

In the Name of God Amen I, Amos Bennett of the County of Hope,
do hereby certify that I am always be prepared for death - After deducting the amount
of Capital and interest there by me advanced towards the Mercantile, the
Mortgage of R. S. Groves & Co, a partnership in which I was, Clerk, Bar, Clerk
and other incidental expenses, I give and bequeath one half the net profits
to R. S. Groves of Savannah - This is necessary on account of the Groves
having made a relinquishment in my favor at the dissolution of the
business conducted in Riceboro' under the above form - To R. S. Groves
I give and bequeath one half the net profits of the Mercantile business
conducted at Riceboro' in my own name - The necessary and incidental charges
being first deducted - My just debts it is my Will and desire
that they be paid without delay - As to the money can be collected to effect the same - In the order following, first
for Board &c. Secondly debts due planters for produce purchased of them
Thirdly debts due in Savannah - With the view of effecting
this purpose, it is my Will, that my Mercantile business be conducted under the
direction of Reginald N. Groves, for a few months, not exceeding twelve, provided
my executors or Administrators may deem it expedient - It is my Will and
desire that one third of the net amount of my Estate be appropriated
to the purpose purchase of Field negroes and the same be given, my worthy
and esteemed friend Mrs. Sarah W. Foster of Riceboro' to her during her
natural life, then to revert to the heirs of Asa Porter, this I wish executed
as soon as the above necessary arrangements are made and means are
obtained - It is my Will and desire that another third be given my
brother Benjamin Porter, of Orange County of Virginia, and the
said Asa Porter 2^d page) remaining third to the rest of my brothers & sisters
who may be living at my decease; - It is my Will that the legacies
given to such of my Brothers and Sisters who are not of age are to be
put into the hands of my father Abner Porter of Orange Co. Virginia
till they may respectively arrive to the age of Twenty years - It

It is to be understood that the debts due from R. N. Porter to the and the heirs
business of A. Porter are to be paid previous to the division of property
between them. I do appoint the Rev. Cyrus Guildenstone, Reginald M. S.
John C. Lewis, John Dean & John Bayard my Executors, to this my last will and
Testament. I have subscribed my name to each page of the foregoing
All instruments of this kind of previous date are hereby null and void
after made subscribed this 8th day of December One thousand eight
hundred and seven
A. Porter

Witnesses J. O. Baker
Wm. C. Baker

To the foregoing, I will add, that it is
my Will and desire, that the two thirds of my Estate, that are left to my
brothers & sisters be appropriated to the purchase of Stock in the plantation
Bank, should that be put in operation, and that be applied to their
respective uses & in such proportion as is above directed to be distributed
and this may be done any time within two years from the date hereof

A. Porter

State of Georgia

Liberty County

Personally appeared John C. Baker a Subscribing Witness
to the last Will and Testament of Abner Porter, who being duly sworn
that he was present and did see the said Abner Porter the within named Testator
sign and declare the within Instrument of writing as in fact his last Will and
Testament, as it now stands to the best of his knowledge and belief. And
that he said John C. Baker, together with William Baker, did each of them
at the request of the said Abner Porter, who appeared to be in his senses and
in his presence and in the presence of each other, subscribe their names
as Witnesses thereto

J. O. BAKER

Sworn to this 16th day of

Feb^y 1808

Recorded 16th Feb^y 1808

John Rivers
Wm. C. Baker
J. O. Baker

FORRESTER C. C. & L. L.