

Benjamin Brown's Will 1846

Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860

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State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen.

Elbert County } I Benjamin Brown of the state and county
 of said being in good health, and sound
 mind and memory, and calling to mind the mortality of my
 body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
 do make and ordain this instrument of writing as my last will
 and Testament, which is as follows:-

First: I Give and bequeath unto my wife Joanna Brown one lot
 of land lying and being in the County of Union and state of
 Georgia known by number one hundred and Fifty Five (155)
 in the tenth district first section, also one Gold lot by also
 being in the Fourth district, and first section number Four
 Hundred and Eighty Eight, county not recolled. Also one
 Negro man named Peter, and one Negro woman named
 Patsy and her three children named, Willis, Tom and Ben,
 together with all the household and kitchen furniture which
 she had when I married her (i.e) the Negroes, and
 furniture she now has in her possession.

Second, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy Crawford
 Three Hundred acres of land where she is now living and
 a negro man named Jack (a malatto).

Third, I Give and bequeath unto my grandson Benjamin Brown
 (son of Dozier Brown) Two Hundred and fifty acres
 of land including where he is now living it being a
 part of the tract of land I am now living on.

Fourth, I Give and bequeath unto my son Dozier Brown
 the remainder of my lands lying on Savannah River
 (after Lucy Crawford, and B. Brown, has got their amount
 each of to them) including my mansion house and
 improved part of my plantation with the Ferry and Fishery
 supposed to contain Two hundred acres be the same more
 or less.

It is my will that all my Negroes remaining be divided
 into eight lots as near equal as can be in value (by three
 disinterested men to be named by my Executors) and divided
 by lot among my seven children, and the children of Jincy
 White dec'd, viz. To Rosanna Hall one lot To Dozier Brown
 one lot to Lucy Crawford, one lot to Asa A. Brown, one lot to
 Elbert Brown, one lot to Nancy Hamdon one lot to Matilda
 H. Davis, one lot and to the children of Jincy White dec'd, viz.
 Benjamin B. White, William H. H. White, Elizabeth Ann Crawford

Matildan Frances Mc Donald one lot. The said lots of negroes to be valued and those drawing ^{Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1880} the ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} value shall pay to those drawing lots of less value the difference in the value in cash so that their shares may be equal.

The balance of my estate both real and personal be sold and the money arising therefrom be divided equally between my seven children and the children of Jincy White dec'd.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends William W. White, William B. Sadler and my son Elbert Brown Executors to execute this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my hands and seal this 28th day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Three

In Presence of
Solomon S. Jones

Lewis Scales

James W. Jones

Benjamin Brown 

Georgia

County of ordinary March Term 1846.

Elbert County

Personally came into open Court James W. Jones

and being sworn saith that he was present and saw Benjamin Brown sign the annexed instrument of writing as his last will and Testament, and that he deponent together with Solomon S. Jones and Lewis Scales signed the same as Witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other, and that deponent believes the testator to have been of sound mind at the time of executing the same.

Done to in open Court this 2^d day of March 1846.

Attest Wm B. Nelson, c.c.o.

James W. Jones

Georgia Elbert County. Court of ordinary March Term 1846.

After hearing the will Read and proving the same It is ordered by the Court that the said will go to Records

Attest Wm B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Recorded the 9th day of March 1846. Wm B. Nelson, c.c.o.

Daniel Thornton Will 1846.

Georgia

In the name of God Amen. I Daniel Thornton of the State and county aforesaid am now through the mercies of God sharing a reasonable state of health, and am also enjoying of perfect mind and memory and knowing that life is uncertain