

WILL OF

JOHN BAXTER FRASER

In the name of God Amen. I John Baxter Fraser of Sumter district planter, being of sound & disposing mind & memory, do make ordain and appoint This my last will and testament. I commend my Soul to its Creator and give my body to the dust whence it came. As to the worldly estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me I dispose them of in the following manner (Viz.)--Item--I bequeath unto my son Samuel Fraser all the money or chattels which I have heretofore loaned or given to him, except his two notes of hand hereinafter otherwise disposed of-- Item I give & bequeath my negro slaves young Ben, Diana her child Xury and her future increase, and the negro girl Delia & her future increase unto my said son Samuel for and during his natural life, & at his death to the lawful issue of his body and if he should die without lawful issue living at the time of his death then in that case remainder to the surviving brothers and sisters or brother or sister of the said Samuel equally to be divided between them share & share alike and in case any of the brothers and sisters of said Samuel should die in his lifetime leaving lawful issue of their body living at the death of said Samuel then in that case the lawful issue of such deceased brother or sister shall take the share which the Parent would have taken had such Parent survived the said Samuel. Item I give & bequeath my wearing apparel to my son Samuel. Item I give & bequeath unto my said son Samuel my negro slaves Toney & Affy and their increase, and I do expressly subject the said negro slaves Toney & Affy her increase to the same limitations with those first above given to my son Samuel in all respects whatever-- -----Item I give and bequeath my negro slaves Cyrus, Milly and her children to wit and Amoutta, Satira, and July my waiting Boy Primus, & her increase

them of in the following manner (Viz.)--Item--I bequeath unto my son Samuel Fraser all the mony or chattels which I have heretofore loaned or given to him, except his two notes of hand hereinafter otherwise disposed of-- Item I give & bequeath my negro slaves young Ben, Diana her child Xury and her future increase, and the negro girl Belia & her future increase unto my said son Samuel for and during his natural life, & at his death to the lawful issue of his body and if he should die without lawful issue living at the time of his death then in that case remainder to the surviving brothers and sisters or brother or sister of the said Samuel equally to be divided between them share & share alike and in case any of the brothers and sisters of said Samuel should die in his lifetime leaving lawful issue of their body living at the death of said Samuel then in that case the lawful issue of such deceased brother or sister shall take the share which the parent would have taken had such parent survived the said Samuel. Item I give & bequeath my wearing apparel to my son Samuel. Item I give & bequeath unto my said son Samuel my negro slaves Toney & Affy and their increase, and I do expressly subject the said negro slaves Toney & Affy her increase to the same limitations with those first above given to my son Samuel in all respects whatever-- -----Item I give and bequeath my negro slaves Cyrus, Milly and her children to wit and Amoutta, Satira, and July my waiting Boy Primus, & her increase in future unto my daughter Mary Fraser for and during her natural life and at her death to the lawful issue of her body, and if she shall die without lawful issue of her body living at the time of her death then in that case remainder to the surviving brothers & sisters or brother or sister of said Mary equally to be divided between them share and share alike, and in case any of the brothers and sisters of the said Mary shall die in her life time leaving

lawful issue of their body living at the death of the said Mary then in that case the lawful issue of such deceased brother or sister shall take the share which the Parent would have taken had such Parent survived the said Mary---Item I bequeath unto my said daughter Mary all the money & Chattels which I have already loaned or given to her, the one half of my old Stock of Cattle one bed and furniture which she now has, one half of my silver teaspoons, the one half of my ivory handled case knives & forks, the whole of my table service bought at one time to be equally divided between her & my daughter Jane Baxter Fraser and my riding horse & Chair, my linnen not made up, and my looking glasses also to them in common. Item I give and devise unto my said daughters, Mary & Jane Baxter Frasers the plantation, about fifty or sixty acres of Land, whereon stands the dwelling house in which I now live, To have and to hold the said plantation with its appurtenances unto them for and during the time they shall remain single, and whenever either of them shall marry my intention and will is that the right of the one so marrying shall cease and determine, and that the one remaining single shall enjoy said premises alone as long as so remaining single or until her death, and after the marriage of both my said daughters or their deaths, then the remainder in said premises I give & devise to my youngest son Elias Lynch Fraser and to his heirs and assigns. Item I give & bequeath unto my son William Hickman & Fraser all the money and chattles which I have heretofore lent or given him, and I give and bequeath my negro slaves Caesar & his wife Dorcas, George, Liody and her two children Lembrick and Dorcas and their future increase unto my said son William Hickman for and during his natural life, and at his death to the lawful issue of his body, and if he should die without lawful issue living at the time of his death, then in that case, remainder to the surviving brothers & sisters or brother or sister of the said William Hickman equally to be divided between them share and share alike, and in case

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ing at the death of the said William Hickman, then in that case the lawful issue of such deceased brother or sister shall take the share, which the Parent would have taken had such Parent survived said William Hickman.--Item--I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Baxter Fraser my negro slaves, George & his wife Brunette, Lucy & her two children to wit Lecky & Nelson, and my negro girl Charlotte and all their future increase for and during her natural life, and at her death the lawful issue of her body and if she shall die without lawful issue living at the time of her death then in that case remainder to the surviving brothers and sister or brother or sister of the said Jane Baxter, equally to be divided between them share and share alike, and in case any of the brothers and sister of the said Jane Baxter should die in her life time leaving lawful issue of their body living at the death of said Jane Baxter then in that case the lawful issue of such deceased brothers or sister shall take the share which the Parent would have taken had such Parent survived the said Jane Baxter--Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Jane Baxter Fraser the part of my old stock of cattle which she claims one bed and furniture which she now claims, the remaining half of my silver teaspoons and of my ivory handled case knives and forks my silver watch and gold chain also my gold sleeve buttons and the remaining half of my table service.---Item I give and bequeath unto my son Fraser John Glasgow, Tom and his wife Dince & her child Heriott and their future increase, for and during his natural life and at the death of my said John Fraser to the lawful issue of his body, and if he should die without lawful issue living at the time of his death, then in that case remainder to the surviving brothers and sisters or brother or sister of the said John Fraser equally to be divided between them share and share alike, and in case any of the brothers & sisters of the said John should die in the life time of said John leaving lawful issue of their body living at the death of the said John then in that case the lawful issue of such deceased brother or sister shall take the share which the

Parent would have taken, had such Parent survived the said John.
Item-- I give and bequeath to my said son John the money due me
on his two notes being one hundred and sixty five dollars, one
feather bed, which he now has and the money and chattels which I
have already loaned or given to him.----Item--I give and bequeath
unto my son Thomas Fraser my negro slaves Judith, Frank, Prince,
Milla & her two children. viz. Sylva and Abigail and their future
increase for and during his natural life, and at his death to the
lawful issue of his body, and if he should die without lawful is-
sue of his body living at the time of his death, then in that case
remainder to the surviving brothers & sisters or brother or sister
of the said Thomas equally to be divided between them share &
share alike, and in case any of the brothers & sisters of the said
Thomas should die in the life time of the said Thomas, leaving law-
ful issue of their body living at the death of said Thomas, then in
that case the lawful issue of said brother or sister shall take the
share, which the Parent would have taken had such Parent survived
the said Thomas. Item--I give & bequeath unto my said son Thomas
my horse called dutchman and one feather bed which he now owns, and
all the money and chattels which I have already given or loaned to
him--Item--I give and bequeath to my son Robert Fraser my negro
slaves old Ben old buckey his wife, Tyler, Nero, Dandy, Maria and
her child Argent with her future increase for and during his natural
life and then subject in all respects to the like limitations as
is provided in the preceding clauses, as between the issue of said
Robert & his brothers and sisters & their lawful issue. Item I give
& bequeath to my said son Robert my horse called Fox and the re-
main^{one}ing part undisposed of, of my old stock of cattle, and ^{one} feather bed. Item--I give & bequeath to my son Ladson Lawrence
~~Fraser my negro slaves Dick, & his wife Kate, Nanny & her three~~
children viz. Herama, Rufus, and Susanna with their future increase
to him for and during his natural life and then subject in all res-
pects to the like limitations as is provided in the preceding
clauses, as between the issue of the said Ladson Lawrence and

his brothers and his sisters and their lawful issue.--Item I give
bequeath to my said son Ladson Lawrence my sorrel filly and her
increase to be equally divided between the said Ladson Lawrence
and his brother Elias Lynch also I give to said Ladson Lawrence
one feather bed---Item I give and devise unto my said son Ladson
Lawrence the tract of land I bought of James McNish, also the tract
of Land I bought of John Reid--Item-- I will and direct that the
money due me on my son Samuel's largest note be appropriated to the
purchase of Melton Bradleys land which lies contiguous to my posses-
sions, and when purchased I give and devise the same to my said sons
Ladson Lawrence and Elias Lynch equally to be divided between them
share & share alike to them for & during their natural life and
then subject in all respects to the like limitations as is provided
in the preceding clauses as between the issue of the said Ladson
Lawrence and Elias Lynch and their brothers & sisters and their
lawful issue--Item--I give and bequeath to my son Elias Lynch Fraser
Negro slaves Anthony, Ambrose, Marianne Daphan young Suckey,
and Sophronia and their future increase to him for and during his
natural life and then subject to the same limitations in all respects
as is provided in the preceding clauses, as between the issue of the
said Elias Lynch and his brothers & sisters and their lawful issue--
Item I give and devise to my said son Elias Lynch all the lands I
bought of Felix Ellis Jacob Barnes and Angus McKay, always excepting
the estate in part thereof herein before given to my two daughters
to him for and during his natural life and subject then in all res-
pects to the like limitations as is provided in the preceding claus-
es, as between the issue of the said Elias Lynch and his brothers
and sisters and their lawful issue--Item I give and bequeath to said
Elias Lynch the one half of the stock of cattle which I bought at
the sale of William Hickman's estate--Item I give & bequeath to my
son Ladson Lawrence the remaining half of the stock of cattle which
I bought at the sale of William Hickman's Estate--Item I direct that
the money due me on my son Samuels small note be equally divided be-
tween the following children Mary, Jane Baxter, John, Thomas, Robert

divided between them share and share alike to them for & during
their natural life and then subject in all respects the like limi-
tations as is provided in the preceding clauses as between the
issue of the said sons John, Thomas and Robert and their Brothers
and sisters and their lawful issue----Item--I will and direct that
the Negro wench Lucy--that Lucy which I acquired by marriage with
my late wife, and her two children Livinia and Aveline & their fu-
ture increase should remain with my daughters Mary & Jane Baxter
and my sons Ladson Lawrence and Elias Lynch Fraser until Elias
or my youngest son shall arrive at the age of twenty one years,
then the said wench Lucy and her children and their increase to be
valued and appraised and equally divided between all my children,
to wit Samuel, William Hickman, John, Thomas, Robert, Ladson Law-
rence, Elias Lynch and my two daughters Mary and Jane Baxter Fra-
ser to them for and during their natural life and then subject in
all respects to the like limitations as is provided in the prece-
ding clauses as between the issue of the said sons and daughters &
their lawful issue--Item- I will and direct the money due to me on
son William Hickman's note to be appropriated to the tuition of my
two sons Ladson Lawrence and Elias Lynch Fraser's-----Item--I will
and direct and bequeath the remaining part of my household furni-
ture not otherwise disposed of to my two sons Ladson Lawrence and
Elias Lynch, to be equally divided between them share and share
alike---Item I direct and bequeath that my plow horses, plows and
other implements of husbandry and every other article belonging
to or otherwise, or in anyway appertaining to my said House, Home
and plantation, carts saws plantation tools of all kinds millstones,
grindstones, Carpenter's tools or of whatsoever nature or kind
they may be and the crop standing on the grounds, except so much to
be appropriated to pay four parts of my just & lawful debts, the
other five parts of said debts to be paid by sons Samuel, William
Hickman, John, Thomas and Robert Fraser out of the several gifts
& legacies--

I have apportioned them or out of the profits of the labor of the
sale.-----Item I will give and bequeath all my Hogs, geese poultry
for the mutual support of my two daughters Mary, Jane Baxter and
my two sons Ladson Lawrence and Elias Lynch so long as both or
either of my said daughters shall remain single, my intentions
being that on the marriage of either of them the right of her so
carrying, under this clause, shall thence forth cease, and after the
marriage or death of both, my said daughters which soever may first,
then, said property so enumerated in this clause to be and remain
to my said sons Ladson Lawrence and Elias Lynch theirs absolutely
forever--My request is that so long as either of my said daughters
shall remain unmarried my two sons Ladson Lawrence and Elias Lynch
live with them or leave the dwelling house being appropriated for
their mutual accommodations.--Item I nominate constitute and app-
oint my children Robert, Jane Baxter, Ladson, Lawrence, and Elias
Lynch/ Fraser Executrix and Executors of this my last will and
testament.-----Item All the rest and remainder of my estate of
whatever kind I bequeath & devise to my son Elias Lynch Fraser to
him for & during his natural life and subject then in all respects
to the like limitations as is provided in the preceding clauses, as
between the issue of said Elias Lynch and his brothers and sisters
and their lawful issue-----In Witnefs whereof I have hereunto affix-
ed my hand & seal, published and declared this & the three preceding
sheets to be my last will & testament this fifteenth day of May
eighteen hundred and nineteen and in the forty third year of
American Independence in the presence of

James Jenkins

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