

July 1868

I Benjamin F Saunders Cochona County
State of Mississippi do make ordain and
constitute this my Last Will and Testament
Revolving all other Wills

First I give and bequeath unto
my beloved wife Hannah C Saunders
all and singular my Real & Personal
Estate and effects Whatsoever and Where-so-
ever in any State or Territory of this American
Union or elsewhere of which I am Possessor
now, and to which I may have any right
claim or demand at Law or in Equity
and of which I may be Possessor, and to
which I may have any claim right
or demand as aforesaid at the time of my death

Second inasmuch as I have given and
bequeathed all my estate of every kind to my said
wife I hereby appoint her my Sole Executrix
of this my last will & testament & she shall be exonerated
from presenting any bond as Executrix or giving
any surety or securities for her acts as such
Executrix but she shall have the Control of all
my estate real & personal & all effects whatsoever
that I may die seized & possessed of and do whatsoever
she pleases with the same she may make all private or
public sales for Cash or on time of all or any real or
personal estate or effects at her will & pleasure and
she is hereby fully authorized to execute & deliver under
seal or otherwise any deeds or bonds or bills of sale
& to grant acquittance for all liabilities or contracts
& to do & perform all acts & things necessary in the premises
& it shall not be necessary for her to obtain letters
testamentary or to obtain any grant order or decree
of any Probate Court in the State of Mississippi
or elsewhere but my said wife shall have full
& ample power over all & singular all kinds of property
or effects whatsoever I may die seized & possessed of
that any Officer of the State of Mississippi has or can
have under the laws & Constitution of this State

Third I hereby authorize my said wife
as Executrix as aforesaid to execute & deliver all
papers of any kind that may be necessary for the management

of all or any Business estate or effects which I may have at the time of my death & any acts under her power of attorney may be given & valid in law & equity

fourth I herewith affirm this my last will & testament to be committed to probate on the testimony of one or more witnesses who can prove my hand write & signature and after being placed on the record of the probate Court of my County this my will may then be placed on the record of deeds as evidence of full title ⁱⁿ my said wife to all my property & effects

This my last will & testament being written holdy by myself & signed by my proper signature I hereby declare & publish this my last will & testament given under my hand & seal the sixteenth day of February in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty nine

attest

B. F. Sanders (seal)

Jno. S. L. Grubbs
J. N. Allen

(seal)
(seal)

I make this change in my last will & testament for reason ~~stated~~ on next page this November third & 4th at Shufordville Miss.

B. F. Sanders (seal)

Shufordville Coahoma Co. Miss
I give & bequeath to my wife M. B. Sanders the negro girl Charlotte in lieu of a negro girl named Ann belonging to her which negro I sold some time since for said cause I have opened this change this will

attest

B. F. Sanders (seal)

J. N. Allen }
North Carolina }

Buncombe County } The foregoing paper writing
pertaining to be the last will & testament of
B. F. Sanders before J. E. Keel probate Clerk
of Buncombe County NC
Buncombe Co. NC, Will, Bk B, 868-1899
www.northcarolinapioneers.com

Hannah C. Sanders the Executrix therein named
 & it is therefore proved by the oath of W. J. Miller that
 the said will was found among the valuable
 paper & effects of B. F. Sanders after his death & it is
 further proved by the oath & examination of three
 Competent & Creditable witnesses to wit W. J. Miller
 L. H. Smith & Wm. Grubbs that are acquainted
 with the hand writing of the said B. F. Sanders
 having often seen him write & verily believe that the
 name of the said B. F. Sanders subscribed to said
 will & the will itself and every part thereof are
 in the hand writing & it is further proved by the
 evidence of the three witnesses that the said
 hand writing is generally known to the acquaintance
 of the said B. F. Sanders it is therefore considered
 by the Judge of Probate for the County & State
 aforesaid that the said paper writing is the last
 will & testament of the said B. F. Sanders &
 the same is ordered to be recorded & filed
 & therefore the said H. C. Sanders qualified
 as Executrix by taking the oath required
 by law

witness J. C. Reed, Judge of
 Probate for the County of Buncombe in
 the State of North Carolina do office the 25th
 day of July A. D. 1868 & in the 32nd year of our
 independence

J. C. Reed,
 Judge of Probate