

In the name of God, Amen. I, John A. B. of the county of Virginia and State of Virginia being of sound & disposing mind & memory, do hereby declare to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength so to do, by and to my children this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time before made.

And first I request that after my spirit shall have departed, my body shall have a decent and christianlike burial.

Second. That no toll be paid without necessary delay.

Third. I give, devise & bequeath unto Thomas H. Bates, of the County of Spalding & State of Georgia, in trust, as hereinafter recited, all my lands, wherever situated, of which the following are a part, to wit: One tract situate in Spalding County, on the Eastern side of the same, about sixty miles from the City of Savannah, containing about twenty-nine hundred and fifty acres bounded by the Ogeechee River on the West, and on the North by the land of Simon Smith, on the East by lands of Simon Smith and David Good, and on the South by lands of Lucy Kent & Doctor Ogilvery. Also, one tract situate & lying in Spalding County State aforesaid, containing five hundred acres, more or less, & bounded on the North by lands of Francis Wilson, on the West by lands of George E. Jackson, on the South by lands of John W. Brown, and on the East by Mrs. Lee's land. Also one tract containing about five thousand acres, situate & lying in the County of Barlow, and State of Georgia, bounded on the North by lands of Thomas H. Bates & Thomas Evans, on the East by lands of Thomas Young, on the West by lands of the Estate of James Young deceased, & on the South by lands of the same. Together with the improvements & appurtenances whatsoever, therewith belonging, or in any wise appertaining, as and to all and each of the said tracts of land. Box 1000, Coates Mill Road, 2008011979
To have and to hold, unto the said Thomas H. Bates, his heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, and assigns, together with the following named negro slaves to wit: Caroline, a woman about twenty-five years of age & her two infant children, and Son Caroline a girl, about twelve years of age, & Corina, a girl, about ten years of age, and Viller, a woman, about thirty years of age, & her two children, & Clifford, a boy, about four years of age, & Rachel a girl, about six years of age, & Eliza, a woman about twenty-five years of age, & Albert a boy about three years of age, & Almon, a man, about thirty-five years of age, & Philip a man, about thirty years of age, & Gabriel a man, of about twenty years of age, & Bill, a man, about twenty-five years of age, & Oliver, a man about thirty years of age, & Jerry, called Brassy, about sixty years of age, & Prop, a man about twenty-five years of age, & Sam about ten years of age, & Jack a boy about twelve years of age, & Henry a man, about thirty years of age, & Will, a man about thirty years of age, & Henry's, a boy, about eighteen years of age, & Linda, a woman, about twenty years of age, & Eliza, a woman, about fifty years of age. That is to say, to hold in trust for Mary Jane Bates, the wife of the said Thomas H. Bates, & her heirs, free from the use of her husband.

Fourth. I give and bequeath my goods and effects and property of any kind whatever and all of them not hereinbefore devised & bequeathed of which I am possessor or may be possessor at my death to the said Thomas M. Babes in & for the trusts set forth & recited in the Third article of this my last will & testament. And I hereby appoint the said Thomas M. Babes, executor of this my last will & testament.

In business matters, I the said John A. Benson to this my last will have not any
 hand or share this consent they of I have done and our English friends and friends.

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