

Georgia

(Jackson County)

In the name of the holy trinity. I men
 Vileasah Bennett of the state & county aforesaid
 being indisposed in body, but of perfect sound mind & disposing
 memory & calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make this my
 last will & testament

Item 1st I resign my body to the grave, & my soul into the hand
 of my gracious Redeemer Creator in full assurance of a
 future resurrection & blessed immortality

Item 2nd I give & bequeath to my two sons Josse J. Bennett and
 Jephtha Bennett, the tract of land wherein I now live including
 the plantation & farming utensils two horses one yoke of oxen
 & cart, a cow & calves & rice, all my stock of hogs two feather beds
 & furniture all my household & kitchen furniture except two
 other feather beds & furniture to be disposed of as hereafter
 directed together with the services of my negro man Shemuel
 & my negro woman Jude, during the term of their (my sons)
 aforesaid, minority, with this request & it is my will that
 after the expiration of their minority my said negro
 woman Jude shall be set free under such regulations as
 the laws of the state do or may authorize, but that Shemuel
 shall remain the property of my sons aforesaid I also desire and
 request my executors hereafter named to take the oversight of my
 sons aforesaid & attend their raising, education & moral insti-
 tution on the premises & to employ some moral & sober person
 to take charge of the plantation as an overseer upon such
 terms as they may deem equitable & the most conducive to
 the interest of my said children & to retain for their use two
 thirds of all the produce that may be made on the premises
 or the whole should they be of opinion it would be un-
 necessary Item 3rd I give to my beloved daughter Polly Bennett
 two dollars to be paid out of any money arising from my
 estate not herebefore disposed of

Item 4th All the residue of my estate both real & personal
 I give & bequeath to my children Viz. Peter Bennett, Henry
 Bennett, Sally Cotton, Micajah Bennett, William Bennett,
 & to be divided between them share & share alike

Item 5th I give with that all my last debt which are but small

I shall be functionally, paid if necessary that a sale should be made
for that portion of any part of my property, in that case it is my will
that the balance of my stock of cattle be sold on my own creek
tract of land at the discretion of my executor

Given at Saltpoint Thomas, Chiswell, & Rich^d W. Pentecost executor
to his my last will & testament, revoking all other wills & testaments to wit
before made & declaring them by their presence to be null & void
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this eighth
day of April 1824

Agreed sealed & delivered
in presence of
W. Pentecost

Britain Brazee
Josiah Bradley

And It is to be understood the negro man Mowen is by the
foregoing second item given to John T. Bonnett & Stephen
P. Bonnett their heirs & assigns forever.

W. Pentecost
Britain Brazee
Josiah Bradley

Georgia Personally came into open court William
Luskus County, W. Pentecost, Britain Brazee & Josiah Bradley
& being duly sworn with that they are subscribing witnesses
to the written will that they signed the same as such in the presence
of the account of the testator & that they believe that he was of
sound & disposing mind at the time of the execution of the same
sworn to & subscribed

in open court this 5th July 1824
Edw Adams clk

W. Pentecost
Britain Brazee
Josiah Bradley