

State of Georgia
Chatham County

I Benjamin Snider of the City of Savannah in the County and State aforesaid being weak in health but of sound and disposing mind and memory but being mindful of the uncertainty of human life I do make public and declare this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other and former wills made by me

First.
Secondly.

First. I direct that all my just debts be paid.
Secondly. I direct that my Executors set apart from out of my estate a fund of Twenty thousand dollars the amount of which or as much thereof as may be necessary shall be applied by them to the education and support of my minor children

Thirdly.

Thirdly. I request that my wife and minor children shall live together in one family as it will conduce to their mutual comfort: and I direct that my wife and unmarried children shall receive a support for one year after my death and until the interest of the fund set apart as a capital to educate them can be realized, I also direct that my minor children be educated out of my general estate for not exceeding a year after my death.

Fourthly.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath unto my dear wife all the furniture bedding plate &c in either my residence in Savannah or in Marietta as she may choose and which may be in such residence at the time of my death: to her the Executors administrators and assigns forever, I also give to my said wife the right to occupy either of my said residences (but she must designate which) during her natural life and I direct that my said wife shall have the use of four of my servants to be chosen by her during her life

Fifthly.

Fifthly. After my wife has made her choice between the said residences or dwellings and furniture I direct that the furniture not chosen by her, shall be sold by my Executors in such manner as they may deem most advantageous: and I also empower and authorize my said Executors (or the qualified one if all do not qualify) to sell and dispose of in such manner as they may deem most advantageous the dwelling house (and lots upon which the same is situated) which has not been chosen by my said wife having it optional with my Executors to sell or not as they may deem best

Sixthly.

Sixthly. I desire that the business of the firm of Snider Sathup & Smith, so far as my interest is concerned therein be ended wound up and disposed of on the first day of June or the first day of January next after my death unless my said copartners should deem it to best wound up sooner I further direct that the proceeds derived from the sale or disposal of my interest in said firm or the proceeds

received by my said Executors in any way from my said
interests be applied by my Executors (unless the same or some
part thereof shall be wanted to create the education & support
fund for my minor children as aforesaid) in erecting buildings
on my vacant lots in the City of Savannah: the description of
buildings and the lots on which my said Executors shall
commence to build I leave to their discretion to be governed
by circumstances or if they deem it most advantageous to
the interests of my estate and children my said Executors
may invest the same and any other moneys that may
come into their hands in the purchase of Bank or Rail
or Government Stock.

Seventhly. I give and devise and bequeath all my property
real personal and mixed (except such as thus herein
before been given to my wife, and except also, the said
sum or fund of twenty thousand dollars reserved for
education and support of my minor children) to my
dear wife and children (including any child that may
hereafter be born to me) share and share alike, the shares
of my wife and sons to be held by them, respectively, then
for and the shares of my daughters to be held by them
hereafter to be distributed. I direct that the shares
of my wife and children that shall be of age at the
time of my death, shall be allotted to them in a year
after my death; and that each minor child, shall as
soon as he or she attain the age of twenty-one years,
also receive his or her respective share: I direct that my estate
(except as above excepted) shall be so divided between my
said wife and children, in one year after my death, by
three disinterested freeholders of the County of Chatham; but
the shares allotted to my minor children shall be reserved
by my Executors until said children shall respectively
become of age and the shares of my daughters respectively
shall be held or settled by my Executors as trustees
for each of my said daughters in trust for the sole
separate and exclusive use of my said daughter,
for her respective share as aforesaid, during the term of
natural life and not subject to the debts engagements
or control of any husband: and from and after the death
of my said daughter to her child or children (or legal
representatives of children if any child of my said daughter
shall die before my said daughter leaving lawful living
representatives) living at the time of the death of my said
daughter forever: But if any of my said daughters shall die
without leaving children or legal representatives of children
(which latter shall take in place of their immediate
ancestry for purposes) living at the time of her death, then
I give power to each of my said daughters as dying without
issue at the time of her death to dispose of her share

shall descend from my estate, or any part thereof as she may direct by her last will and testament or instrument in the nature thereof; and in default of such appointment then I direct that the share of my said daughter so dying without issue at the time of her death shall revert to and become a part of my estate and be distributed between my wife (if then living) and my surviving children at that time to be held by them respectively as hereinbefore directed.

Eighty.

Eighty. I direct that the twenty thousands dollars or fund set apart as before directed for the education and support of my children and any surplus or accumulation of interest upon it which may remain after the necessary disbursement thereof for the purposes aforesaid, be divided equally between (my wife if then living) & children (or legal representatives of children who shall represent their immediate ancestor per stirpes) when my youngest child becomes of age to be held as prescribed in the seventh item of my will.

Ninety.

Ninety. - I expressly direct that the property above given to my wife shall be in lieu of dower or any other claim whatsoever against my estate. Upon the death of my wife the property which has been given to her for life shall be divided between my children (or legal representatives of children per stirpes) then living to be held as prescribed in the seventh item of my will.

Lastly.

Lastly. I nominate and appoint Seaborn Goodale and Robert M. Charlton Esqrs of the City of Savannah the Executors of this my last will and testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Savannah this Sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Benjamin Bridges (S)

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the above testator on the day and year above mentioned as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands as witnesses at his request

John W Owens

Thos E Lloyd

C. A. C. Byrne

State of Georgia
Chatham County

Court of Ordinary, in Chambers April 2nd 1852

Present John M. Nelson Esq. Ordinary L.C.

Presumably appeared Thos E Lloyd

subscribing witness to the original instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Benjamin Smith deceased of Chatham County deceased who being duly sworn deponeeth and saith that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Benjamin Smith deponent further saith that the said Benjamin 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 Thomas E Lloyd (the deponent) and John W Lewis and J A C Ryne in the presence of each other and of the said Benjamin and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same

Sworn to before me in Chambers
this first day of April 1852
John M Miller
C. C. C.

Thos E Lloyd -

I Seaborn Goodale do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Benjamin Smith deceased as far as I know or believe and that I will well & truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will as far as his goods & chattels will therunto extend and the law charge me; and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels. So helps me God.

Sworn to before me this 5th
day of April 1852
John M Miller
C. C. C.

Seaborn Goodale

State of Georgia }
Chatham County }

In the name of God Amen: I, Sarah Jane Bradley of the City of Savannah, being in full health but perfect in memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following.

Item - After the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses I give devise and bequeath unto my two sisters Elizabeth C Bradley and Sabella Bradley all my estate both real and personal to them their heirs and assigns forever share and share alike And I do hereby constitute and appoint Robert Raiford Executor of this my last will and testament

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twenty sixth day of February A D 1852

Signed sealed & Acknowledged before us
who have subscribed our names as witnesses
in the presence of the testatrix & of each other
Mary Sullivan
Esther Sullivan
Thos. A. Wilson

Sarah Jane Bradley (28)