

West of Georgia } the the means of the Union, I being
Gwin County } Mayor of this State and County of
of some and disposing freely, do make and ordain
last will and testament, and hereby revoking all other
testament heretofore made by me.

Item 1st I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends
Charles Thompson and James then my executors of this
will and testament.

Item 2nd I will and direct that all my just debts be
paid without unnecessary delay.

Item 3rd I give, bequeath and devise unto my beloved
incamor Agnes Middleton Saxon the widow and relict of
Benjamin Middleton Saxon one fourth part of all the
Cattle purchased by me from Henry B Hunter comiss
Took Heads, more or less also one fourth part of a 2
parcel of land lying and being in said County adjoin
land on which the said Agnes now resides contain
hundred and fifty acres, more or less which said land
purchased by me from William H. Searge in
his sister Mrs. Chen it being the only land ever
by me from said Searge. together as aforesaid
fourth of another tract of land lying and being in said
adjoining the Screven Co. Ga. Will Book 2-B (1808-1879)
the said Agnes now re
the tract above mentioned, containing sixty acres more
which said tract of fifty acres was granted to me
rights.

Item 4th I give bequeath and devise unto Mary Wa
Benjamin Harper Saxon and Agnes Middleton Saxon
those children of my son Benjamin Middleton
deceased) the other three fourths (that is to each
of all the Cattle and of all the land mentioned &
in the third Item of this my last will and test
wherein one fourth of said Cattle and one fourth of
as given bequeathed and devised to the said Agnes be
Item 5th Now in the event that no legal proceeding
commenced against me during my life nor against
after my death by any one or more persons in con
the manner in which I have as Administrator man
conducted the affairs of the Estate of my son Benjamin
Middleton Saxon I will and direct that my ex
collect from the Estate of the said Benjamin Mid
Saxon the sum of One thousand dollars and
of the interest due me by said Estate as will fully
by reference to my returns made to the Ordinary of
County

which said amount is due me for some advances, I give
work and labour done by me and upon the condition
that no legal proceedings are instituted against me during
my life or against my estate after my death, as aforesaid
I give bequest and devise unto said Benjamin Saxon two hundred
and fifty dollars out of the said sum of one thousand dollars
aforesaid and I also on the same condition give bequest and
devise unto each of the said three children of my son Benjamin
in Saxon, the like sum of two hundred and fifty dollars out
of the sum of one thousand dollars aforesaid.

Item 6th I loan unto my granddaughter Mary Catharine Pennel
the sum of two thousand dollars, and I hereby appoint my son
in-law William H. Goldwire her trustee for the management
of the same. And in my desire and direction that he said
trustee do lend out the said sum of two thousand dollars
and keep the same constantly at interest and that he
collect the interest annually and invest in like manner.
It is my will and desire that no part of the said sum of two
thousand dollars nor of the interest accruing thereon shall be
used by the said Mary Catharine Pennel, until she either marries or
attains to the age twenty one years except such amount as may
be indispensably necessary for her maintenance and education,
but he it is remembered that should the said Mary
Catharine die leaving issue then this bequest to vest in her
issue but should she die leaving no issue then one half
of the loan therein bequeathed shall return to my estate and be subject
to distribution, the other half of said loan the said Mary Catharine
my disposal of by will or deed as she may think proper but should
she make no disposition of the same the entire loan of two
thousand dollars to return to my estate and be subject to
distribution.

Item 7th After the above legacies have been paid I will and
direct that the balance of my property be divided into
five equal shares and I give and bequeath one of the five
parts to the widow of my son Robert H. Saxon and their three
children one part to my daughter Ann C. Goldwire one
part to my granddaughter Sarah M. Saxon one part to
my granddaughter Mary Catharine Pennel and one part to the
widow of my son Benjamin M. Saxon and their three
children.

Item 8th Be it remembered that should any one commence
legal proceedings against me or against my estate
in the court of the Superior, I as administrator have
named the estate of my son Benjamin Middleton Saxon
as the legatee made to my daughter.

Agencies & Laxon and to her children by my son Benjamin
except what is designated in the 1st subject. She states
that she will and direct that my executor do not do
the arrangement now existing between myself and the Bank
of the State of South Carolina relating to my Bank Road
bank stock as long as said Bank may have not been
sold of the same necessary to protect its own interests
expectations concerning a disposition of the same designing to
interest of my estate I solemnly declare that in the ad-
ministration of my son Benjamin Madison Laxon I have
acted alone for the benefit of said estate and that of
the effects of the same that come into my hands. I have not
nothing more is my intention to demand of said estate for the
advertising for negro hire for nine years for my personal at-
tend and labour bestowed, except the one thousand dollars which I
give to the heirs of said estate upon certain conditions &
sum of one thousand dollars is all in any event I de-
be collected. Screeven Co. Ga. Will Book 2-B (1808-1879)
www.georgiapioneers.com Benjamin M. Laxon
the large sum due me but the balance of said sum
remain in said estate and become a part and parcel
the same signed sealed and published this 11th
day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand
thousand and fifty three.

P. M. Laxon

Signed sealed and published as his last will &
testament by Benjamin M. Laxon in our presence
on the subscribers signed our names here in the
of this testator the said Benjamin M. Laxon at
several instance and request and in the presence
each other this day and gave above written

William B. G.
Benjamin M. Laxon
John M. Laxon