

Wm of Benjamin Lane

State of Georgia I Benjamin Lince of said State
 Counties of Wilkes and Corroby. Plaintiff - being of
 sound mind, memory and understanding
 do make, publish and declare, this to be my last Will
 and Testament in manner and form following, hereby
 revoking all other wills of every sort and character, by
 me at any time heretofore made - that is to say -

John, I

I fully appoint my Son-in-law Solomon Smith of
Lowndes County - Geo. Hugh W. Coachman of the
same place, and Joseph Tillman of Abbeville, to be
my only appointed Executors - one or more or all to
accept and execute this my Will - I also direct and
improve them, one or more, out of my estate in land
or personal property, not otherwise disposed of after
my death, first before & every thing, to pay all my just
debts of every sort and Character.

Nov. 25

I give and devise to my beloved wife, Jane Lane, with
 whom help and care we have gathered the Estate we
 now possess, for and during her natural life that is to
 say "my estate for life", remainder over to my several sons
 and daughters, as hereinafter directed the following
 be the same Benjamin Lane

property real and personal viz^t

The same place wherein I now live, consisting of
lots of land 110. (114) one hundred and forty six (15)
one hundred & seventy. & (11) eighty are a part of which
lot (11) eighty one I lately purchased of W. H. Brown
One thousand & four hundred acres, more or less - lying
and being in the Eighth District of said County of Lincoln
with all rights and appurtenances thereto belonging -
plus

The following names - To wit: Jim, Cynthia,
Nashy, Little M^d, Rhoda, Isaac, Lillian, & Elizabeth
John & Big Jeff. Also all the household furniture
furniture of all sorts and kinds. Very thing in and
about the house yard & garden, properly belonging thereto
or for its comfort convenience or ornament. A large
part of the best and more valuable family goods
& baggage with the horses to each party.
Adverse parties to include certain property.

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(Said) eight hundred bushels of corn, eight sheaves of
good fodder, (Good) five thousand pounds of iron for
the said millstone. All the Potatoes, wheat, oats and
cotton seed - which may be on hand - the said gin & much
of some Thrasher & wheat fan, Black Smiths tools -
Plantation tools of every sort and character, including
hedges, seats, hangers, plow gear & one hundred dollars
in gold. And I hereby direct & empower my said
Executors all the

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said property, both real and personal, to give the same
over to my wife, without inventory or appraisement,
or receipt from her. She hereby is to have it, she
shall have undisturbed possession and enjoyment of it.
I also hereby empower my said wife in the use and
enjoyment of her said Estate for life, in the property
to sell or convey & contract it as to her may seem best -
By or all things (except the real Estate, the said three
lots of land) And that two without it to come
from my said Executors, or children, or any one else.
She shall be accountable to no one for her acts & doings.
My will and intention is to leave my wife with all the
comforts of life & with full power and right to enjoy the
same. Now as this ample provision for her living life
or widowhood, if she should marry again it will
be more than is lawful, then I require her to surrender
all the real Estate to my two sons Benjamin P. &
Henry C. & half of all the personal Estate to my said
Executors to be divided among all my children, son &
daughters, to the children of such as may be dead according
to trust and limitation hereinafter stated. The other
half of my wife will enjoy & possess as hereinafter
directed for and during her natural life. And in no
way subject to the will of her husband. And my wife
will not claim Dower.

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Item III I give & devise to my son Benjamin Lane, now a minor,
his heirs and assigns forever, at the death of my wife or
her second marriage, the undivided one half of the
lots of land given her in Item II Said of this
will. And at my death or the division of my Estate
hereafter if not before divided to him the
following named Sons, with my wife Mary,
call Simeon Lane & Mary. Also the undivided one

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 half of land No. (114) one hundred and fifteen in the
 Eighth District of Lowndes County, Ga. and also
 at my death an equal share with all my other children
 in the same real estate and other personal property -
 and all else that my Executors may divide and which
 is not specifically granted to some one or other of my chil-
 dren by this will & at all other divisions thereafter to be made.

Item IV

I give and devise to my son, Henry C. Lane, his heirs and
 assigns forever, at the death of my wife or her second marriage,
 the other undivided one half of the said (3) three lots of
 land given to her in Item II of this Will. And at my
 death or the division of my estate thereafter, if not before
 divided to him the following named Slaves - Pat, Sam,
 Little Jeff.

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Loray & Joe. And the other undivided one half of
 Lot No. (114) one hundred and fifteen in the Eighth
 District of Lowndes County, Ga. And also at my death
 an equal share with all my other children in the
 Slaves and other personal property, and all else that
 my Executors may divide and which is not specifically
 granted to some one or other of my children by this will, and at
 all other divisions thereafter to be made.

Item V

I give and devise in trust to Solomon B. Smith "for
 the sole and separate use" of his wife my daughter
 Betsey Ann, do said Solomon B. in trust to for the sole
 and separate use of my daughter Harriett J. Griffin now
 living in Bainbridge Ga. do the said Solomon B. in trust
 to for "the sole and separate use" Jane Adeline O'Neal,
 also of Bainbridge Ga. do Nathl. McCoachman in trust
 to for the sole and separate use of his wife my daughter
 Lewis M. Coachman - do Joseph Sillman of the County
 of Madison in the State of Georgia in trust
 to for the sole and separate use of his wife my daughter
 Mary Sillman. The following lots of Land to wit:
 Lot No. (114) one hundred and fifteen & (115) one hundred
 & sixteen & (116) one hundred & eighteen & (117) one
 hundred and fifteen (118) one hundred & fifteen
 and the one fourth part of lot (112) one hundred
 and twelve all lying in the same

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Solomon B Smith in trust to & for the sole and separate use, of his Pety, & my daughter Harriet L Griffin, & my daughter Jane Adaline O'Neal And to Hugh M Connelman in trust to & for the sole sole separate use, of his wife Francis M Connelman, & to Joseph Lillman in trust to & for the sole separate use of his wife Susan Lillman, an equal share to each of my said daughters share share alike in all the shares of which I shall die possessed - except as herein otherwise disposed of unless some one or more of them shall not survive by that time enough in share or money to make such an one or more equal to the largest share Any of them has before that time received in that such one or more shall first be made equal, with the others or others - then the division proceed on terms of equality as herein contemplated And the estate of my daughters in the shares, given and devised in trust by this Will of my will and the property both

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real & personal, hereinafter given to the said trustees in trust, I give & devise to & for the sole and separate use of my said Daughters, independent & unimpaired rights of their ^{several} husbands, viz, no way whatever to be by the said husbands alienated, disposed or conveyed -
I give and devise to my sons Benjamin B Lane & Henry Lane, them & their heirs forever, & to the said named trustees, in trust to & for the sole separate use of my daughters, each an equal share, share & share alike in all the real & residue of my estate both real & personal to be by my said Executors sold & divided without being sold, as the Executors may think best for all concerned, And also wth the life estate of my wife shall terminate in whole by her death & or second marriage - in the personal estate so given to her, then that shall also be equally divided as by this Will directed - Subject to the life trusts, limitations & uses as directed for my said daughters, And I now repeat that the several

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of my daughters herein mentioned & all other clauses & trusts referring thereto, in reference to the estate of said daughters, both real & personal, it is my intention to give and devise to them in trust to the said trustees to & for the sole separate use of each -

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And if either shall die without child or children alive after such death, then the estate of such one is to come back to her brothers & sisters or their child or children, and that coming back to the sisters shall then be subject to the like limitations, trusts & uses as is hereby placed on it in the first-taken. Or use the words child, children, brothers, sisters & their children as designating the persons to whom I design to give my estate, believing that thereby I shall exclude from a right to take any of my said estate, personal or real, all other persons whatsoever husbands & every body else. And it is not intended to create a separate estate by this will in any body but my said daughter, if my death shall occur at such a season of the year that manifest injury will be

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due to my estate by a hasty division thereof as with a crop just planted or on hand and not gathered or made, then my executors shall delay until the end of the year before proceeding to execute my will & purposes herein stated and every thing shall remain as at the date of my death until said division.

On witness whereof I the said Benjamin Lane have this my last will and testament contained herein set my hand to the bottom of each page & my hand and seal at the bottom of this page the eighteenth 18th day of December in the year eighteen hundred & fifty nine 1859

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Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the said Benjamin Lane as & for his last will & testament in the presence of us, who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said testator & of each other.

December 18th 1859.

W & B. B. B.
William J. Winsor
Augustus B. Lane

This attestation & signature was done at the residence of the said Benjamin Lane

Georgia
John H. Harrell, Ordinary of
Georgia County, Georgia, do hereby certify that
this is a true copy of the

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December 24th 1860. i.e. Chambers of the Court of Ordinary
And that Solomon B. Smith, named herein as Executor
duly qualified before me, at January Term of said
Court following. And to that him with full pow-
er to execute said Will, I have duly issued to him
the proper Testamentary Process to said Copy of said
Will.

In Testimony, I the said Ordinary, have here to
set my hand and seal of Office 14th day of January 1861.

J. W. Marshall
Ordinary of said County
at Ex officio Clerk.

The above ~~copy~~ is a true copy
of Benjamin Lane's Will
Recorded February 5th 1881
J. P. Stephens
Ordinary