

Abner Bedell's Will

State of Georgia } In the name of Jones County, Georgia Will
Jones County } Bedell being in ¹⁸⁰⁹⁻¹⁸³⁵ ~~declining~~ ^{www.georgiaproceeds.com} of health,
but in perfect mind & memory & knowing that it is
appointed for man to die, have thought fit to make
this my last Will & testament (to Wit) I give to my
beloved Wife Rhoda the tract of land I now live on, be-
ing No. 141. in the 9th district during her natural life
& then to return to my estate. I also give to my
Wife Rhoda Bedell two Negroes Ned & Linda to her, her
heirs & assigns forever. I then, I give to my beloved son
Abraham Bedell a half lot of land No. 148 in the 9th
district, also Sam & Lettuce to him his heirs & assigns
forever. I then, I give & bequeath to my beloved son
Charles Bedell the one other half of the above lot No.
148 of land & Jess. & Amy to him & his ^{heirs &} assigns forever.
I then, I give to my beloved daughter Nancy, for da-
& Moses & as soon as my Notes and accounts can be
collected, for my Executors to purchase an other likely
Negro Girl to her, her heirs & assigns forever. I then, I
give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Polly Bedell three
Negroes, (to Wit) Stephen, Ethick & Liza to her, her heirs
& assigns forever. I then, Will that my Wife have all
my Stock of horses, Cattle, hogs & sheep, my household
& Kitchen furniture, with all my plantation tools for
the support & Educating my children, & as they become
of age for them to have an equal share of the above
household & Kitchen furniture & Stock with my
Wife having her equal part, for this division to take
place as they shall marry off become of age. I then,
I Will & bequeath to my daughter Betsey Smith to
have an equal share of the dividend of the Estate
coming to me from Mrs. Charles Smith deceased
of Green County with the property already given of to
her & her heirs forever. I then I Will that all the
above lands & Negroes with every other article of my
property be & in the hands of my Wife & be together
untill my Heirs shall marry, or become of age
& then for them to be poss'd of their property agree-
ably to the above. I then I Will & ordain that my
beloved Wife Rhoda Bedell, and my Brother

Bedell + Peter Wyche my lawful executor to this my last Will + testament this day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred + fourteen.

In presence of, A Bedell (Seal)
Elisha Tarver, } Intertined in the fifteenth
H. M. Langham, } at the tenth word before signed.
Gresnell & Mobley }

Georgia } Personally came + appeared in Open Court
Jones County } William Langham one of the subscribing
Witnesses to the within Will who being duly sworn De-
posed + said that he saw Abner Bedell deceased execute
within Will + that it is the true last Will + testament
of the said deceased + that Elisha Tarver + Gresnell & Mo-
bley were present + subscribed their names as witnesses
thereto. Sworn to in Open Court, this 5th Dec. 1814.

H. M. Comer Clk.

H. M. Langham.

Jonathan Halsteads Will.

My Will is that Isabella Halstead my Wife shall occupy
+ enjoy all the property tenable or personal that shall
be in my possession at my death; that she shall be
sole + only Executrix with liberty from me to do + act
as she thinks proper during her lifetime, at her de-
cease the residue of the property that I may die pos-
sessed of shall go to my children share + share alike. I
hereby give freedom to Prince my slave at the death of
my Wife Isabella with whom he must serve untill
her decease. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand + affixed my seal this twenty seventh day
of August 1814, and of the Independence of U. S. 39

Signed, sealed + delivered
in the presence of
John Simmons.
R. Hill

Jon. Halsted (Seal)

J. H. Renton.

Georgia } Personally came + appeared in Open
Jones County } Court, James Horatio Renton one of the subscribing
Witnesses to the within Will who being duly sworn
deposed + said that he saw Jonathan Halsted de-
ceased execute the within Will + that it is the true