

State of Georgia

Liberty County } In the name of God. Amen.

I Benjamin Law, of the State and County aforesaid, conscious of the frailty of human existence, and being now in the full exercise of my mental powers, do make this my last will and testament.

- 1st I give my body to the earth from which it was taken, and commend my soul to God, trusting in my Saviour for a happy immortality in another and a better world.
- 2^d I give to my afflicted and dear child, Benjamin Law, my fellow Sam, till death to attend on him, and the said Benjamin to be supported out of the rest of my property.
- 3^d All the remainder of my property I give and bequeath to the rest of my family, to be equally divided between them after all my just debts are paid.

William, Joseph, James & John S. Law, my four sons, I name executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 28th day of August eighteen hundred and twenty six.

In presence of
James Sandiford
John C. Broughton
J. S. Bradwell & S. C. L. L.

Benjamin Law

State of Georgia

Liberty County } James Sandiford, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the within last will and testament of Benjamin Law deceased, which he saw duly executed by the said testator in the presence of John C. Broughton and James S. Bradwell, 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

7 January 1828

John Danwoody J. S. C. L.

Wm. Hughes J. S. C. L.

J. S. Bradwell J. S. C. L.

James Sandiford

Recorded 24 January 1828
E. B. Kirkland

State of Georgia

I William Foster, of the County of Liberty in said State, do make my last will and testament as follows. I give, devise and bequeath to my friends, Nathaniel Yarnall, William Jones and Moss Way, all my estate, both real and personal, in trust, and to and for the only use, benefit and behoof of my wife Elizabeth Foster, and her children by me; namely, Mary Ann, Eleanor, William & Fletty Foster. And should either of my trustees or executors depart this life, it is my will that another should be appointed by the survivors, so as to keep up the number of those trustees or executors, so long as there shall be need of their services.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty seven.

Witnesses

Jona. Bacon

Jesse Cooper

Jas. C. Phelps

Wm. Foster

State of Georgia

Liberty County

Jonathan Bacon being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the within last will and testament of William Foster deceased, which he saw duly executed by the said deceased in the presence of Jesse Cooper and James C. Phlips, 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

Jonathan Bacon

7 January 1828.

John Dunwoody Hbhb

Wm. Hughes Hbhb

R. Bradwell Hbhb

Recorded 24 January 1828

E. Baker Clk

You, John S. Quarterman, John Stacy & Ezra Stacy, do swear, that you will make a just and true appraisement and inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of Donald Frier, late of Liberty County deceased, as shall be produced and shewn to you by Margaret Frier, admx. of said deceased, and that you will return the same, certified under your hands, to the said Margaret Frier within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me, this 17th day of

January eighteen hundred & twenty eight

John Dunwoody Hbhb

John S. Quarterman

John M. Stacy

Ezra Stacy

An appraisement of all the personal property belonging to the Est. of Donald Frier, as exhibited by Margaret Frier, the administratrix.

Negros.

1. Major	350
2. Anthony	425
3. Stephen	400
4. September	150
5. Celia	300
6. Tula	250
7. Bep	200
8. Phoebe	150
	<u>\$2225</u>

9. Jenny	325
10. Big Affy	300
11. Little Affy	300
12. Hagar	200
13. Abram	200
14. Peter	175
15. Charlotte	75
16. Jerry	100
	<u>1675</u>

2225

Total amt.

\$3900.00

1. Sideboard	20.	amt. brought forward	174.00
1. Table	10	1. Other bedstead & bedding	15.00
10. Case Table	8	2. Dressing Table, & boxes	1.50
1. Card Table	7	1. Small Trunk & Andersons	3.00
1. Old Piano	10	1. Lot of Caps & Fans	8.00
6. Straw bottomed chairs	6	1. Chest of Drawers	10.00
3. Old Chair	1.50	1. Chest, & Bed Clothing in it	20.00
2. Rocking chairs	1.50	1. Lots of Table linen & Towels	6.00
1. Bedstead, bed & bedding	45.00	1. Lot of fine Trunks	8.00
1. Other Bedstead & bedding	25.00	1. Iron bound Chest	5.00
1. Other Bedstead & bedding	40.00	1. Clock	15.00

amt. carried forward \$1740.0

amt. carried forward \$4165.50

Amount brought forward \$416.50
 1 Candle stand 5.00
 1 Medicine box, & medicines 5.00
 1 Lot of Books 35.
 1 Lot of Crockery 9
 1 Lot Tin ware 4
 1 Pr. Indirons, shovel & tongs 4
 1 Pint 50
 1 Lot glass ware 3.00
 Amount carried forward \$4220.00

Amount brought forward \$4220.00
 1 Knife box, & knives 8.
 1 Lot of old candlesticks 50
 1 Pr. of old Indirons 25
 1 Spinning wheel 3.00
 1 Lot of Kitchen furniture 12.00
 5 Silver Table Spoons 8.00
 5 30" Tea do. 4.00
 Amount carried down \$4250.75

Amount brought down 4250.75
 Wagon 40.00
 Heavy Wagon 20.00
 Gig & harness 100.
 Corn mill 8
 1 Holster, pr. of pistols & sword 5.
 1 Old Musket 50
 1 Lot of Carpenters Tools 2.00
 2 Ploughs 2.00
 Old crop Horse 5.00
 Horse Crawford 80.00
 A mare named Polly 50.00
 Amount carried forward \$4563.25

Amount brought forward \$4563.25
 A mare named young Polly 50.00
 Eldest Colt 35.00
 youngest Colt 15.00
 5 Head of old Sheep 10.00
 5 Head of Lambs 5.00
 70 Head of Stock Cattle at \$5 350.00
 5 Foot pins at \$3 15.00
 1 Coffee mill 1.00
 1 Pine Desk 1.00
 1 Old Table 1.00
 Total amount of valuation \$5046.25

We certify the above this 17 day of January 1828

John L. Quantman
 John W. Stacy
 Ezra Stacy

Recorded 31 January 1828
 E. Baker Clerk

You, Joseph Jones, Jonathan Bacon and Moses L. Jones, do swear, that you will make a just and true appraisement and inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of William Foster, late of the County of Liberty deceased, as shall be produced and shown to you by Nathaniel Vermead, executor of the will of said deceased, and that you will return the same, certified under your hands, to the said Nathaniel Vermead within the time prescribed by law

Sworn before me, this
 8th February 1828
 J. D. Hathaway J.P.

Jos. Jones
 M. L. Jones
 Jos. Bacon

An Inventory & Appraisement of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the Estate of William Foster, as produced to us by Mr. Nathaniel Vermead, qualified executor, this 8th February 1828.

1. Staphy 400. Amt. brought forward \$1200 Brought forward \$1725
 2. Lark 200 5. Bap. 175 3. Amy 125
 3. Chlre 300 6. Sam 225 9. Jane 100
 4. Lelia 300 7. Lark 125 10. Horstons 75
 Carried forward \$1200 Est. forward \$1725 Carried paid \$2025

Amount brought forward	2034.00
6 Hens of Stock Cattle	36.00
11 do do Sheep	12.00
14 " " Hogs	12.00
1 Mare & two Colts	100.00
2 Leather Beds & 1 Mattress	60.00
2 Mattresses & Coverlid	35.00
6 Blankets	9.00
1/2 doz. chairs	6.00
1 Bed, with its furniture,	6.00
3 Tables	7.00
1/2 doz. cups & saucers, & Tea plates, &c.	2.00
Amount carried forward	\$2304.00

Amount brought forward	\$2034.00
3 Candlesticks	37 1/2
2 Pr. Andersons, & 1 Tray	3.50
Chest, Trunk, & Old Crockery	10.00
1 Gun	10.00
2 Jerseys & old Flannels	30.00
1 Cattle, 1 Round Plough & 2 Prams	6.00
1 Loom & spinning wheel	6.00
3 Guns, & 1 Steel yard	15.00
Kitchen Furniture	12.00
1 Pr. quene Stone, 1 Grindstone	15.50
	\$2412.37 1/2

Jos. Jones }
 Mr. L. Jones } Qualified Appraisers
 John Bacon }

Recorded 11th February 1823
 C. Baker Clerk

State of Georgia

Boyan County } In the name of God Amen. I Mary Ann Melle, of Liberty
 County in the State of Georgia, widow of William Thomas Melle, late of Chatham
 County, deceased, being weak and feeble in bodily health, but of perfect mind and memory,
 do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

In the first place, as to what worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me
 with, after payment of my funeral expenses, and all my just and lawful debts, I give,
 devise, and bequeath, and dispose of the same in the following manner.

Item 1st First, I give, and bequeath to my daughter Martha Saunders Melle my three
 negro slaves, Rose, Kelly and Jenny, and the issue & increase of the said female slaves,
 together with my horse, pig, stock of cattle, sheep, beds and bedding, furniture, jewellery,
 which I now have, or may be possessed of, at the time of my death. And all the
 rest, remainder and residue of my estate, of every kind & description, I give, devise and
 bequeath the said slaves, and their future increase, my horse, pig, stock of cattle, sheep,
 beds and bedding, furniture, jewellery, and all the rest and residue of my estate, I give-
 devise and bequeath to my said daughter Martha Saunders Melle, and to her heirs forever.
 But in case the said Martha Saunders Melle should die before marriage, or without
 children or issue, of her body living at the time of her death, then and in such case, I
 give, devise and bequeath the said female slaves, and their future issue and increase, horse,
 pig, stock of cattle, sheep, beds & bedding, furniture, jewellery, and all the rest and residue
 of my estate, to my sister Miriam G. Bernie, during her life, and at the death of my
 said sister, it is my will, and I do hereby give, devise and bequeath the said negro slaves,
 Rose, Kelly and Jenny, and their future issue and increase, and all the rest, remainder
 and residue of my estate, of every kind, to John B. Kays, son of my esteemed friend Mrs.
 Eliza Lamb, of Boyan County, to him and his heirs forever.

Item It is hereby my will, wish, and my express desire, that at and immediately after
 my death, that my sister Mrs. Miriam G. Bernie should take into her charge and
 keeping my daughter Martha Saunders Melle; and that she should continue in her charge
 and keeping until she arrives to the age of eighteen years, or until she is married.