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 Georgia } I Jesse Bentley of the State and county aforesaid
 Wilkes County } do hereby testify that the following is my last will
 and testament and do in presence of Almighty God and the undersigned
 witnesses testify to the same in my proper senses and without persuasion
 of my own free will - 1st I commit my soul to God and my body to the
 earth from whence it came - 2nd I bequeath all my property to my wife
 Mary Scott Bentley her natural lifetime and after her death I desire it to
 be equally divided between my children viz John T. Bentley, James T. Bentley,
 William Bentley, Josiah Harris Bentley, Hannah T. Ray
 3rd I bequeath to my wife Mary S. Bentley her life time one negro woman
 named Loan and her offspring and all my property both real and per-
 sonal and that my wife Mary Scott Bentley and John T. Bentley be my
 lawful Executors to attend to the taking care of my estate during my
 wifes life and after her death to distribute it equally among my chil-
 dren abovesaid. In witness whereof I do hereby affix my hand and
 seal this 5th September AD. 1839
 Jesse Bentley Seal

Witnesses John Scott
 James Shelmutt
 S. Bryant S.P.

Georgia } We John Scott & James Shelmutt do solemnly swear that we
 Wilkes County } saw Jesse Bentley sign seal publish and declare the foregoing
 writing to which our several names appear as witness to be and contain
 his last will and testament, that we subscribed the same as witnesses at
 his request in his presence & in the presence of each other and that we saw
 Samuel Bryant sign the same as a witness, that at the time thereof he was
 of sound disposing mind and memory and that he did it freely without
 compulsion to the best of our knowledge so help us God

Sworn to and subscribed in open court John Scott
 this 25th July 1836 Chas Bayne J.C.C. James Shelmutt

Unto open court personally came John T. Bentley the Executor named in
 the foregoing Will who after being duly sworn saith this writing contains
 the true last Will of the within named Jesse Bentley deceased so far as you
 know or believe and that I will execute the same by paying the debts and
 then the legacies contained in said Will so far as his goods & chattels will
 thereunto extend and the law charge me. that I will make a true and
 perfect Inventory of all such goods and chattels so help me God

Sworn to and subscribed in open court John T. Bentley
 this 25th July 1836 Chas Bayne J.C.C.