

Georgia } I Jesse Bentley of the State and county aforesaid  
 Henry 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> I commit my soul to God and my body to the  
 earth from whence it came - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Francis Bentley, Hannah T. Ray  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> September A.D. 1829  
 Jesse Bentley *Esq*

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

Georgia } We John Scott & James Shelmutt do solemnly swear that we  
 Henry County } saw Jesse Bentley sign seal publish and declare the foregoing  
 writing to which our several names appear as witnesses 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 1836 Chas Bayne J.C.C.O.

James Shelmutt

Into 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 1836 Chas Bayne J.C.C.O.