

Bledsoe here in benefit
of the name of God. Amen. I William

Senior of the County of Bedford and State of
North Carolina, being of a sound and memory
at this time. Thanks be to God for all his mercies
and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and
believing it is appointed by God, and for shall now
to die, I do make and Ordain this to be my last
Will and testament hereby revoking all former wills
that is to say

First of all I Recommend my Soul to the Lord Jesus
Christ as my only Saviour, and Advocate, and
my body to the Earth to be decently buried, it being
sure of a resurrection, when the body and Soul, shall
be joined together and both redeemed by Jesus Christ
in that world of Happiness, that is promised in the
Scriptures which I believe to be the sure word of God,
the Father and Jesus Christ his Son, whom he has
sent. And as touching such worldly Possessions as
the Lord hath blessed me with my design is to
dispose of them in the manner and form following
to wit. I leave to my Wife Ann Leary twelve
negroes, known by the following names. Lewis,
William, Furry, Big George, Tom, Little George,
Agga, Rachel, Fanny, Mary, Leon, Lovina,
The foregoing twelve negroes, are to be for my Wife
during her life or widowhood and after her death
they are to be equally divided among all my
Grand-Children that is now living, except
Charles Bledsoe, who is not to have any portion or
part of my Estate, and my will is that even likewise
on my two plantations viz. the one I live on with
my mansion House, and all my out Buildings to go
then with my Ormonee, and other Plantations

including all the stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and sheep
also all the grain on hand and growing, with all my
farming utensils, household and kitchen Furniture
of every description, also my Carriage and wagon
during her natural life or widowhood, But should
my wife be disposed, or willing to give off any of
the above mentioned Articles to any of my Grand Children
now living except Tracy Bledsoe, Son of my daughter
Betsey Bledsoe or any part thereof of my Estate to be
divided among my Grand Children, this is to be at
liberty to do so, provided such division be made equally
among the several families, of Grand Children. But
if my Wife Ann Linney, should marry again, my
will is that the Estate in possession shall be taken from her
and the whole of the Estate then bequeathed equally divided
among my Grand Children now living as above mentioned
except Tracy Bledsoe, and likewise I give to my living
Wife Ann Linney, six Hundred dollars in gold, silver
and paper money, now on hand for her own benefit
and use, and she is not to come on my Estate for money
during her life, or to receive an additional sum of
money from my Estate.

And I give to my beloved Daughter Margaret Ann
of the State of Kentucky, I give and bequeath five
dollars in money of the United States—forever and ever
to my Grand Daughter, Son, and Daughter that
are now living, Six negroes known by the following
names, Jesse, Peter, David, John, Simon, Harry, Caroline
and their issue that may arise before the disposition
and all her Children that are now of age shall
receive their distributive share, respectively and her
younger Children or those that are now minors shall
have an guardian appointed for them, on whose application
their Expectations shall be determined by valuation or

which Guardian or individual Grand-Children that
are above alluded to as the Children of my aforesaid
Daughter and whose individual names I do not
know. The aforesaid minors shall call on their respec-
tive Guardians when they come of age, in their
respective States, and receive their several shares for ever
and to them. To my Beloved Son George Linnay of
the State of Kentucky, I give and bequeath five
dollars in money of the United States forever, likewise
to my Son George Linnay's Children Sons and daughters
that are now living I give and bequeath. I name
him by the following names viz. Daniel, Prudence
his wife, Henry his Child, Cynthia. To my Son
Harry and their issue that may occur before this
decease, and all his Children that are now of age
shall be entitled to receive their shares respectively
and his younger Children or those that are minors
shall have Guardians appointed for them, in whose applica-
tion their respective shares shall be delivered by valuation
in the manner and mode hereafter designated which
Guardian or individual Grand-Children which
are above alluded to as the Children of my aforesaid
Son. And whose individual names I do not know
The aforesaid minors shall call on their respective
Guardians when they come of age in their respective
States and receive their several shares for ever -

To my beloved daughter Betsey Bleas of the State
of Georgia and of the County of Green I give and
bequeath five dollars money of the United States
for ever - And likewise to my Daughter Betsey Bleas
Children Sons & Daughters, except her son Frank
Bleas that are now living I give and bequeath
sums of money known by the following names Betty, Mary,
Caroline the daughter of Betsey

and Minors during the life of the aforesaid Henry
and then issue that may occur before the division
and all the children that are now of age shall be
entitled to receive their shares respectively (except her
son Tracy Blescoe and her younger children) or then
that all minors shall have Guardians appointed
for them on whom application their respective shares
shall be delivered by valuation in the manner and mode
hereafter designated which Guardians or individual
Grand Children that are above alluded to as the
Children of my aforesaid Daughter (and whose
individual names I do not know the aforesaid
minors shall care on their respective Guardians
when they come of age in their respective states
and receive their several shares for ever.

I ^{do} Give & To my beloved son Zachariah Linney
of the State of N. Carolina and County of Chatham
I Give and bequeath five dollars in money of the United
States for ever And likewise my son Zachariah
Linney, childrens son — that are now living
I Give and bequeath eight negroes known by
the following names: Matilda, Arthur her son, Kelly
her daughter, Hiram her son, Lucinda her daughter
Cesar Abraham & Candace Abrahams wife and
then issue that may occur before the Division
And the aforesaid children of my son Zachariah
Linney (viz) Gypsy Linney — who are
now minors shall have Guardians appointed for them
on whom application their respective shares
shall be delivered by valuation in the manner
and mode hereafter designated, which
guardian of the aforesaid child —
that are above alluded to as the child
of my aforesaid son Zachariah the aforesaid

shall call on their respective Guardians
when they come of age in their respective states
and receive their several shares forever

5th Item To my beloved son Shinderson Simey
of the State of Kentucky I give and bequeath
five dollars Money of the United States
~~forever~~ and also to my son Shinderson
Simey Sons and daughters that are now
living I give and bequeath six Negroes
known by the following names James Dally his
wife Woodie, Rody children of the aforesaid James
Judy & Sidney and their heirs that may come
before this Decree, and all of his children
that are now of age shall be entitled to
receive their shares Respectfully: And his
younger children or those that are minors
shall have Guardians appointed for them
on whose application their respective shares
shall be delivered in the manner & mode hereafter
designated which guardian or individual
grand children that are above alluded
to as the children of my aforesaid son
(And whose names I do not know) shall
call on their respective Guardians when they
come of age in their respective states and receive
their several shares forever

6th Item To my beloved son George Simey
of the State of Kentucky Zacharia Simey of the
County of Bedford and State of North Carolina
and Shinderson Simey of the State of Kentucky
I give and bequeath to them and their heirs
forever the tract of land wherein I now
live, the Green tract and Allen tract which
several tracts of land are situated in Indian
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County and on the waters of Inno Creek each
to have share and share alike in equal
quantities, taking into consideration the
improvements thereon and quality and laid
off in their equal shares in all respects as near
as of the same Value as is practicable —
1st Item 3 To my Grand Children (trust) Children
of my daughter Margaret Smith of the State
of Kentucky George Sumner of the said State
Mary Bladen of the State of Georgia Joshua
Smith of Indell County, Spotsylvania and George
Sumner of the State of Kentucky I give and
bequeath the whole of the residue of my
estate to them Children forever above alluded
to in this will excepting (Tracy Bladen) son
of my daughter Betsey Bladen their respective
families to draw to draw equal shares for
the individual use of my grand Children
hereafter alluded to that is to say by themselves
when they come of age in their respective
States and by their Guardians directed
to be appraised above in this my will &
which said Grand Children are as members
of their respective families to share and
share alike the whole of the personal
property hereafter bequeathed to my
beloved wife during her natural life
or widowhood except as she may dispose
legally to this my will to my said grand
Children which sum or sums that she may
dispose of to them shall be deducted from
their respective shares Together with all
moneys or moneys that is due to me by
bonds notes or accounts in this State

And the state of Virginia and also all way
that may be on hand or in my possession
not otherwise disposed of to be sold to my
aforesaid Grand Children in equal
quantities as to families and equal share
Among my several Grand Children
of my five Children above named

~~I do hereby~~ It is further my will and
I do request that my five Children and their
Children that an life sole heir of my whole
estate be governed strictly in all things by
the provisions of this will and should there be
a difference of Opinion with respect to a division
of my estate I do hereby ~~strictly~~ enjoin it on
them all to have such difference to two judicious
neighbours and should they not agree they are
to choose a third person whose opinions and decision
shall be conclusive and final, I do further will
and desire that this mode of reference shall be
the mode of dividing my land and all my personal
property and every bequeathment in this will and
that those of my children who do not agree
to settle any difference that may arise which it
is my wish and desire may not be the case
they or any of them, Children or Grand Children
be hereby disinherited from claiming or holding any
part of my estate bequeathed in this will

I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved
wife Ann Lemney and my son Zachariah Lemney
of this my last will and testament my executor
and executor and hereby revoke disannul and
declare void all former wills made by me in
witness whereof I hereunto set my name and affix
my seal this seventh day of August in the

year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and twenty. One
Signed and sealed
in presence of us
James Johnson
James King

William Limmy (LS)

By way of codicil I make and declare this my
further disposition of my estate that the negroes
heretofore loaned to my Daughter Betsey Blason of
the State of Georgia should they not be sold or
the right to them still vested in me as was my
intention by a reservation when I put the aforesaid
negroes in possession of my aforesaid Daughter
by an express instrument of writing recorded in
the State of Georgia they aforesaid negroes with
their issue or any part of them are to remain with
my aforesaid daughter during her natural life
and at her death to be equally divided among
her children now living or their survivors except
her son Mary Blason who is not to inherit
any part of them or their issue in equal
shares agreeably to the bequeathment of my
last will and testament attached to this codicil
2nd It is further my will and desire that
my negro man Jesse & Jim shall remain
with my family and in the employ of my wife
Ann Limmy until they complete the building
that we now raised and the stable or grainery
now about to be raised which is behind can
be done in six months or thereabouts and then
go to their respective owners as directed in foregoing
provisions and bequeathment of this last will
and testament to which this is attached

3^d Item { To my Grand son William a younger son
Son of my Daughter Margaret a son of the late
of Kentucky I give and bequeath my full set
of blacksmiths Tools including every article
relater to them which tools are now in Louisa
County State of Virginia where he is to receive
them to him and his heirs forever

4th Item { It is further my will and desire
that my much esteemed and trusty friend
the honourable James Barber of the County of
Orange and State of Virginia or his son James
Barber should his father die before he completes
a settlement of my estate in the State of
Virginia be authorized and is hereby requested to
superintend the settlement of my whole estate or
any part thereof in the State of Virginia due by
bond note or book accounts also all the estate
and every part thereof devised to my beloved wife
Ann Linney by her late father John White of
the aforesaid State of Virginia and account for the
same to my aforesaid Executor Ann Linney and
Executor Zachariah Linney heretofore named in this
my last will and testament in four annual
installments with interest thereon annually and
that my aforesaid friend or friend be authorized
to use all lawful measures and means to recover
my debts due & demands in the State aforesaid as
early as possible in the manner and mode I have
heretofore pointed out to them avoiding as far as
possible every measure that will produce unreason-
able distress or oppression on any of my creditors
debtor And that this Codicil and every part thereof
I do declare and pronounce to be a part of my
aforesaid will to which this Attached. In testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my name and affix

my dear the ninth day of August in the
year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and
twenty One

In presence of us {
Saml. King { William Linnell
Sarah H. King }

By way of codicil to my will bearing
date on the seventh day of August 1821 and
a codicil annexed bearing date the ninth day
of August 1821 I have on further reflection
for the purpose of completing the buildings already
commenced and keeping them in repair and making
such improvements as may conduce to the comfort
of my beloved Ann Linnell during her widowhood
or natural life concluded and by this Codicil
declare it to be my wish and desire that my
negroes Jesse (a Carpenter) and his wife Barbara
devised in the 2^d Item in my will above alluded
to, to the Children of my Daughter Margaret Arnett
of the State of Kentucky be put in the lot of negroes
devised to my beloved wife Ann Linnell in the 1st
Item of my will above alluded to and my
negroes Jerry & William devised by the first Item
of my will alluded to be put in the lot devised
by the 2^d Item of my will aforesaid to the children
of my Daughter Margaret Linnell of the State of
Kentucky with the sum of ten pounds in specie
to the Children of my aforesaid Daughter Margaret
Arnett for the purpose of making those two negroes
Jerry and William equal in value to Jesse and
his wife Barbara which sum of ten pounds in
specie is to be paid to my aforesaid Grand Children
when they are of age or to the Guardians that
by my executor, out of the debts or

residue of my estate before they make a division
 of said part of my estate in five equal divisions
 and that the aforesaid Negroes Jester and Barbara
 be disposed of at the death or marriage of my wife
 under the same rules and in the same manner
 that I have directed the lot of Negroes loaned to my
 wife to be disposed of In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2nd
 day of August in the year of our Lord one
 thousand eight hundred and twenty one
 In presence of { William Lining
 James King {
 James Johnson {

State of North Carolina } I Abraham
 Criddle County } Simon Clerk of
 the Court of pleas
 and quarter Sessions of Criddle County do
 hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy
 of the original will of William Lining
 proved filed and recorded in my office
 In witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed the seal of
 my office at Statesville this 6th July 1837.
 A. Simon Clerk.

1st North Carolina
Judge County
I Samuel King Chairman of
the County Court of Meigs do
hereby certify that Abraham Simonson
whose name is signed to the within certificate as
Clerk of peace and quarters Sessions for the County
of Meigs is and was at the signing of said
certificate Clerk of the aforesaid Court when Will
Jimmy de^d will was admitted to probit in Nov. 1825
that the said certificate is in due form of law
and that full faith and credit ought to be
given to the attestation of the aforesaid Simonson
as Clerk for the County aforesaid April 1st 1828

Samuel King
Clerk County Court
of Meigs

Duly recorded by me this 10th day of Apr. 1830

Wm. R. Smith J. C. C.