

State of Georgia
Liberty County

Know all men by these presents, that we, Nathaniel Law, and Charlton Jones, are held and firmly bound unto our Honors, the Judges of the Court of Ordinary for said County, and their successors in office, in the just and full sum of two thousand dollars; for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made to the said Judges, and their successors in office we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated at Riceborough, this third day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty four.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the said Nathaniel Law is this day appointed Guardian to Mrs. Sarah Handley, Sarah Handley, Geo. H. Handley, Martha Handley & Mary Handley, orphans of Thomas H. Handley deceased; Now if the said Nathaniel Law do well and truly demean himself as Guardian aforesaid, agreeably to letters of guardianship bearing even date herewith, and agreeably to law in such case made and provided, the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged in open Court
E. Baker Clerk

Nath. Law
Charlton Jones

Recorded 5 November 1834
E. Baker Clk.

State of Georgia

Liberty County } Know all men by these presents, that we, William Jones & Nathaniel Venable of said County are held and firmly bound unto their Honors the Judges of the Court of Ordinary for said County, and their successors in office, in the just and full sum of two thousand dollars, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made to the said Judges and their successors in office, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents sealed with our seals, and dated at Riceborough, this twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty five.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the said William Jones was, on the fifth instant appointed Guardian to Mary Ann Foster, Eleanor Foster, William Foster and Betty Foster, orphans of William Foster late of said County deceased; Now, if the said William Jones do well and truly demean himself as guardian aforesaid, agreeably to letters of guardianship bearing even date herewith, and agreeably to law in such case made and provided, the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged
in open Court
E. Baker Clerk

Wm Jones
N. Venable

Recorded 14 January 1835
E. Baker Clk.

In the name of God, Amen. I Thomas Bacon of the County of Liberty and State of Georgia, knowing that life is uncertain, and being in delicate health, but of sound mind and judgment, do now make this my last will and testament. First, I resign my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and will, that after my death my body be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner. As to the things of this world, that God has been pleased to bless me with, I will, devise and bequeath in manner following, to wit:
Item, I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Sarah H. Bacon, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, all that my house and lot of land on which I have settled, situate in Walhous-

cells, and containing this number of acres, according to the late survey and plat thereof, made by J. B. Daniels, County Surveyor. Also, all my household goods, kitchen furniture, books, four wheeled family carriages, carriage-horses, harness, and appointments thereto belonging. Also my slave Wills who is at present the carriage-driver, and the following house-servants, namely, Chloe, Affie and her two children, Isidor and Belle. To hold to her my said wife, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever. And I moreover, give and devise unto my said wife, for and during all the term of her natural life, my Bennett tract of land, containing two hundred acres, more or less.

Item. I give and devise unto my eldest son, Edwin H. Bacon, and to his heirs and assigns. All that my lot of pine lands, with the improvements thereon erected, on which he now lives, adjoining to that above tract devised to my said wife, and lands of Richard J. Baker and William J. May and others. Also all that part or tract of lands, on which his negroes are now settled, and he plants, supposed to contain two hundred acres, more or less, lying in the Desert, being part of the tract of land originally granted to Sam Andrews, down as far as half way between a pine station and a double maple station, on a line between Edward Russell and said lands, thence in a line running two degrees South across said lands until it strikes William J. May's land, according to a mark which I made across the plat thereof. Also two lots of pine land lying on the new Canowatch road, adjoining Edward Russell's pine lot on the North, and the Estate of Moses May's land on the South near Sweetwater Branch. Also five hundred acres of pine land on the Big Bay, adjoining Richard J. Baker's on the South, and Edward Russell's on the East. Also my negro man slave Big Stephen, and girl Nancy, who is at present his house servant. To hold to my said son, Edwin H. Bacon, his heirs and assigns forever. And I do hereby declare that the said real estate, so devised to my said wife and son, shall be considered their full share and proportion of all my real estate.

Item. All the rest, residues, reversion and remainder of my real estate, whatsoever and where soever, I give and devise unto all my other children, namely, Albert T. Bacon, Augustus O. Bacon, Milton C. Bacon, Sumner W. Bacon, Thomas J. Bacon, Henry H. Bacon, Frances Cornelia Bacon and Robert J. Bacon, their respective heirs and assigns forever, in equal parts and shares, as tenants in common, and not as joint tenants.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my said son, ^{T. Bacon} Albert, one of my double barreled guns, of which he may make choice; and unto my said son, Augustus O. Bacon, my silver watch.

Item. All the rest and remainder of my personal estate and property of every description, including slaves, I give and bequeath to be equally divided between my said wife and all my said children, their respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, share and share alike. The slaves above named, given to my said wife and son Edwin H. Bacon, to be considered as part of the same, and appraised with all the others, and charged to them, my said wife and son, at the appraisement. But no appraisement to be made of the other parts of my personal property given to my said wife and sons, Albert T. and Augustus O. Bacon.

Item. If any of my said children shall depart this life, either before or after me, in their minority, and without lawful issue, then and in such case, I give, devise and bequeath the part and share of my estate intended for such decedent to be equally divided between my said wife and my surviving children, or their legal representatives, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, in equal parts and shares: such legal representatives taking such part and share, only, as his, her or their deceased parent would have had and taken, if living.

Item. I nominate and appoint my said son Edwin H. Bacon, and my beloved children, George W. Waltham, Richard J. Baker and Oliver Stevens, my said son Albert T. Bacon,

as soon as he graduates in the Jefferson Medical College, and my said son Augustus O. Bacon, as soon as he arrives at the age of twenty one years, executors, and my said wife Sarah A. Bacon, executrix, of this my last will and testament.

Lastly, I hereby revoke all former wills by ones made, and declare this only to be and contain my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Witness, declared, published and declared by the testator Thomas Bacon as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us

Thomas Bacon

Isaac Hoeckley
Frances Holcombe
Benjamin L. Webb

State of Georgia

Liberty County } Mrs. Frances Holcombe, being duly sworn, deposes and swears, that she is a subscribing witness to the within last will and testament of Thomas Bacon by deceased, which she saw duly executed by the said testator in the presence of Isaac Hoeckley and Benjamin L. Webb, the other two subscribing witnesses, and that the said testator appeared at the time to be in his perfect senses.

Sworn to before us this 18th day of November 1834.

Frances Holcombe

Wm. J. May 1834 C. C.

William R. Fleming 1834 C. C.

William L. Baker 1834 C. C.

Recorded 14 January 1835

E. Baker C. C.

You, William R. Scott, James Wilson and Edward Bouquien, do swear, that you will make a true appraisement and inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of Mary Ann Mells, late of Liberty County deceased, as shall be produced and shown to you by Alice J. Barnes, administratrix de bonis non, with the will annexed of said deceased, and that you will return the same, certified under your hands, to the said administratrix, within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me, this 21st day of November 1834.

Charles H. Binns

Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Mary Ann Mells deceased.

Rose, a negro woman

300

Jenny

350

\$ 650

We do certify upon oath, that, as far as was produced to us, by the administratrix, the above and foregoing contains a true appraisement of the goods, chattels and credits of the estate of Mary Ann Mells deceased to the best of our judgment and understanding.

Nov. 21. 1834

Wm. R. Scott

James Wilson

Edw. Bouquien

I do certify that the above appraisers were sworn to perform their duty as appraisers according to law.

this 21st day of November 1834

Ch. H. Binns J. P.

Recorded 24 January 1835

E. Baker C. C.