

Benjamin Hawkins Wilkes County, Georgia Wills

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By this my last will and Testament, I give all my lands negroes and property of every description to my wife Lavinia Hawkins and our daughter Georgia Murkoge Cherokee Carolina and Virginia, and our son Madison and William Hawkins my nephew of North Carolina to be divided in eight equal parts to their heirs forever. If my wife ^{and} or chooses to stay here she can do so with the property or if she should move into Georgia or any State to settle she has full power to do so to purchase a settlement for her convenience and accomodation for her children as her judgment may direct. I appoint my nephew William ^{Hawkins} as Guardian for the Education of my son Madison I appoint my wife Lavinia Hawkins Executrix and my nephew William Hawkins Executor of this my last will and Testament given under my hand at the Creek Agency this ninth day of January one thousand Eight hundred and twelve.

Christian Lumbough
Thomas M. Ellis.

Benjamin Hawkins

John Jameson.

Georgia } Personally appeared in Open Court
Jones County } John Jameson one of the Witnesses to
the within Will who being duly sworn saith that
he saw the testator Benjamin Hawkins sign the
same & saw the other witnesses Christian Lumbough & Thomas M. Ellis sign in the presence of
each other and that the testator was in sound
mind & memory sworn to in open Court 2^d September 1816.

Test. W. Carter Clk.

John Jameson.

Georgia } In the name of God Amen I Edmund Harris
Jones County } of the County and State aforesaid being weak
and feeble in body but of sound and disposing memory
do make & decree this my last will and testament
in the manner and forth following (Piz) Imprimis
I give to my sister Nancy Bittle and her heirs
or assigns twenty five hundred dollars which is
to be paid out of my crop now growing should it
amount to that sum but if my crop should not amount
to that sum twenty five hundred dollars then it shall

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to my Brother Nathan Harris and his lawful heirs the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid out of my estate. I then I give and bequeath to my brother Hewitt Harris ten dollars. I then I give and bequeath unto my brother Richard Harris after his paying all my just debts the balance of my estate both real and personal that is to say all my land negroes house hold and kitch furniture and stocks of all kind all of which I give unto him and his heirs forever. Lastly I hereby appoint constitute & ordain my brother Richard Harris and my trusty friend Robert Hutching sole Executors in and of this my last will and testament hereby revoking making null and void all former wills by me before made or made ratified & confirmed this and this only. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and seventeen. Signed as follows interlined with the word his in the seventh space.

Edwin Harris (seal)

William Snellings.

Simeon Horn.

Elijah Horn.

Georgia } This day came Simeon Horn & Wm Snellings into open Court who being duly sworn said that they saw Edwin Harris sign and execute the foregoing will as his last will testament & they were subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other and that he was of sound mind and memory at the execution thereof.

Sworn to and Subscribed

Simeon Horn.

in open Court

William Snellings.

This 1st day of September 1817.

W. Carter Clk. C. D. J. C.

(Samuel Smith's Will)

In the name of god amen I Samuel Smith of the State of Georgia and County of Jones being in perfect mind and memory think proper to make and ordain this