

July 1868

I, Benjamin F. Saunders of Coahoma County, State of Mississippi, do make, ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills.

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Hannah F. Saunders all and singular my real and personal Estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever in any State or Territory of the American Union or elsewhere, of which I am possessed now, and to which I may have any right, claim or demand, at Law, or in Equity, and of which I may be possessed, and to which I may have any claim right or demand, at any time 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 and Testament, and she shall be absolved from executing any Bond as Executrix or giving any Surety or Sureties for her acts as such Executrix, but she shall have the control of all my Estate, real and personal and all effects whatsoever that I may die seized and possessed of, and do whatsoever she pleaseth with the same, She may make all private or public sales for cash or on time of all ^{and} any real or personal Estate or effects at her will and pleasure, and she is hereby fully authorized to execute and deliver under seal or otherwise any Decrees, Bonds or Bills of Sale, and to grant acquittances for all liabilities or contracts and to do and perform all acts and things necessary in the premises, and 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 and ample power over all and singular all kinds of Property, or effects whatsoever I may die seized and possessed of, that any citizen of the State of Mississippi has or can have, under the laws and Constitution of this State.

Third - I hereby authorize my said wife as Executrix as aforesaid to execute and deliver all powers of Attorney that may be necessary in the management

of all or any business, estate or effects which I may have at the time of my death and any act done under her power of attorney shall be good and valid in Law and Equity

Fourth—I herewith authorize this my last will and Testament to be admitted to Probate on the testimony of one or more witnesses who can prove my handwriting and signature, and after being placed on the Record of the Probate Court of any County, this my will may then be placed on the Records of Deeds as evidence of full title in my said wife to all my property and effects

This my last will and Testament being written wholly by myself and signed with my proper signature, I thereby declare and publish this my last will and Testament Given under my hand and seal the sixteenth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine

Attest

Jno S. L. Grubbs (Seal)
J. N. Allen (Seal)

B. F. Saunders (Seal)

I make this change in my last will and Testament for reasons stated on next page

This Nov. 3^d, 1864, at Shufordville, Miss. B. F. Saunders (Seal)

Shufordville, Coahoma Co., Miss.

Nov. 3^d 1864

I give and bequeath to my wife H. E. Saunders the negro girl Charlotte, in lieu of a negro girl named Annie belonging to her which negro I sold some time since; for said cause I have opened and changed this will

Attest

J. N. Allen

B. F. Saunders (Seal)

North Carolina }
Buncombe County }

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of B. F. Saunders is exhibited for Probate before J. C. Reed, ^{Probate Judge} ~~County Clerk of the Superior Court of~~ of Buncombe County, by Hannah E. Saunders, the Executrix thereof, and is therefore proved,

by the oath of W. J. Miller that the said Will was found among the valuable papers and effects of said B. F. Saunders after his death, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, viz- W. J. Miller, L. H. Smith and Wm Grubbs, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of said B. F. Saunders, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said B. F. Saunders subscribed to said Will and the Will itself and every part thereof, are in the handwriting of said B. F. Saunders. And it is further proved, by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of said B. F. Saunders. It is therefore ^{considered} by the ^{Judge of Probate} Court of the County that the said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of said B. F. Saunders, and the same is ordered to be Recorded and filed. And thereupon the said H. C. Saunders qualifies as Executor by taking the oath required by law.

Witness, J. E. Reed, ~~County Clerk of Superior Court~~, at Office, the 25th day of July, A.D. 1868, and in the 73rd year of our Independence.

J. E. Reed ^{Judge of Probate}
By Thos. W. Allen D. C.

State of North Carolina }
Buncombe County }
I Harriett Cochran of the County and State above named being, sober, wake in body but of perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills ~~by~~ me at any time made and first I give my soul to God from whom I receive it and my body to the dust to be buried in a neat and decent burial and as to such worldly estate as it hath been pleased God to bless me with I dispose of it as follows item I give to Moses Cochran one bed and furniture to keep it comfortable 4 of the best Coverlets 5 of the best Bed bed quilts 4 of the best blankets 4 under sheets 1 Stand of Long Curtains 2 sets of under curtains 1 Trunk and chest I give to William and James Cochran. I give to Rebecca Cochran 9 dresses 4 of my best under dresses and \$4.00 worth of