

My Will

In the name of God, Amen
I, William S. Bence of the City of Augusta in said State of
Georgia sound mind and disposing memory, make and declare
last will and testament in the manner following:

First That My Executors have My body decently interred
and as soon as it can conveniently be done pay all my
debts, using for this purpose any part of My Estate not
hereafter specifically bequeathed

Second To My Brother Rufus Bence I give the Sum
Five Hundred Dollars

Third, To My Niece Maria Poppel I give the Sum of
Six hundred Dollars, which if she accept it, is to be in lieu of
and in full satisfaction for all and every claim or pretended
claim, she may have against me, for Services rendered, by her
to me, the Testator, no such claim

Fourth To My Nephew Rufus Rodney Bence I give and
bequeath the whole of My Households and Kitchen furniture
wardrobe and books

Fifth In consideration of the faithful services, of My Slave
I request My Executors to lay out for her use, in such
as she may desire the Sum of one Hundred Dollars, and that
they first themselves credit for that Sum, in the Station out of their
Accounts

Sixth I give and bequeath, all the rest and residue
of My Estate, Both real and Personal, to My Sister Betty
Sawyer and to My Brothers, Horace Bence, and George
Bence, and to their heirs and assigns, forever, to be equally
divided between them, Share and Share, alike and should
either of them depart this life before me, the Share of each
to go, to his or her Heirs

Seventh I hereby revoke all former wills, made by me,
and nominate and appoint My Friends John B. Pomeroy,
William W. Holt to be my Executors to carry this My last
will and of its full, Power to Sell for other
purpose of the whole or any part of My Estate real, and
personal, as shall seem advisable in executing this My will,
for the advantage of My legacies and on the
condition that they do so without any

to make what, which if she accept of, it to be in full
satisfaction for all and every claim or judgment
due, the said bond and fine, for penalties rendered, by the
said the receiving of my such claim

Verily In My Nephew Rufus Rodney Bunce I give
bequeath the whole of My Householde and kitchen furniture
Wardrobe and books

I give In Consideration of the faithful Services, of My Slave
I request My Executors to lay out for her use, as much
as she may desire the Sum of one Hundred Dollars, and
that first themselves credit for that Sum, in the Statement of the
Executors

I give I give and bequeath, all the rest My residue
of My Estate, Both real and Personal, to My Sister Dora
Bunce and to My Brother, Horace Bunce, and Heppie
Bunce and to Their heirs and assigns, forever, to be equally
divided between them, Share and Share, alike, and should
either of them depart, this life before me, the Share of each
to fall to his or her Heirs

Verily I hereby revoke all former wills, made by me,
and nominate and appoint My Friends John B. Buncie
William B. Buncie to be my Executors to carry this, My last will
into effect, and give them full Power to Sell, or otherwise
dispose of the whole or any part of My Estate real, and
personal, which seem advisable in executing this My will,
and to do all the acts and things for the advantage of My legates, and on such
conditions as they shall think best, without any order or direction
of any Court of law, in that behalf proposed

In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and Seal the Sixth day of November
1844

Wm Buncie
Witnessed by his
Robert Elwell
Scribbled

Georgia } Personally appeared before us Robert
 Richmond County } a witness to the foregoing Instrument,
 being sworn that he was Personally present, and
 saw William I Bruce Esqre Seal, Publish and do
 the same to be his last, will and testament, that he was
 of sound and disposing mind and memory, to the best of
 his knowledge and belief, and that, the foregoing
 Joseph W Woolfolk, and Thomas J Holt, signed
 the same as witnesses at the request, and in the
 Presence of the Settlor of each other
 Sworn to before us this

7th Decr 1846

Robert Charles

Benj H Warren J L C R
 Wm Windley J L C R
 John Skinner J L C R

Georgia } we do solemnly Swear that the
 Richmond County } Writing contained the true last will
 of the within named William I Bruce Esqre as far as
 we know or believe, and that we will well and truly execute
 the same, by paying first the debts, and then the leg-
 acies contained in said will, as far as his goods and
 Chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge us, and
 that we will make a true and perfect inventory of all his
 goods and Chattels to help us God
 Sworn to before us this 7th Decr 1846

As witness J L C R
 B H Warren J L C R
 A Rhodes J L C R

Wm W Holt
 J B Bruce

Ordinary to be recorded the Decr 1846

Georgia } In the name of God Amen I
 Richmond County } P Surpin of the City of
 County of Richmond and State of Georgia
 in full but of sound and disposing mind
 Memory but being conscious of the uncertainty of
 life, and the certainty of Death do hereby