

the said William W. Johnston and at his request signed their names as witnesses
to the due execution of the same,
Sworn to before me this
twenty-fifth day of June 1858
John Bilbo. O. C. C.

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I William Lake do solemnly swear, ^{that} this writing contains the true last
Will of the within named William W. Johnston deceased, so far as I know
or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same, by paying first
the debts and then the legacies contained in the said Will, as far as his
goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me; and that
I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels -
So Help me God.

Sworn to before me this
13th. day of July A. D. 1858
John Bilbo. O. C. C.

Wm Lake

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen,
City of Savannah } I Ann L. Norton Widow of the City of Savannah
in the County of Chatham and State of Georgia aforesaid, to make
and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner
and form following hereby revoking all former wills by me at any
time heretofore made. Item first. As soon after my decease
and decent Christian burial, as may be done conveniently I direct all
my just debts to be paid. Item second. To my son in law
Benjamin L. Cole, I promise give devise and bequeath the following
named negroes slaves, to wit: Cornelia and her six children, Leabon
Richard, Mary Ann, Lewis Present and Daniel, and the future issue
and increase of the females; in trust, nevertheless, to and for the
sole and separate use benefit and behoof of Ann Cecelia Jones, dur-
ing her natural life; and from and immediately after her decease,
then in further trust, for the use and benefit of my three grandchildren
Benjamin J. Cole, Robert H. Cole, and William H. Cole equally to be
divided between them in fee simple, share and share alike, as tenants
in common; but no share to be delivered to any one of said grandchildren,
until his arrival at the age of twenty one years; and, in case of the death
of any one of such my grand-children before arriving at the age of twenty
one years, then the share of such grandchild so dying under twenty one years
is to go to and vest in the survivors equally, and be delivered to such
survivors, on their arrival, respectively, at the age of twenty one years; and
if but one of said grand-children shall arrive at the age of twenty one
years, then all said property is to be delivered to and vest absolutely in
such surviving grand-child: and provides further, that none of said
property is to be delivered to any of said grandchildren until the death
of said Ann Cecelia Jones.
Item 3rd. To my said son-in-law Benjamin L. Cole I give
devise and bequeath my lot of land with the buildings and improve-

ments therein, situate on West Broad street in said City of Savannah; in trust nevertheless, for the joint use, benefit and behoof of the said Ann Cecelia Jones, the said Benjamin L. Cole and my said three grand-children Benjamin J. Cole, Robert H. Cole and William A. Cole during the natural life of the said Ann Cecelia Jones; and from and immediately after the decease of the said Ann Cecelia Jones then in further trust for the use and benefit of my said three grand-children, equally to be divided between them in fee simple, share and share alike, as tenants in common, with the same provisions, and on the same conditions as to the division of said real estate, and the delivery of the shares thereof to said grand-children (after the death of said Ann Cecelia Jones) and the death of one or more of said grand-children under twenty one years of age, and division amongst the survivors, as are contained, mentioned and embraced in the second item of this my last Will and Testament in regard to the said negro slaves and their increase therein bequeathed - and with this further provision, that in case the said Ann Cecelia Jones and Benjamin L. Cole shall deem proper and agree to sell the said lot of land, buildings and improvements, then the said Ann Cecelia Jones is to invest one half of the proceeds of such sale in other property, for her own use and benefit during her natural life; and from and immediately after her death the said substituted property is to vest in and be held by the said Benjamin L. Cole, as trustee for my said grand-children, and to, for and upon the same trusts, uses, limitations, restrictions, provisions and conditions as are herein before in this and the said second item provided in regard to said three grand-children and the distribution or division amongst them; and the other half of the proceeds of such sales shall immediately after such sale, if the said shall occur, be held by the said Benjamin L. Cole, as trustee for my said three grand-children, and to, for and upon the same trusts, uses, limitations, restrictions provisions and conditions as are hereinbefore in this and the said second item provided in regard to my said three grand-children and the distribution and a division amongst them, but without being subject to any life estate or interest in the said Ann Cecelia Jones, or said Benjamin L. Cole.

Item 4th. To the said Ann Cecelia Jones I give, devise and bequeath the one half of all my household and kitchen furniture, bedsteads, bedding and bed-clothing - she to have her choice of the same; and the other half of all such furniture, bedsteads, bedding and bed-clothing, I give, devise and bequeath to the said Benjamin L. Cole, in trust for the use and benefit of my said three grand-children Benjamin J. Cole, Robert H. Cole and William A. Cole, as tenants in common.

Item 5th. To my said son-in-law, Benjamin L. Cole, I give, devise and bequeath the following named negro Slaves, to wit: Biddy, John, Betty, Robert, Lydia, Caroline, Alfred, Ned, Susan, Tommy, and Harry, and the future issue and increase of the females; in trust, nevertheless, for the use and benefit of my said three grand-children Benjamin J. Cole, Robert H. Cole and William A. Cole, equally to be divided between them in fee simple as tenants in

Common But no share to be delivered to any of said grandchildren before arriving at the age of twenty one years, and in case of the death of any one of my said grandchildren before arriving at the age of twenty one years, then the share of such grand child so dying under the age of twenty one years, is to go and vest in the survivors equally, and be delivered to such survivors on their arrival, respectively, at the age of twenty one years; and if but one of said grandchildren shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, then all said property is to be delivered to and vest, absolutely in such surviving grandchild.

Item sixth. All the rest and residue of my estate and property real, personal and mixed, credits and effects, of whatsoever nature or kind, I give, devise and bequeath unto my said son in law, Benjamin L. Cole, in trust for the sole and separate use of my said three grandchildren Benjamin J. Cole, Robert H. Cole and William A. Cole, as tenants in common, their and every of their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for ever.

Item 7th. And, lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said son in law, Benjamin L. Cole, trustee of my said three ^{grand} children, and also the sole executor of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Savannah aforesaid, this first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Ann S. Norton *E. S.*

Signed sealed, published and declared by the said Ann S. Norton, as and for her last will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at her request, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto, the said first day of March A. D 1856

James J. Buckner }
Benjamin Franklin } witnesses
J. R. Swat }

State of Georgia, }
Chatham County }

Probate of will,

Court of Ordinary

Present— John Bilbo, Esq, Ordinary for the County of Chatham.

Personally appeared, James J. Buckner

A Subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Ann S. Norton late of Chatham County deceased who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Ann S. Norton, and deponent further saith that the said Ann S. Norton at the time of executing the said instrument of writing, was, to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he James J. Buckner (the deponent) and Benjamin Franklin and J. R. Swat in the presence of each other, and of the said Ann S. Norton and at her request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same,

Sworn to before me
this twenty fifth day
of November A.D. 1858
John Bilbo
O. C. C.

James J. Buckner

I Benjamin L. Cole do solemnly swear That This writing contains the true last will of the within named Ann S. Norton deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said Will, as far as her goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me; and That I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels - So Help me God.

Sworn to before me
this seventh day of
December A.D. 1858
John Bilbo
O. C. C.

Benjamin L. Cole

Georgia
City of Savannah

In the name of god. Amen, I Michael Pendergast of the City of Savannah County of Chatham and State of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make publish and declare This instrument of writing to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me.

First. I decree that all my just debts be paid.

Second

I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary Ann Pendergast my House & Lot situate in the City of Savannah County of Chatham and State aforesaid, and known in the plan of said City as Lot number one (1) Anson Ward, bounded on the North by Broughton Street on the South by the Lane = on the East by Aberdeen Street = and on the West by Lot number two (2) Anson Ward = To Have and To Hold The same to her, her heirs Executors and Administrators and assigns forever in Fee Simple.

Third =

I give, devise, and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property Real, Personal, and mixed, and where-ever the same may be situate, unto my Wife Mary Ann Pendergast, and my Daughter Julia Pendergast. To Have and To Hold the same unto them their heirs assigns, and successors in the Trust forever = Upon Trust nevertheless = to and for the sole and exclusive use, benefit and behoof of my said Wife Mary Ann Pendergast, for and during the term of her natural life, and from and after her death then, to and for the use benefit and behoof of my children including my said daughter Julia Pendergast = share and share alike as Tenants in common, and not as Joint = Tenants = (Grand-children to represent their parents and Take per Stirpes and not per Capita = To Have and To Hold the same to them, their heirs, Executors and assigns forever =