

In the name of God Amen--- I Moses Benton of the State of South Carolina Williams District being yet in my senses but finding myself declining and knowing that ^{it} is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will and Testament first of all I recommend my Soul to God that gave and hope that he will receive the same again and as to what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in the following manner (Viz) It is my desire that all my lawful debts be paid, It is my desire that all my perishable property except my negroes shall be sold by my Executors as soon as possible and the moneys arising therefrom to be put out to Interest for the benefit of my children Schooling ^{of them} & my lands & negroes to be rented and hired out by my Executors, also for the benefit of my children as my children come of age or marrys, I desire that they shall then have their equal part of my Estate, the remainder part of my Estate shall remain in the hands of my Executors untill the next comes of age or marrys then to have there part, and soon till the last gets their part the names of my Children are thus Mary Benton Simion T Benton Ann Harrell Benton and Sarah Benton It is my desire that my Estate real and personal shall be equally divided between my four children as they come of age or marry my Executors to have full power to sell my property such as have been mentioned to be sold public or at private as they shall deem most advantageous for the children lastly I constitute and appoint my Friends and Brothers in law Simion Timmons and Isaac Timmons Executors to this my last will and Testament In confirmation whereof I set my hand and seal this 15th day of October 1816---

Signed Sealed in the presence

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Moses X Benton
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of James Myers
Moses Benton Jr.
William Timmons