

To be buried in a Christian manner. All my funeral expenses and just debts be paid.

To my son Benjamin my negro woman named Abby and her two children and my negro woman named Sarah Ann provided he will before he takes possession pay my son Eli Lawler or his heirs \$700.00 cash. But if he refuses to pay \$700.00 to Eli then Sarah Ann is to go to Eli Lawler. Also to my son Eli Lawler a negro man named Harry. To my son John Lawler Jr. my negro man Jack and my negro woman named Agnes and in case of John's death the two negroes are to go to John's legitimate children.

All remaining property sell on 12 months credit. Collect all monies due me and out of the proceeds pay to my two grandchildren William Lawler and Jessie Lawler who are now living with me.

(They being sons of Jesse Lawler dec'd) each \$300.00 if a sufficient sum is realized. If not whatever amount realized be equally divided between them.

All other monies left after paying my bequests be divided between my 3 sons Benjamin, Eli and John. My son Benjamin Lawler act as executor.

Signed: John Lawler

Witnesses: William Stewart

C. N. Vincent

John Thompson

Robert D. Wilson appointed guardian ad litem for Adaline Massengale, Jesse Lawler, John Ruby, Tabitha Ruby, Nancy Ann Carpenter, David S. Medlin, Barsheba J. Medlin, Mary I. Medlin, James Moore, William Moore, Benjamin F. Lawler, James W. Lawler, R. L. Middleton, William Haden. John and Tabitha Ruby minors.

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Signed: John M. Otey Judge P.C.