

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen.

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 I, William May of the County of Warren State of Georgia being of advanced age, weak and feeble in body but of sound mind and disposing mind & memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made by me.

I Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life My soul I trust shall return to rest with the God who gave it.

I Item 2nd It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my executor hereinafter appointed as I am unwilling that any of my creditors shall suffer.

I Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lydia May during her natural life or widowhood the tract of land on which I now live containing one hundred and thirty acres more or less and at her death or marriage then to my son John N May and his heirs forever.

I Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son Allen May and his heirs the tract of land on which he now lives containing sixty acres more or less it being adjoining land of Stephen Jones, Thomas L. Beazy and others.

I Item 5th I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lydia May during her natural life or widowhood (after a sufficient has been received by my executor to pay all my just debts) all my household and kitchen furniture my horses hogs cows and any other stock which I may have or possess my plantation tools my cart and yoke of Oxen and at her death or marriage it is my will and desire that all of the above mentioned property be sold and the proceeds thereof divided equally between the following of my children to wit, my daughter Basha Burnett and William Willson children begotten by me my present wife before marriage with her and Louisianna Green John N and Allen May.

I Item 6th I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lydia May during her natural life or widowhood my negro boy Isabel and at her death or marriage it is my will and desire that said boy Isabel be sold and that five dollars of the proceeds of said sale is to go to my son Stewart J May five to my daughter Grinna May and five to my daughter Spicy May one hundred to my daughter Basha Burnett and the balance of the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided between Basha Burnett William Willson Louisianna Green John N & Allen May.

I nominate and appoint my friend Adam Jones my executor to this my
 last will and testament
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May 8th 1850

Jeremiah ^{his} May  mark

Signed sealed published and decreed by Jeremiah May as his last will and testament in presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in presence of the testator by his special request and in the presence of each other this May 8th 1850.

Little M. Jones
 Stephen Jones

(See Minutes of Court July Term, 1850.)

Thomas L. Seay

Recorded for
 P. N. Maddy CCO July 1850

Georgia
 Warren County

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Branthaw knowing it is appointed for man to die and that I am now old, infirm and in bad health but of sound mind and memory I have thought proper to make this my last Will and testament in the following manner & form

1st I give my soul to God who made it and my body to be disposed of by burial as my children and friends may think proper.

2nd It is my desire that my just debts be paid.

3rd I give to my beloved wife Polly Branthaw during her natural life or widowhood the following negroes Jack, Jane, Handy, Sam, John Freeman, Seng, Frank, Humphrey, Charles Sarkis, Tall, big Moriah, little Moriah, Young Sarah, Haley, Vilet, Lucy & Kelly, and all the lands whereon we now live containing one thousand acres more or less my horses mules stock of all kinds provisions of every description and every species of property that I now or may be in my possession at my death.

4th I lend unto my daughter Ann Allen Nancy and her children Green Peter & Rachel and a girl named Winney during her lifetime and then, for them to be equally divided between her children.

5th I lend to my daughter Elizabeth Baker during her lifetime Abtten Phillis & her two children Harriet & Augustus and one girl named Lane and after her death to be equally divided between her children.

6th I give to my daughter Mary Allen Katharine and her child Ned Howard and her children Sarkis Ben ben Jeffery Abtten and Elizabeth and a girl named Frances.

7th I give my grand children they being the children of my son Benjamin Branthaw divided three negroes, Bob, Choe & Mary and one lot of land