

Year above written
signed sealed published and
declared in the presence of
Zadok M. Baker, Edmond Jones

Lucas Jones

Halifax County Ga

May Sessions 1853 Then this will was exhibited
in Open Court and duly proved by the oath of Edmond Jones
a Witness thereto and an Motion ordered to be Recorded
Whimphon Benjamin^{sr} Lucas an Executor therein named came in
and was duly qualify'd thereto

Witness J. J. Long Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Robert N Brantley of
Halifax County and State of North Carolina being Sick
and Weak of Body yet of sound sense and Memory Thanks
be to God and in Consideration that Life and Sense is
uncertain do make and declare this to be my last will &
Testament (Leg^l)

I Give and Recommend my soul in the
Hands of Him that Gave it and my body I Recommend
to

Robert N Brantley

to the Earth to be (Respectfully buried) in the (Discretion of my
Executors and as to my worldly Estate I Give desire Bequeath
and Dispose of the same in the following Manner Inprimis it
is my will and desire that all my Just debts be paid out of ^{my} Estate
at the Discretion of my Executors it is my will and Desire that
said be Heired and yearly until no division and the rest of my
Estate I find and bequeath to my loving Wife Betheur Brantley
during her Widowhood and if she Marries my will and
desire is that she should have one Negro Girl by the name of
Chancy and her Choice of Horses out of the Flock, ten head
of Cattle, ten head of Hogs and the Curtin Bed and
Furniture to her and her Heirs forever, and the remainder
of my Estate to be equally divided between my Daughter
Harriet and my Daughter Sarah Brantley to them and their
heirs forever and if they should die without an Heir then
the Property to return to my Wife Betheur Brantley, my will
and desire is that my Friend Henry Apthorpe should be
my whole sole Executor and Trustee I do make and ordain
this to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth Day
of March Eighteen Nineteen and Three —

Harriet and my Daughter Sarah Brantley to them and their
heirs forever and if they should die without an heir then
The Property to return to my Wife Bethe Brantley my will
and desire is that my Friend Henry Applewhite should be
my whole sole Executor and Trustee I do make and ordain
This to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth Day
of March Eighteen Hundred and Three —

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of us
Samuel Brantley
Bath, Barrow
R. Carter

Robert B Brantley

Notary Public

May 1803

1803 Then This will was exhibited in open Court and duly
proved by the oath of Bath, Barrow one of the Subscrib-
ing Witnesses thereto and on Motion Moved to be recorded
Whereupon Henry Applewhite the Executor therein named
came in and was duly qualified thereto

Witness &c