

I William Beck of Henry County in the State of Georgia
 Being old and of weakly constitution tho of perfect
 Mind and memory Thanks be to almighty God calling
 To mind the mortality of the body and knowing that
 It is appointed for all men to Die do make and ordain
 This my last Will and Testament that is to say princip-
 ally and first of all I give and Recommend my soul
 Into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my
 Body I give to the Earth from whence it came to be buried
 In a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my
 Wife Baneta and Miles & Dobbin - whom I choose
 ordain as my lawful Executors not doubting but at
 the general Resurrection I shall receive the Same again
 By the mighty power of almighty God and as touching such
 Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with after
 all my just debts is paid I give demise and dispose
 of the Same in the following manner and form (to wit)
 First of all I give unto my beloved Wife Baneta during her
 Life time all my land where I now live adjoining the
 Town of McDonough containing Two hundred and forty
 Acres more or less house hold and Kitchen furniture
 Plantation Tools Stock of all kinds that she may want
 Negro Warren a man How a woman his wife and
 Will & her child Emitt and Lige a man with provision for the
 Same and after her death it is will and desire it should be
 Equally divided among my three youngest Children Erasmus
 John and Martha I also will to my son Erasmus Negro
 Jack and Henderson also to John Brister and Carter
 And to my daughter Martha I will sell a woman and
 her 2 twin daughters all the ballance of my property
 to be sold that I have not willd away and the
 proceeds from the sale to be divided among my Children
 In the following manner (to wit) Grace Ann Shepherd
 one fifth part provided she has living issue of her body
 also Mary Cimo (Colonel should have living issue of her
 body one fifth part the ballance to be Equally divided between
 Erasmus John & Martha my 3 youngest Children in witness
 here of I have here unto set my hand and seal and the year
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty eight
 John Stelmace Signed & sealed in the presence of William Beck (Seal)
 Geo A Smith
 B Pettit JTC

Georgia } Before us Abel A Simon D. J. Ward J. A.
Henry County } Smith and John J. Bentley
Justices of the Superior Court in and for
Said County In open court personally came Miles & Dobbin
Executor and Baneta Beck Executrix of the last will and Testament
of William Beck late of Said County deceased and produced
before us the last will and Testament of said William Beck
Dec'd and the witnesses to said will (to wit) John Stilwell
and B. Pettit which witnesses being duly sworn depose
and swear that they saw William Beck the testator sign
seal declare and publish the instrument now presented as
his last will and Testament freely voluntarily and of his
own accord and without any compulsion or influence whatever
that at the time of the execution of said Will said testator
was of sound disposing mind and memory that depose and
swear said will as witnesses in the presence of the
testator and at his special instance and request and in
the presence of each other and saw John C. Smith as do
likewise swear to &
Subscribed in open court
May 5th 1857
E. D. Watkins C. C. C.

B. Pettit
John Stilwell

Georgia } We Miles & Dobbin and Baneta Beck
Henry County } Executors of the last will & Testament of
William Beck Dec'd do hereby swear that this writing
contains the true last will of the within named William
Beck Dec'd so far as we know or believe and that we
will well and truly execute the same by paying first
the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will
as far as his goods & chattles will thereunto extend and
the same charge us & that we will make a true and
perfect inventory of all such goods and chattles
so help us God
Witness our hand this 5th day of May 1857
E. D. Watkins C. C. C. Miles & Dobbin
Baneta Beck