

The last will and Testament of Benjamin
Lyons

In the name of God amen, I Benjamin S. Lyons of the
County of Augusta and State of Georgia, being of sound and
disposing mind and memory, but possessing a feeble & malarious
Constitution and Recollecting the Extremes uncertainty of Life
do make and declare the following to be my last will and
Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made
Firstly I desire that all my just debts be paid
Secondly I desire that the proceeds arising from the hire of
My three Negro men to wit Dick, Sim, and Caesar be paid
annually by my Executor Equally between My two Sisters Mrs. M. A.
C. Roberts of the State of South Carolina Bannell Distick and
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Herby of the City of Augusta during their
separate lives, and I hereby appoint, William R. M. Laws Trustee
for My just natural Sister Mrs. J. D. Roberts
Thirdly I desire that the rent of My Store house upon Broad
Street, and my interest in the Family groceries and Bar also an
Execution in the hands of the Sheriff against William L. Herby
for it myself, the same having been transferred to me by the Plaintiff
My Wife G. Tuttle for a valuable Consideration, and three
lots of Land Two Lying in Cherokee and the other in Houston
Counties to be appropriated by My Executor to the improvement
of My Estate
Fourthly, I give and bequeath My Store house with the
out Buildings and future improvements, My lot of Land
in the upper part of the City of Augusta containing 100
feet front, on Broad & Jones Streets, three lots of Land
Two of which are situated in Cherokee and the other in
Houston, Counties My five Negro Slaves to wit Dick a
Blacksmith aged about 25 years Sim a Pilot and Boat
board aged about fifty Caesar an Engineer aged about
thirty five, Jack a house servant aged ten years and
Evel aged about six together with all the old and new
improvements which may hereafter be made to My Store
and pieces of My Sister Mrs. J. D. Roberts

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shall attain their Majority, in the following
One moiety to Dr. William L. Matthews and the other
equally divided between the Living children of Mrs.
Elizabeth St Hobbs by her late husband William
Hobbs, Jr.

Fifthly I give to Mr. Nathan Winslow Hobbs one
tenth of his Majority. My Gold hunting watch and chain
Sixthly I give and bequeath to My Sister
Mrs. Hobbs my boy La Rue My House Servant Eve
and My Lot of Land Specified in the fourth clause
of this will as her sole property during her life time
Seventhly, Sixthly, I give as a present to My Nephew
Albert Roberts of South Carolina My Bonnet and My
and My Rifle

Eighthly, Seventhly I further give and bequeath
to My Sister Mrs. Hobbs Two Thousand of The Louisiana
Insurance and Trust Company Stock during her natural
life And I do hereby make My friend William
R. M. Laws, Executor of this My Last will and
Testament granting him Full Power to Sell and dispose
of all My property to the Best advantage of, whenever
the time and Situation of things should render it
proper for him to do so

Signed Sealed & delivered
In the presence of us, who
Signed this Same in the presence
of each other
Jno Hobbs
Wm L Mealing
C B. Wentz

B H Lyon

Georgia
Richmond County } Personably appeared before us
William L Mealing who being Sworn
says that he was present when this Last will and
Testament was made and signed by the said
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and of that will ask a Gold property during their life time
Seventhly, Sixthly, I give as a present to my nephews
Abner Roberts of South Carolina My Bonham & 31st
and My Rifle
Eighthly, Seventhly I further give and bequeath
to My Sister Mrs Hobbs Two Shares of The Savannah
Insurance and Fire Company Stock during her natural
life, And I do hereby make My friend William
W. Laws, Executor of this My Last will and
Testament of setting him I am to sell and dispose
of all My property to the Best advantage of, whenever
the time and situation of things should render it
proper for him to do so

Signed Sealed & delivered
In the presence of us, who
Signed this same in the presence
of each other
Jno Hobbs
Wm J Mealing
C B. Wentz

B H Lyon

Georgial
Richmond County } Personably appeared before us
William J Mealing who being sworn
Says that he was present when the Testator Benjamin
H Lyon Signed Sealed delivered and declared the
within instrument as his last will and Testament and
that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory
to the Best of deponents knowledge and belief and
that he together with John Hobbs and Charles B
Wentz Subscribed the same as witnesses
Sworn to before us this 5th day of January 1841

B H Lyon J H R
W B Palkey J H R
C B. Wentz J H R
Wm J Mealing

Georgia
Richmond County

I William R McLaws do solemnly swear that the writing contains the true last will and testament of the within named Benjamin H Lyon deceased as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute the same by paying forth the debts and the legacies contained in the said will as far as his goods and chattels will extend thereto and the Law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all his goods and chattels So Help me God

Given to in open Court
this 7th January 1841.

William R McLaws

Benjamin H Warren JCR
H. N. Wrenley JH R
W. Walker JH R

Ordered to be recorded by Judge
J. M. Lion. J. P. Pugas

Georgia
Richmond County

In the name of God amen, I Samuel M Gamett being in Bad Health but of sound and disposing Mind, do hereby make and declare this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former ones made by me

It is my will and desire that My Executors whom I shall hereinafter name, and appoint settle all My Just debts as soon after My decease as possible

I give and bequeath to My beloved wife Sarah Gamett of the County and State aforesaid (from whom I have received the greatest kindness and attention) her heirs and assigned all My Estate both real and personal of which I may be possessed at the time of My death, Containing the House and Lot in the City of Augusta where I now reside and money and other personal Effects in My Possession and the Possession of My agents

I do hereby make and appoint Said Mrs Gamett the Executrix of this My will and Testament

In Testimony of which I have hereunto set My hand and Seal this 10th day of January 1841