

August Term 1855

I Benjamin Ormand of The County of Gaston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind memory but considering the uncertainty of my Earthly Existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say First That my Executor (hereafter mentioned) Shall provide for my Body a decent burial Suitable to the wishes of my Relations and friends and collect and pay all Just debts and demands Item 1st I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Ormand all my stock of horses hogs Sheep Cattle Except such articles as may be hereafter willed Together with all the Household & Kitchen Furniture all provisions on hand all domesticks of every kind fowl & poultry fifty bushels of wheat two Hundred Bushels of corn all the oats hay & food on hand Including the present growing crops for the use and support of my Wife and Family Twelve months Item 2 I Give and bequeath to my blood wife Nancy Ormand her living and support and use of the place wherein I now live during the term of her Natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her Dower and Third of and in all my real Estate Item 3 I Give and devise to my eldest son John Ormand One Hundred acres of Land to be set out by metes and bounds in the North Side of the tract wherein I now live adjoining lands of Major Whitesides

Oldest Son John D. Ormand and one Richard a son of mine
to be set out by miles and bounds in the north side of the
Tract whereon I now live joining lands of Major Whitesides
beginning at an old Road or Torrance line running west
to Ormands line to have and to hold to him and his heirs
in fee simple for ever (Item 2th) I Give and devise to my
youngest Son Robert D. Ormand The Ballance of The Tract
above mentioned to have and to hold to him and his heirs in
fee simple for ever except The life Estate of my wife
bequeathed in a former Item of This my will (Item 3rd) I Give
and devise to my Son Benjamin D. Ormand my old tract
of Land whereon I formerly lived to have and to hold to him
and his heirs in fee simple for ever (Item 4th) I also give and
Devise to my three Sons above named an equal interest in the
following Tracts of Land viz The Arkbank Tract The meadow
Tract minehole Tract and The Chisnutridge Tracts to have and
to hold to them their heirs in fee simple for ever (Item 5th) I give
and devise to all my Daughters namely Sarah L. Price. Mary
M. Ormand Nancy M. Ormand. Elizabeth S. Ormand. Ester
M. Ormand, and Adeline Ann Orman: all my Interest in The
lot in The Town of St. Marys in The State of Georgia to have
and to hold to them their heirs in fee simple for ever
(Item 6th) I will and direct That my Daughters have Their
Living and Support off The place while they ~~live~~

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Remain single or continue to live on the place (Item, 8th) I give
and bequeath to my son John O. Ormand one Iron gray mare suppo-
sed to be worth twenty five dollars provided he pays my daughter
Sister & a half dollar each at the expiration of ten years
(Item-9) I Give and bequeath to my son Benjamin M. Ormand
my young filly supposed to be worth forty seven dollars provided
he pays to my daughter seven dollars each at the expiration of
ten years My will and desire is that my beloved wife Nancy
Ormand is hereby appointed Guardian of all my minor children
until they come to the full age of twenty one year of age Item
I will and direct that my three sons pay an equal portion of
my debts and Expenses and Lastly I do hereby constitute and
appoint my Trusty son John O. Ormand my Careful Executor
~~of my last will and Testament~~ to all intents and purposes
To execute this my Last will and Testament according to the
true Intent and meaning of the same and every part and
clause thereof hereby Revoking and Declaring utterly void all
Other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made In witness
whereof I the said Benjamin Ormand do hereunto set my
hand and seal This 12th day of July AD 1853

Signed sealed published and

Other will, ~~and~~ Testaments by me heretofore made In witness
Whereof I the said Benjamin Ormand do hereunto set my
hand and seal This 12th day of July AD 1853

Signed sealed published and
delivered by The said Benjamin
Ormand To be his last will and
Testament in presence of us who
at his Request in his presence
and in the presence of each
other do subscribe our names
as Witnesses Thereto

Benjamin Ormand

Seal

Major Whitesides Jurat;

J. J. Ormand

State of S Carolina Gaston County
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The above foregoing will was proven in open court by The
 oath of Major Whitesides Notary of said
 court the 3rd Monday in August 1853

Al. Hand Clerk