

George 3 I William Lane of the County of State of Maine
do hereby certify in being but of a sound mind and
disposing memory, knowing it is appropriate to make a will,
do make this my last will & Testament, as touching such
legally goods as it hath interest free to bless and wish,
I bequeath in the following manner

Item 1st
I give to my beloved son John I Lane the following
negro, Frederick, Harriett, Emory & Washington.

Item 2^d
I give to my daughter Francis Judson Benson in
addition to what she has heretofore received, the following
negro, Fanny, Nancy, Betty, Allen & Chancy.

Item 3^d
I give to my son James Thomas Lane in addition to
what she has heretofore had, a man named Henry
and a woman named Adeline.

Item 4th
I give to my son William H. Lane in addition
to what he has already had, Dick, Phoebe, Sterling &
Daisy.

Item 5th
I will that my son Fletcher be kept at school
until he finish his education, & that the expenses of
his education, tuition, Board & Clothing during his
remaining in College is to be paid by my Executors
out of the proceeds of my Estate, with the strictest
economy enjoined upon him.

Item 6th
I will that my Executors exercise this discretion
that if they ^{shall} believe that it will be most to the interest
of my Estate to keep an overseer work the farm until
all my debt are paid or if they shall think best to sell
the land & use the stock & farming utensils & household
furniture & wagon & Harrow, hire out the negroes
in the better way, they will do so. I do give them
this discretion so that they need not be compelled
to sell under embarrassing circumstances.

Item 7th
I give unto my wife Rebecca, on the property she
brought with her at our intermarriage consisting of the
following negroes, a woman named, of Mary, & an
Orphan and a boy Edward, which has been born since
our marriage, my Executors is required to adjust up

463 to my wife, the free aboves named Negroes Dancy, Mary Ann
& Sam. immediately upon my death except it should be in
the midst of the crop, in that case the one that works will
continue to finish the crop. I wish that my Executors give
her up all the furniture household articles, also one
large mahogany folding table. The above named Negroes
to serve me till it is so received immediately before
my death except the boy Dancy. I also request
my Executors to pay my wife Rebecca Ten Dollars and
Dollars, all of which is money that came into my possession
of her after our marriage some time. Also one spotted Blanket.
I also give my wife Rebecca my Buggy and all its
appurtenances to harness horse & harness. I further leave
unto my wife Rebecca during her natural life or
widowhood, a negro girl named Manda; at the
expiration of either, the girl returns to my Estate
with all her increase if any, there should be I wish
be by my Executors sold & equally divided between
and my Children. Should my Executors continue to
work my farm & not sell, then my wife if she
should think proper, she can occupy the dwelling
house & garden & kitchen & will be furnished with an
Annual supply of Coffee, Sugar, Rice, Cheese, Salt,
Potatoes, Corn, Flaxseed, Wheat, & Grass which amount is
to be adjudged of by my Executors. The girl Manda
that I have loaned her is to go into her possession
immediately upon my death and so long as my
plantation & hands are kept together, that my
wife have the use of the field that lies next to her
plantation, supposed to contain thirty acres, to work
her hands on, but whenever the land is sold, her right
of occupancy ceases to all, & my Executors will pay
her the Ten and a Dollar. I also give her my large
Family Bible, with Dr. Cokes' Commentary on the
Psalms, & all the window curtains belonging to
the Hall & parlors - Also one Cart & Steers and the
privilege of fire wood & timber to keep up her
fire & fence until the place is sold, at which
time, all her rights as herein given fail or cease.
I also give two Black Cows, one head of hogs, a sow
& some shoats & some yearlings hogs, the selection to
be made by my Executors.

I also have an indent with Daniel & the Estate of
Thomas Grant at the death of Mrs. Grant in a
family of Negroes who live in Jasper County
in which possession the negroes now is, when there

Myself are divided by an order of Court which will take place immediately upon Mr. Mauds death, my Executors will consent to sell and pay the debt of Mr. Mauds but all he said, pursuant to the order of old Mr. Grant. At the death of his widow I am to have One Thousand Dollars. I have in looking over my old books of Merchandise kept between Brother Thomas Grant & myself when we done business together, I have discovered a mistake in my favor, I wish my Executors when they shall have that I mean to pay over to the Executors of Thomas Grant One Thousand Dollars, and to the heirs of William Grant One Thousand. I have a lot of Land drawn in Lee but it now lies in Randolph which has been granted the last year & sold by a speculator of my own name living in De Kalb County, this was done through a mistake, he wrote to me last summer, & said that from my Chapter he hoped no advantage would be taken of him, I should ask at least of him, the amount he got. I have a 40 Acre lot of Land in Cobb County, not granted, nor the quality not known, I wish my Executors to attend to it in time. There is some time given to take out these grants, I cant say how long. As long as my Plantation is kept up & my wife occupies the dwelling house she agrees to attend to my Negroes clothes, spinning, weaving & cutting, & making, as heretofore, and the Order is to wear her Negro cloth as heretofore & she will attend to going, Medicines, When they are sick & she will use my medicine for her Negroes when they are sick, & the Wash woman Dilsy is to stir all her washing & Ironing, as heretofore, and that the girl Nancy stay in the house with her till the place is sold.

Item 8th

I give to my son Fletcher, my Secretary, Book Case And all my books; My Executor will pay him when he leaves College Six Hundred Dollars to make him equal with the ^{other} Children, & N. Benjamin Fifty Dollars & then they are equal. There is two negroes that I have made disposition of, George & Eliza, my agent should my Executors find it necessary to sell any of the negro property to appt. them in paying the debt in time, I would rather they were all than any other, could they see the Land at a fair price in time, it might supersede the necessity of selling her to to pay the debt. But I believe she will have to be

243 I wish to equalize the divisions of such all the surplus money to be in the hands of the Executors until John N. gets through College, & then they make a final division with them all. It is my wish that my Executors pay in the winding up of my estate to pay Amanda Parkman Fifty Dollars, William James Smith Fifty Dollars, to the children of Horatio Shilders late of Putnam County deceased. These are the children of my youngest sister and my father. Fifty Dollars to John Thompson, & Fifty Dollars to Mary Jane Huntington. I give to my son John & one fourth part of his estate & the whole all complete. My boy George is to be free at the age of 21. Some two or three years ago I gave George's father a promise, that at my death the Shieres have him, that promise I feel to be binding ^{upon} me, so I consider him as a friend. I here close, into thy hands Almighty power, I commend my spirit.

Lastly - I appoint my two most confidential friends my Executors to this my last will & Testament, James Thornton Senior & Samuel M. Bernau.

Signed & sealed in the presence of } This 11. January 1840.

James A. Thornton

Thomas B. Bacon

James M. Sloughton

} William Cone Seal

} Intestum de before signed

1st

Codicil

I wish my Executors to furnish my wife after my death with One Hundred & Twenty five dollars, to purchase such articles as she may need, for house keeping, and that they provide meat & bread the first for her wages, after my Executors pay to my wife the \$125.00. that is quite her claim to the furniture on the house.

It is my wish twice that this Codicil be taken and considered a part of my will & that my wife that my wife have the use of all my household & other furniture, until the farm is sold, except so much as may be necessary for the benefit of servants.

I give to my wife a female Sarah & Prudence that is now in her possession.

Intestum de before signed } This 11 day January 1840.

Signed in the presence of }

James A. Thornton

Thomas B. Bacon

James M. Sloughton

} William Cone Seal

Georgia } Court of Ordinary
Graham County } March Term 1840

Personal appearance in open Court James A Thornton
Thomas B Bacon, & James M. Shoghton the subscribing
witnesses to the foregoing will & affidavit, who being duly
sworn depose & say that they saw the within named
William Come, sign, seal, & read him & acknowledge
the foregoing written to be his last will & testament
He is attached thereto, & that they each believe
him to be of perfect sound mind & memory at
the time of his so doing, & that they each believe
their names as witnesses thereto.

Sworn to in open Court
2^d day of March 1840.
Wm. L. Strain Clerk

James A Thornton
Thomas B Bacon
James M. Shoghton

Recorded 3^d day of March 1840
William L Strain Clerk

Erabon Seymour's Will

Georgia } In the Name of God, Amen.
Graham County } I Erabon Seymour of the County of Graham
and State of Georgia, knowing the uncertainty of
human life and the unsettled state of my business
and in order that my estate may be managed to
the best possible advantage, do make constitute &
ordain the following, to be my last will & testament
To wit.
Impreamble. It is my wish that all my debts be paid
and punctually paid.

Item 2^d

It is my wish that my nephew Charles C. Norton
should be educated or assisted in business provided
it can be done and on maternal request to my Estate
if a capital is furnished him, I wish my Executors to
manage it, that they will in a great measure have
the control of his business until he shall pay back
the amount of Capital furnished with Interest. This