

Georgia
County. In the name of God Amen
I Nathaniel Bays of said State and County being
of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly
depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my
family and my that I should make a disposition of the prop-
erty with which a kind providence has blessed me with do
therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all others thereto made by me

Item I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth
Bays all of my estate both Real and personal during her natural
life or widowhood, or when the youngest child becomes of
age then to have an equal division, and I do empower my executor
to sell any of my personal property whenever they think it is
advantage to the family and the money to be used to the
use of estate. My negro woman Selmy is to be sold by my
executor at public sale or private to the best advantage at the
death of my beloved wife Elizabeth Bays or if she marry then
my estate to be equally divided between my beloved wife Eliza-
beth Bays and all heirs

Item I do hereby appoint and ordain John J. Britton my executor
and my beloved wife Elizabeth Bays my executrix and Amanda
Britton John Britton's wife and Mary Hammett John Hammett's wife
and all of my heirs to share and share alike all the money on
hand my desire is that it should be used to the best advantage to
the estate either by buying property or otherwise, and I further
empower my executor and executrix to sell off at public sale
or private when they think it will be to the interest to the estate
when of heirs becomes of age or marries the boys to have one
horse saddle and bridle and the girls the same as them
that is now married
Nathaniel Bays
Tested Edward Allums

James Derry
Thomas Arnold

Georgia County Court held at Oeding May Term 1857
John J. Britton executor and Elizabeth Bays executrix proposed
the within paper writing as the last Will and Testament of
Nathaniel Bays late of said County Deed and produce in open
Court James A. Derry and Thomas Arnold two of the sub-
scribing witnesses to the same who being duly sworn and
having testified to the genuineness and validity of the Testament at
the time of his signing the same and that they signed the same as wit-
nesses in his presence and at his special request and saw him
sign the same all in the presence of each other, it is therefore ordered
by the Court that the within paper (writing) be admitted to record as the
last Will and Testament of the said Nathaniel Bays Deed and that
Letters Testamentary do issue to John J. Britton executor & Elizabeth
Bays executrix they taking the oath prescribed by Law. It is ordered
further that Cyrus Jenkins Edward Allums Wm. Hopson & Britton
and Thos. Arnold be and they are hereby authorized to appraise said
estate, all of which being done Letters Testamentary menaces
duly issued to John J. Britton & Elizabeth Bays aforesaid.

Thos. C. Evans Oeding