

John Fretwell Will

In the Name of God Amen
I John Fretwell Being of perfect mind and memory and
conscious of the uncertainty of this life do this thirtieth March
Eighteen Hundred and Twenty Four make and ordain this my
last will and testament in manner and form following
I wish for my property to continue together for the present year
as it now is, or as hereafter for the purpose of making a
crop under the direction of the present overseer, and at the
end of the present year in order to prevent my negroes being
thrust out or ill treated I wish all of them my negroes to be
sold at private sale to such whom they may wish to have as
masters and thus first after the payment of my just debts
I wish the grave yard when my father and mother relatives
are now lying to be neatly substantially and in a most remarkable
manner raised in with blocks - for which I appropriate one
hundred dollars

Secondly The balance of my Estate both real and personal I give
and bequeath to my wife Nancy Fretwell to her and her
heirs forever, and I nominate and appoint my friend
Henry Beck and Anderson Canale Executors to this my
last will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have set
my hand this day and date above written

Witnesses
Edmund Butts
Richard Wright
Hattie Harrison

John Fretwell

Patnam Inf. Court Sitting for
Ordinary Purposes Monday 2nd May 1824 Present their Honors
Wm. Wilkin }
Joby Hudson } Esqs
John Smith }

The Will of John Fretwell was produced in open Court by the
Executors therein named & duly proven by the oaths of Hattie Harrison
Edmund Butts & Richard Wright Subscribing Witnesses to the said
Shad B. Res. Ch. Co.

Patnam Inferior Court Sitting for ordinary Purposes Monday 6th
December 1824 Present their Honors

Wm. Abernethy }
Josiah Flournoy } Esqs
Thomas Hardeman }

The Will of John Fretwell was approved of in
open Court and by the Court ordered to be recorded
Records 13th Dec 1824 Shad B. Res. Ch. Co.