

State of Georgia 3 In the name of God Amen I
Murray County 3 Benjamin J Thompson of said County
and State being diseased in body
but of sound mind, and believing it my duty
to make such disposition as I think proper with
the property with which a kind providence has blessed
me, do make & ordain this my last will and testa-
ment, hereby revoking all other will by me made
at any time heretofore.

First I will and bequeath my dearly beloved
wife Nancy W Thompson, that she remain at
my present dwelling on lot 241. 10 District
3 section and to have her support of said farm
and to have my negro girl Melbey during
her natural life, and then the said negro girl
and her increase, if there should be any, are to
be sold at public sale and the proceeds and sums or amount
arising from the sale of negro or negroes to be
equally divided among all of my children.

Second. I will and bequeath to my four sons
to wit Robert J Thompson, John W. Thompson
James Kniddle, Thompson, Sander Napoleon Thomp-
son, all the lands that I am possessed of, to wit
lot No 241- and 227 in the South District and
3 section of Murray County in said State.

Third, I will and bequeath to my four Daughters
to wit, Sarah Jane Stovell, and Henry An Thomsen
Arminia Mulvina Thompson, Mary Harriett Thompson
Three Hundred Dollars each, my daughter, Nancy An
Barnett, the amount I have willed her, I will it to
the above named Nancy An Barnett, and her heirs.

Fourth I will and bequeath to my grand child
John W Taylor Thompson, one horse saddle and bridle
and one hundred dollars in money and I do hereby

appoint my son John W Thompson the said child guardian, the said property and money to be paid to the said child when he becomes twenty one years old, if the said child should not live to arrive to the age of twenty one then the above named property, to be sold, and with the one hundred dollars, to equally, divided with my heirs.
Fifth I do hereby appoint my son John W Thompson my Executor,

Given under my hand and seal the 2^d day of February 1857 Eighteen hundred and fifty seven.

B J Thompson

Signed sealed and published by Benjamin Thompson as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers, who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator at his special request and in obedience to his written,

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A. M. Turner
James S McEntire
T. bloodland

Georgia } Court of Ordinary March Term 1857
Murray County } Personally appeared in open Court
at this Term, Alfred M. Turner, James
S. McEntire and Thomas bloodland witnesses to the last
Will & Testament of Ben J Thompson deceased, and
being duly sworn, depose & say, that they saw
B J Thompson the Testator, sign and declare and
publish the instrument now presented as his
last will and Testament, freely voluntarily and
in his own accord and without any compulsion
or influence, or coercion; that at the time of the
execution of the said will, said Testator was of sound
and disposing mind and memory; that

signed and with as witnesses in the presence
of the Testator and at his special instance
and request, and in the presence of each
other,

given under my hand and seal this
March 2^d 1857.

Anderson Farnsworth Test
Ordinary

State of Georgia 3 In the name of God Amen,
Murray County 3 I Littlebury Jackson of said State
and County being some what advanced in age, and feeble
in health, but of sound mind and memory and
knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it
right and proper, both as it respects my family and
myself, that I should make a disposition of the
property which Providence has blessed
me; do therefore, make this my last will and testament
hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.
1. Item, I desire and direct that my body be buried in
a decent and christian like manner, suitable to my
condition and circumstances in life. My soul I
trust, shall return to rest with God who gave it
and I hope for eternal salvation through the merits
and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ, whose religion, I have professed and
as I humbly trust enjoyed for twenty six years.
2. Item, I desire and direct that all my just debts
be paid without delay by my executors hereinafter
appointed as I am unwilling, my creditors should
be delayed in their rights especially as there is
no necessity for delay.
3. Item, I give bequeath, and devise to my beloved
wife Elizabeth, with whom I have lived for the

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