The above named
interest that is given to Margaret T. I desire
to go to her during her natural life & then
to her children free from all liabilities, on
account of her husband's debts or contracts
now or hereafter but the use & control for
her and her children's benefit to ever have
as trustee for them -

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my
daughter Margaret & the said wife of
Shadr. J. Baggett the following other property
to wit, all my house hold & kitchen furniture
Beds & bedding of every description, with the ex-
ception of one bed & bedding to go with it, which
I leave to my husband Laborn Pitts.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my husband
Laborn Pitts all of my stock of cattle, hogs & horses
of every description

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my aforesaid
children all the property that may be coming
to me if I should be successful in a law suit
between myself & Thomas Throner, now pending
in Spaulding Superior Court from said suit.
to be equally divided between them in the same
manner as the property given in the first item
of this will & the part going to my daughter
Margaret to be limited in the same manner
as that in the 1st. Item -

Shewly appoint my son Joseph C. Benson my
Executor to this Will to distribute the sum by
dividing it into the three parts named
retained expense or better Testamentary

The foregoing was declared & published to us as the
last Will & Testament of Sarah Pitts, which she signed
Sealed as such in our presence, & which each one of
us here sign, at her request in her presence & the
presence of each others. Sept. 15th 1854

John Boggs
John W. Wood
G. J. Wright.

I do solemnly swear that the writing contains the true
last Will and Testament of the within named Sarah
Pitts deceased so far as known or believed - And that
I will well and truly execute the same by paying
first the debts and then the legacies contained
in said Will as far as her goods & chattels will
thereunto extend and the law charge me
And I will make a true & perfect inventory of
all such goods & chattels so help me God.
Sworn to & subscribed March 27th 1862

James M. Blalock, O. C. C. J. C. Benson

Georgia Before me came on the 27th day of March
Carroll County 1862 - at chambers - for the purpose of
proving the last Will & Testament of
Sarah Pitts, one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will
to wit, John W. Wood - & the will being brought before
me for probate, by the Executor Joseph C. Benson
of the same - the said witness deposes of the same
that he saw the said Sarah Pitts sign & publish
the same as her last Will & Testament on the day
before then stated as executed by her - that he
witnessed the same, at her request in her presence
& in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses
to the same in the presence of each other. That
the same was voluntarily executed by her while
she was of sound & disposing mind & memory

Sworn to & subscribed
before me this 27th day of
March 1862
J. M. Blalock
O. C. C. John W. Wood