

Will of Dudley Sued, Deceased, continued,

Dudley Sued, Deceased, and that Letters Testamentary, do issue to said Jesse Cook, the Executor thereof, he taking the oath prescribed by Law. And it is further ordered that Charles M. Irwin, Willis A. Jones, G. L. Shepherd, Jacob N. Sessions, & Lindsey H. Burdick, be appointed appraisers for said Estate.

James R. Gilbert,  
Ordinary Lee County,  
Recorded Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1863. James R. Gilbert, Ordinary

Will of Benjamin Ramsey, Deceased,

State of Georgia, I Benjamin Ramsey of said State & County, Lee County, being feeble in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make public and declare this my Last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me,

Item 1<sup>st</sup> = I give and bequeath to my daughters Mrs. Penelope Leavelle and Mrs. Martha Freeman, Lot of Land Number One Hundred & Forty three (143) in the Second District (2) of said County, to be equally partitioned off, and the half falling to each. I give and bequeath to them for and during their natural lives, and at their death to such Child or Children as they may leave living at their death, and in no event to be subject to their debts, and contracts or liabilities, or to the debts, contracts or liabilities of any Husband they may have. —

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> = I give and bequeath to my Son Henry M. Ramsey, Lot of Land Number One Hundred Forty Seven (147) in the Second District (2<sup>nd</sup>) of said County, together with all the improvements on the same, and negro boy, Elick, about Eleven years old, to have and to hold them during his natural life, and at his death to such Child or Children as he may leave living at his death, or may be born within the usual period of gestation, after

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but in no event to be subject to his debts, contracts or liabilities. I further give and bequeath to him in fee simple, my heath colored horse bellows, one Bed and furniture, my small yoke Oxen and heath; one Cow and calf; and one sow and pigs.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> =

I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca A. Ramsey, Lot of Land Number One Hundred and forty Eight (148) in the Second District of said County, and negro girl Jaqueline, about Eleven years of age, for and during the natural life of my said daughter, and at her death to such child or children, as she may leave living, and said Land and negro in no event to be subject to the debts, contracts or liabilities of my said daughter, or any husband she may have. I further give to my said Daughter in fee simple two Cows and Calves, one Bed and furniture and one sow and pig.

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And I further will and desire that, my said daughter as long as she remains single, remain and live in the house where I now live. It is further my Will and desire, and I hereby bequeath, with the Lot of Land herein given to my said Daughter, all the improvements on the same, including the Gin-House and Screw, and the Sugar-Mill and Boilers, but my son Henry is to have the use of them as long as my said Daughter lives in the house with him.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> =

It is my Will and desire that all of my other negroes not herein otherwise disposed of be equally divided, share and share alike between my Daughters Penelope Carol, Martha Freeman, Rebecca A. Ramsey, and my son Henry Le. Ramsey, and my Grand-Daughter Helena Elizabeth Ramsey, Daughter of my deceased son Benjamin's Ramsey, the share following to each, to them for and during their lives; and at their death to such child or children as they may leave living at their death; in no event to be subject to the

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debts, contracts, or liabilities, or the debts, con-  
 tracts or liabilities of any husband they may have,  
 and should my said Grand-Daughter die without  
 leaving child or children surviving her: then I  
 desire her said share of her property to be  
 equally divided between my said children,  
 or their Representatives; and I hereby appoint  
 my friend Jesse Tucker, of said County  
 Trustee for my said children & Grand-children, -  
 I desire my Executor hereinafter appointed  
 to sell all my other property not otherwise  
 disposed of by this will, at such time after  
 my death and under such circumstances either  
 privately, or publicly as may in his judgement  
 be deemed best, and with the proceeds pay my  
 just debts, and the balance after the payment  
 of my debts I wish equally divided between  
 my Daughter Penelope Carroll and Mrs,  
 Martha Freeman, and said balance  
 does not exceed two thousand Dollars, and in  
 the event it does, I desire the said excess to be  
 equally divided between my Daughter Penelope  
 Carroll, Martha Freeman, Rebecca A. Ramsey,  
 and my son Henry L. Ramsey, my object in  
 giving my two Daughters Mrs. Carroll, & Mrs.  
 Freeman, the two thousand Dollars, in the  
 event of there being that much is, to make  
 them up the difference in the Land, as nearly as  
 I can; If in the opinion of my Executor it  
 shall be thought best to postpone a sale  
 of my other property herein mentioned he shall  
 keep up my plantation until such sale &  
 not pay off the Legacies, or give off the prop-  
 erty until after the sale, I desire such  
 money as I may have on hand at my  
 death and such as may be collected from  
 debts due me, to be put with the proceeds of  
 the sale of the aforesaid property, and  
 disposed of as the same is here in this

Item 5<sup>th</sup> =

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Item directed to be: Item 6<sup>th</sup> = I nominate and appoint my friend Jesse Tucker, of said County, my Executor to this my Will, In testamony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this January the 18<sup>th</sup> 1865. -

Benjamin Ramsey, (L.S.)

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the above named Benjamin Ramsey, as his will in our presence, who in his presence and at his request have hereunto signed our names as witnesses in his presence, and in the presence of each other,

Joel Forester,  
John H. Pope,  
Chas. H. Leonard,

November Term 1865, of Lee Court of Ordinary, came into open Court, at this Regular Term of the Court Joel Forester, and being duly sworn deposes that Benjamin Ramsey sign and publish the within as his Last will and Testament, while of sound and disposing mind, that he witnessed the same for him at his request and in his presence, and of each of the other witnesses John H. Pope, and Charles H. Leonard, and that each of the other witnesses did the like; and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed, Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court.

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Joel Forester,

November Term 1865,  
E. D. Watson, (Ordinary).

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