

a witness.

Sworn to in open Court }
J. Smith C.C.O. }

Henry B. Cabaniss -
Saml. W. Sangston

John Ward's Will.

Know all men by these presents, that I John Ward of the State of Georgia Jones County calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory have thought proper this sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty to make and ordain this my last will and testament.

1st That my just debts be paid from the sale of my present crop.

2nd I give to my wife Ridley Ward during her natural life or widowhood the third of the tract of land whereon I now live to be laid off in such a manner as to include the dwelling house, barn lot & cotton machine with the privilege of the woodland together with five negroes (viz) Sam, Molly, Dick, Annemridge and Cynthia, two beds & bedsteads, and furniture, two pine chests, side board, tables earthen ware and all the kitchen furniture and the sitting chairs, one bay mare and a sorrel horse colt, three three choice cows and calves & one yoke oxen one sow and ten shoats fifteen hundred weight of pork for the ensuing year, seventy five barrels corn, thirty bushels wheat, three thousand weight of fodder, two plows, with three hoes to each and two pairs of gear complete.

3rd I give to my two sons John and Beaton Ward two thirds of the tract of land whereon I now live and at the death or marriage of their mother I give them the other third to be equally divided between them.

4th I give to my son Anderson Ward one dollar having already given him in land and money seven hundred and seventy five dollars which I consider to be a full share, though should he not be equal on a division of the Estate I wish him to be made equal with the rest.

5th The remaining part of my Estate to be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months and the money arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided between my children Nancy, John, Beaton, and Anderson.

Sarah Clements, Anne Veary, Martha Ward, Lucy E. Ward and my two grand daughters Mary + Martha W. Harp bodily heirs of my daughter Elizabeth Harp and first paying my daughter Martha and Lucy E. Ward one hundred + fifty dollars each in consideration of property received by the others at the time of their marriage and at the death or marriage of my wife the property willed to her (the land excepted) to be sold to the highest bidder, and the net proceeds coming from the sales thereof to be equally divided among my children as above named.

I do hereby appoint Ridley Ward Executor and James Freeman and John S. Zachary my Executors to this my last will + testament.

Signed + sealed the day + date first above written in the presence of
J. L. Blackburn, John Williams } John + Ward
King A. Seroggin }

Georgia } Court of Ordinary, September Term 1820
Jones County } Then came King A. Seroggin, John Williams and John S. Blackburn into Court and being sworn say they saw John Ward execute this as his last will; that they signed it as witnesses in his presence + in the presence of each other and that he was sound in mind at the execution thereof.
Sworn to + subscribed in } J. L. Blackburn
in Open Court 4th Sept. 1820 } John Williams
= J. Smith C.C.O. } King A. Seroggin

Bathshiba Grigley's Will.

In the name of God Amen, I Bathshiba Grigley of the State of Georgia + County of Jones tho weak in body yet blessed be god of a sound + memory do constitute this my last will + testament and desire it may be received by all as such, first I give body to the ground from whence it was taken with the full assurance of its resurrection at the last day, as to my burial I desire it may be decent, and with out pomp, Second I give to my beloved nephew Benjamin Grigley one negro woman I slave named Charlotte + one boy Mark + one girl Sarah + all the said Charlotte increase hereafter, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
of January 1816