

WILL OF

DR. BENJ. GANTT

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Gantt of the Town of Petersburg and State of Georgia being weak of Body but of Sound and perfect memory--- do make and declare this my last Will & Testament in manner following-

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Fanny Gantt all my real Estate in South Carolina also all my debts money or Surety for money goods Chattels Estate and Effects of what Nature or kind soever to hold the same unto my said wife during here Natural life.

Item, I also give unto my beloved wife Fanny Gantt all my negroes except a Mulatto Girl named Polly which I will to be emancipated but to remain with my Wife untill she comes to the age of sixteen, ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~above~~ ~~property~~ I give in lieu of Dower, during my Wifes natural life, and after her Death, I will to my Natural Daughter Evelina, by Hetty S. Sterne, all my real & personally Estate as above described to her & her Heirs for ever excepting such part thereof as is my wish may be at the disposal of my said wife Viz Three negroes namely, Stephin, Jessy Patience and her Children, Those my wife has a right to dispose as she may think proper

And it is my will that should my natural Daughter Evelina die before she arrives to the age Twenty one, and without Issue then it is my will all which is now given to her may be sold and a credit of Twelve Months, and the money arising from the said Sale thereof may be Equally divided between my Brothers Richard, Daniel, Charles and my Nephew Robson Mewburn-

I do constitute my wife my sole Executor of this my last

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I do constitute my wife my Sole Executrix of this my last

Will & Testament In Witness hereof I have here unto set

my hand & Seal this Seventeenth day of March in the year

of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred & three

Signed Sealed Delivered
in presence of

B. Gantt
(Seal)

Thos Casey
John Oliver

LeRoy Pope