

Samuel Bent's Will.

In the name of God Amen, I Samuel Bent of the County of Jones and State of Georgia do make this my last will and testament in the following manner, viz:

- 1st It is my desire that all my just debts be paid out of the sale of the last years crop, and that my Executors pay Calney & Baxter the sum of fifty dollars due them by me (of which they hold no obligation of mine) also ten dollars to Isaac Dotley of Hancock County.
- 2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Emma Varner (wife of Edw. Varner) one negro woman by the name of Lydia also a negro woman named Sylvia & her three children viz: George, Mary & Andrew for which the said Varner has a bill of sale also all the household furniture that I formerly lent her or gave her & which she is now in possession of. — I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Richardson Lawson (wife of Jno. H. Lawson) one negro woman Polly, one negro man (her husband) named Nance & their youngest child also one negro girl named Martha also one third of the stock & household furniture not above disposed of.
- 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Laura Bent a negro boy named Ben & his wife Kate together with their two children Bob & Charlotte also one third of the stock & household furniture, also one horse saddle & bridle to cost not less than two hundred dollars, or if she chooses instead thereof two hundred dollars in cash.
- 5th I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Franklin Bent one negro man named Booker, one negro boy named Dennis, one negro boy named Nace, one negro boy named Hero, one negro boy named Warwick, one negro girl named Maria, one negro woman named Dilce and one negro woman named Patey together with the other third of stock & household furniture, also the plantation on which John H. Lawson now lives.
- 6th It is my wish that John H. Lawson occupy the above plantation until Benjamin becomes of age that he keep the property of Laura & Benjamin until Laura & Benjamin become of age at which time they will draw the portion after assigned them together with

their proportion of the the profits of their property in the farm.
I wish it to be understood that the proportions above related
to are as follows viz, while all the above three legacies
remain together, each of these legatees viz. Jno. H. Lawson for
his wife Sally Lawson Dent + Benjamin Franklin Dent
is to draw one third of the profits + if Laura should marry
or become of age, otherwise + draw her share of the property
before Benjamin becomes of age thereafter the said Jno. H.
Lawson (for his wife Sally) + Benjamin Franklin Dent shall
be entitled to half the net profits each until the division
of their shares; also if Jno. H. Lawson thinks proper to re-
move to some other place that he keeps an overseer in the
above place for the good management of the hands.

7th I give and Bequeath unto my wife Nancy Dent one
negro woman named Alley. Also one first rate horse
to cost not less than two hundred dollars to be bought
out of the profits of the plantation, or if she chooses
two hundred dollars, the said Alley at my wifes death to
be equally divided between Jno. H. Lawson + Laura Dent +
the horse above mentioned or the money in its stead
be entirely at her disposal.

8th I hereby nominate + appoint my wife Nancy Dent
together with her son John H. Lawson the sole + entire
executors of this my last will and testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand + seal this
day of May 1818.

(interlined + erased before assigned)

Signed in presence of
attest. E. N. Hascall

M. Anthony
George Deane

Saml Dent S.D.

Georgia

Forbes County.

September Term 1818. Court of Ordinary.
Then came George Deane into open court
+ being duly sworn saith that he saw Samuel Dent
sign seal + acknowledge this to be his last will + testa-
ment and that he this deponent together with Milton
Anthony and Elijah N. Hascall were subscribing wit-
nesses to the same and at the time of the execution there-
of that they signed the same as witnesses by the
said Samuel Dent and in his presence.

and in the presence of each other, and that the said Samuel Bent was in sound mind & senses at the execution thereof known to & subscribed in open }
Court this 17th September 1813. } George Deane

James Smith C.C.C.

(Hinchia B. Pettway's Will)

In the name of God Amen, I Hinchia B. Pettway of the County of Jones & State of Georgia being of sound mind & disposing memory do ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following to wit I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Pettway all my Estate both real & personal to her, her heirs & assigns forever, secondly I nominate & appoint John Moore half brother to my wife Executor to this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal. This 13th day of September in the year of our Lord 1813.

Teste John Gorman.

Benj. Lowe

William Barnes

Hinchia B. Pettway. (Seal)

Georgia

Court of Chancery

Jones County

November Term 1813.

Then came Benjamin Lowe who being duly sworn with that himself with John Gorman & Wm Barnes subscribed this as witnesses, that he saw said Hinchia B. Pettway sign execute & acknowledge this to be his last will & testament, & they signed it as witnesses in his presence & in the presence of each other at his request & that the testator was of sound mind at the time known & subscribed to 2nd November

1813. James Smith C.C.C.

Benjamin Lowe.

(James Stubbs Will)

Georgia

I James Stubbs of the County of Jones in the said State being in a weak & low state of health tho of sound & disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner & form following that is to say first I give & bequeath to my son John Stubbs all that tract of land in said County which was granted to Lowry and conveyed to me by way of Jefferson County, secondly I will