

In the name of God Amen, I John Bates Sr of the
 of the State of Georgia Murray County Being weak and
 feeble in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks
 be to God calling to mind the mortality of the body
 knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do
 make and ordain this my last will and Testament
 First of all I give and recommend my soul into the
 hand of Almighty God that gave it. And my Body to
 the Earth to be buried in decent Christian order

As touching such worldly estate wherewith it has
 pleased God to bless me in this life. I give and be-
 queath the same in the following manner. To wit
 First I give and bequeath to Nancy my dearly beloved
 wife. A negro girl named Anne six or seven years
 of age. And a certain Brown mare or if she should die
 in other as good as dead. I give and bequeath to her
 to occupy the House where Rice Prop Bates now lives
 with fifty acres of land added thereto. The
 house and land is given to her during her widowhood
 or so long as she sees proper to occupy the same
 with her bed and all money coming from her
 Fathers estate. Secondly I give and bequeath to my
 son Rice Prop Bates. The place or farm whereman I now
 live known by No Twenty and Twenty one in the
 ninth dist and Third section and County and
 State aforesaid. Together with all paintings of the
 House my turn piece or watch I give unto my
 grandson John Schley. I give and bequeath unto
 my son John B Bates all that tract or parcel of land
 where he now lives known by No Three hundred
 and Thirteen in the 10 District 3 section. I give and
 my Daughter in law Katherine Bates a Slave girl named
 Lucy about four or five years old. The balance or re-
 mainder of my property I give and bequeath in the follow-

To Julius R. Bates, Elias A. Bates, Frances Bates, Lucretia
 Hulsey, Harriet Evans, The Heirs of Shrop & Reynolds's
 first wife, Also the Heirs of John Robinson first wife
 to be Divided Equally amongst them. The Heirs of my
 deceased children to receive their portion when they
 become of age. A negro girl named Milly, To be deducted
 from from the portion of Harriet Evans valued at
 six hundred dollars. If I should any on hand at my
 death it shall be equally Divided Among my wife and
 living children. And I do hereby constitute and
 appoint my son Rice Prop. Bates my executor to
 this my last will and Testament hoping that he
 will take the same upon himself. And I do hereby
 disallow and disannul all and every other
 Testament, will bequest & Execution by me in any
 wise before. Confirm This
 my last will and Testament whereof I have unto
 affix my hand and seal this 22nd of August
 1834

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M. A. Harris
 E. La Fayette Farver
 James Buckhannon

Elias Bates

Georgia } Court of Ordinary November Term
 Murray County } 1834

The executor Rice Prop. Bates of the
 last will and Testament of John Bates deceased
 came into open Court and produced the will of the
 said John Bates deceased, and two of the witnesses
 to the said will E. La Fayette Farver and James
 Buckhannon & being duly sworn in open Court
 before one Anderson Farnsworth Ordinary in and
 for said County depose and say that they saw
 John Bates the Testator sign seal and declare

and publish the instrument now presented as
 his last will and testament freely voluntarily and
 of his own accord and without any compulsion or
 influence whatever that at the time of the execution
 of the said will said testator was of sound and
 disposing mind and memory that they signed
 said will as witnesses in the presence of the testator
 and at his special instance and request
 Given under my hand & seal of office this
 6th day of November 1834

Anderson Farnsworth
 Ordinary

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