

Jock Sumantons Will

In the name of God Amen I Jock Sumanton being in perfect body but of sound mind & memory do hereby Constitute & appoint this to be my last will & Testament and leave & bequeath my property in the following manner (viz) For my Executors hereinafter mentioned to take all and every part or parts of my Estate into their hands and to act and do what they think will be most beneficial for my Children and whomever one of my Children marry or come of age then for the property to be appraised and then one married or of age to draw a fifth share of all my Estate and continue in each one come of age or marry to draw one fifth in manner I do hereby Constitute & appoint John Scott & Frederick J. Colburn my lawful Executors to this my last will and Testament: In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 22nd day of November 1825

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in presence of

Jock Sumanton (Seal)

W. McIlhenny
 Pleasant Baugh
 Penelope Torrey

Georgia Greene County Inferior Court sitting for Ordinary purposes January Term 1826
 Personally appeared John Scott & Frederick J. Colburn a Subscribing Midswy to the foregoing Will who being duly sworn depose that he saw the within named Jock Sumanton sign and read him & acknowledge the same to be his last will & Testament and that he believed him to be of perfect sound mind & memory at the time of his so doing and that he together with Pleasant Baugh and Penelope Torrey subscribed their names as Midswy thereto in the presence of the Testator & sworn to & subscribed in open Court

W. McIlhenny

this 3rd day of January 1826

Recorded

February 1826

(George Torrey) Clerk

(Pleasant Baugh)

Rodman Thorntons Will

Georgia

Greene County I Rodman Thornton of the said County and State for the better disposition of my Estate after my death do make (and declare) the following to be my last will & Testament hereby annulling all others heretofore made from the time of Executing this in the presence of a Competent Number of Witnesses
 1st I will that all my just debts be paid out of the debts due me or the Cash & property on hand at the time of my death if there be enough, if not, then from the line of Ten certain Acreage hereafter named & if this funds be insufficient then out of such part of my Estate as is not herein specifically bequeathed &
 2nd I leave to my beloved wife Sarah for and during her natural life four hundred and fifty acres of the Tract of Land whereon I now live including my dwelling house & improvements to be let off in the following manner to wit beginning at a sweet Gum on the North fork of Apaches running thence N 57° E 110 Chaining to a Willson or Wilmersons Branch thence up said branch to a point from whence a line to be drawn parallel with that first mentioned from said Branch to the said North fork of Apaches & thence down said fork to the beginning will include the above quantity of Town hundred fifty acres; and after the death of my said wife I give and bequeath the said four hundred & fifty acres of Land to my son Jesse this heirs. I also give to my said wife to be at her absolute disposal the four following negroes (and their future increase) viz Mark Handy Sam & Candice, albathe four wheel Carriage & harness her choice of two horses One pair of Slaves & One Cart, Eight Cows & Calves her choice of Five geese & pigs Six Geese two feather beds, Furniture two tables one Bopwoodling Chair my new saddle and a walnut Chest, four trunks (two large & two small) with a sufficiency of Table

furniture & Crockery utensils, plantation tools & wood & Coal for himself & family for one year; the price of it divided off to him by my Executors. I also leave to my wife during her natural life the following negro slaves viz Major Mose, William Rose, Kate, Lily, Sam, Kate Jacob & Peter the blacksmith & the blacksmith tools which my son & I bought so learned after my wife's death shall be disposed of as is herein after directed.

3^d I give & bequeath to my son James Thornton & his heirs all that part of my land lying south of the land owned by my wife beginning at the Miller Run on Edmondson branch thence down the branch to the external boundary of my land at a black Gum Corner, thence with the external boundary of my land to the North fork of Ogechu thence up said fork to the line of the land to be laid off for my wife thence with that line N 57 E 110 chains to the beginning as above. I also give to my said son James the following negro slaves viz John Jeff, Wiley, Caroline, Mattie & Cherry & their increase the first of January

4th I give & bequeath to my son Vincent Thornton and his heirs all that part of my land lying North Eastwardly of that to be laid off for my wife included in the following boundaries, beginning at the before considered Miller or Edmondson branch, thence down said branch to the external boundary of my land; thence turning to the left and pursuing with the external boundaries of my land around to a black Gum Corner at the head of a branch thence a straight line to a black Gum Corner on Edmondson branch near the Washington road thence down said branch to the beginning as above. Also the following negroes, Fier, big Ned, Little Ned, Roddick, Amos & Pink with their future increase & two beds and furniture.

5th I give to my said wife and her heirs all my land lying North Westwardly of that to be laid off for my wife beginning on the upper boundary of my wife's land on the North fork of Ogechu thence up said fork to the external boundary of my land; thence following the external boundary of my land to the right hand, around to the black Gum Corner of Vincent's tract, thence with Vincent's line to the Corner of my wife's upper land; thence with the line of that tract to the beginning; also the following negroes viz Old Jacob, Mary, Kung, big Jerry, Little Jerry, Henry, Sam, Yuman, Nelson, Lewis, & Sylvia & their future increase, & two beds & furniture.

6th I give to my son James Vincent and Jesse (when he shall arrive of age) and to the survivors of them in trust for the purposes hereafter mentioned the following Estate real and personal to wit: All that part of my tract of land situated between the North and South fork of Ogechu and the following negro slaves viz John, Jack, Ben, Henry, Grace, Sam, Maud & Hampton with their future increase. I then to each of them Corn & Cotton two bars & pigs one fourth part of my sheep & plantation tools after my wife's share is laid off, two beds (and furniture) and my old bed bears in Trust for the support & maintenance of my Daughter Lucener Houghton during her natural life, and after her death in Trust for such child or children as she may have equally to be divided between them, if there be more than one; and if she shall die without any child or children or descendants of such child or children living at her death the whole of said property shall be equally divided between my said three sons or their heirs in case any of them die before my said daughter. During the continuance of the trust herein created it is my will and desire that the said Trustees shall cause the said land so given in Trust to be ^{and} cultivated & cleared as to improve the value thereof as little as possible in order that the same may fully answer the purpose of the Comfortable support & maintenance of my said daughter; the said Trustees are also hereby & void with full power to prevent said negroes and other property from being removed sold or disposed of or improperly used, & also as the laws of the State will permit them. In case I should not purchase a sufficient quantity of household furniture (other than that above named) for the use of my said daughter during my life (which if I do shall be put in trust as the above named) I direct my Executors to expend in household furniture suitable for my daughter's use, three hundred Dollars, which furniture shall be delivered to my said three sons & be by them put in trust as the above.

7th The following ten negroes with their future increase viz Sam, Nance, Simon, Harriett, Little Sam, Jacob, Mary, & Pompey Lovell and direct shall be hired out from year to year until my said Jesse arrives of age at which time unless it has been needful to use them here in payment of my debts or money expenses because of the

deficiency of the other means mentioned in the first clause of my will. I direct that said negro with their increase ~~and~~ ^{here} shall be equally divided between my three sons James Vincent & Jesse.

8th All the real and residue of my Estate not herein specifically bequeathed I direct, and also the negro ^{being} before named to my wife, during her natural life after her death shall be equally divided between my three sons James Vincent and Jesse as they respectively arrive of age or marry, but my wife shall have one fourth part of the Cash on hand and debts due me at my death after paying debts and legacies.

9th The negroes named my wife shall not be carried out of the State, and in case of any attempt to remove them, my Executors or either of them my sons during the life of my wife are hereby instructed and authorized to pursue such removal by all legal means.

10th It is my wish that my son Jesse shall live with his mother until he shall arrive to the age of fourteen years or marry (and) during her widowhood I wish her to act as Guardian for my said son and in case of her marriage a Guardian shall be appointed for him until he arrives to fourteen years of age when he can choose one for himself.

11th The Expence of my son Jesse's education (board) while at school & the Expences of my son Vincent's medical Education shall be defrayed out of the debts due me & Cash and Crops on hand at my death if there be enough before the same is divided as herein before directed.

12th In settling my son James I have given him many other things of household furniture than what is herein specifically given to my other sons. I therefore direct my Executor with the assistance of my wife to put all my sons on an equal footing as near as they can in household property Stock tools &c as they come of age or marry & settle.

13th My old (and) faithful negro man James I give to my wife until my son Jesse arrives of age and then to my (said) son Jesse under a solemn injunction that the said old negro shall not be put to hard labor but shall be treated kindly, comfortably fed & clothed (lodged); and in case my son Jesse dies before James does, he shall impose the same injunction upon his Executors.

14th My Clock & books are to remain in my present dwelling house until the same shall come to the possession of my son Jesse each of my children enjoying the liberty of reading said books.

15th In dividing my lands references shall be had to a plat thereof now in my possession made by Thomas Johnson from which my will is written.

16th I give to my wife sister, Rosanna Abigail Kendal a negro girl named Maria but if said Rosanna dies before arriving of age or marrying the said negro shall revert to my Estate (and be deemed as a part of the remainder thereof). I also give to said Rosanna Myrtis Kendal one bed & furniture in the same manner.

17th I will I direct that there shall be annually paid out of my Estate to my sister Hannah Shison during her natural life the sum of one hundred Dollars towards the payment of which each of my legates shall contribute in proportion to their several legacies. My Executors with the assistance of any neighbors they may call in shall determine the sum to be paid by each legatee of said one hundred Dollars per annum.

18th In case there shall be born to me another child either before or after my death my will is that such deduction shall be made proportionably made from the several legacies herein made so that the provision for such child shall be equal to that of any other children. Such deduction shall be either in property or money as my Executors may agree with my children. My wife shall be Guardian of such child until it is fourteen years old.

19th Any lands owned by me other than those herein devised shall be sold by my Executor upon the best terms they can and at such times as they think best, and the proceeds divided as herein before directed after paying debts and specific money legacies. The tract of land which I have intended to sell to one ^{brandy in the month} of Andrew granted to John Whipple shall be conveyed to said Brandy according to the bond he holds on and otherwise he Compted with the Contract on his part.

20th I give to Redman Murr a son of my niece Winifred Murr and he have a negro Girl

named John or John to be delivered as down as possible if it is not delivered during my life.
 21st Out of the said terms of my Will before it is divided as herein before divided I direct them to divide
 \$1000 to be applied to improving the house on the land herein given to my son Vincent I also give to my son
 Vincent my horse ^{freedom} ~~freedom~~ my mule
 Lastly I constitute my friend Williams Carr & John Munro & my son James & Vincent Executor of this my
 last will & Testament

I signed this my last will & Testament Consisting of five pages the 11th day of July 1825
 Executed & Acknowledged by the Testator in my
 presence, and subscribing thereto in his presence
 Jas. F. Foster
 Robert Newson
 The W. Cobb

Redman Thornton

Witness

Be it known to all men by these presents, that I Redman Thornton of the County of Green State of Georgia
 have made and declared my last will & Testament in writing bearing date the Eleventh of July one thousand
 Eight hundred & twenty five. ^{that} ~~that~~ Redman Thornton by this Codicil do hereby (and confirm my said last
 Will & Testament) do further give and bequeath as my sole and true beloved wife Sarah during her natural life and at her death to my three sons James Vincent & Redman
 (and my will & meaning is that this Codicil be adjudged to be a part and parcel of my last will & Testament
 and that all things therein be mentioned & contained be fully and truly performed and as fully and amply
 in every respect as if the same were so declared and set down in my said last will and Testament

Executed & Acknowledged by the Testator this 10th day of December
 1825 in our presence, and subscribing thereto in his presence
 • Asa C. Alexander
 John Wells
 Robert Newson

Redman Thornton

Georgia Green County Court of Ordinary March Term 1826

Personally appeared in open Court Asa C. Alexander John Wells & Robert Newson subscribing and swearing
 to the foregoing Codicil to the Will of Redman Thornton dec^d who being duly sworn say that they saw the
 said Redman Thornton sign seal & read him publish the same as a Codicil to his last will & Testament
 that they each believed him to be of perfect sound mind & memory at the time of his so doing & that they
 each in the presence of the Testator subscribed their names as witnesses thereto
 Asa C. Alexander
 John Wells
 Robert Newson
 Sworn to in open Court 6th March 1826
 (George J. Lawrence) Clerk

Georgia Green County Court of Ordinary March Term 1826

Personally appeared in open Court James F. Foster & Robert Newson two of the subscribing
 witnesses to the within Will of Redman Thornton dec^d who being duly sworn depose and say that
 they saw the within named Redman Thornton sign seal & read him acknowledge the same to be
 his last will & Testament & that they each believed him to be of perfect sound mind & memory at the
 time of his so doing & that they each together with Thomas W. Cobb subscribed their names as witnesses
 thereto in the presence of the Testator
 James F. Foster
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