

Year of our Lord 1807.

I Benjamin Ward of Sumter District-Being very Sick and weak in
body, but of perfect Mind and Memory, Thanks be to God for the
Same: and calling to Mind the Mortality of My body, & knowing,
that it is appointed for all me once to die, do make and ordain
this My Last will Testament, that is to Say, Principally, and
first of all. I give and recommend my Soul into the hand, of God
that gave it, and as concerning My body, I Recommend it ~~to~~ the
Earth: to be Buried in a Decent Manner at the Discretion of My
Executors, Nothing doubting: but at the General Resurrection, to
obtain Everlastin happinefs, in the Life to come through the
Merits & Mediation of My Beloved Redeemer Jefus Christ-----
And as tuching Such Worldly Estate werewith it hath pleased God
to blefs me in this life. After My Just Debts is paid--I give.
Devise & Dispose of the Same in Manner and form following: that
is to Say.

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I give and bequeath to Patiance My Deerly Beloved wife all my
Poesion of Land containin one hundred & fifty acres, all My Stock
of horses & all My Stock of Cattle & hogs, to gather with all my
Houshold good, & Moveables at her Disposal During her Widowhood:
by her freely to be possed and Enjoyed: & at her Death an Equal

devision To take place with all the Surviving heirs Sams & Daughters
I Do hereby utterly Disallow Revoke Disannul all and Every other
Testament, Wills & legacies by me in any ways before this time
willed and Bequeathed: Ratified & Confirming this and no other.

to be my last will & Testament: in witnefs whereof I have here
unto Set my hand & Seal the Day and year first above Written

Signed Seald, Published & Declared by the
Said Benjamin Ward as his last Will & Testa-
ment in presents of us-----

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Benjamin Ward (SEAL)

Thomas Osteen