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FITZPATRICK

Fitzpatrick
Wright
Branch Junction
(Broughton).

(copy)

Robert Wright's Will

Georgia, Greene County

In the name of God Amen. I, Robert Wright of the State and County aforesaid, being weak in body but of sound mind have made and ordained this my last will and Testament.

First, I give my body to the dust to be interred at the discretion of my Executors, my soul I recommend to God who gave it.

2nd. My will is that all my just - - - be paid by my Executor as soon after my decease as practicable.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my two sons Robert Wright and Joseph Wright, the tract of land that I purchased of William Browning and not heretofore disposed of by me, to be equally divided according to quality and quantity.

4th. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Wright the two tracts of land which I purchased of Grimes and Daniel and William Allen.

5th. I give and bequeath to my son Michael Wright, ^{Abraham} Abrham, Cynthia, James, Shelton, Phebe, Adaline, and Jackson as his full portion of my estate.

6th. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally Cook, Toby, Teller, Cynthia, Little Jenny, Amy and child Nickaby, Charlott, Pleasant, a girl, Spencer, Caroline, and Mary as her full portion of my Estate.

7th. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Betsey, Whatley, Jenny, George, Smith, Young, Sarah, Hanah, Maria, Durham, and Melin as her full portion of my Estate.

8th. I give and bequeath to my Executors hereafter named: Robert Wright; Thomas Wright; Joseph Wright and Thomas Stocks in Trust for my Daughter Peggy Broughton, Sukey, Sally, Tempy, and child Marg., Rachel, Inday, Zack, Washington, and Isom, the sole right of said negroes to be in my said Executors, the use and benefit of said property to be enjoyed by my said daughter during her life and at her death to be equally divided among her children.

9th. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Wright in addition to the land before mentioned, Jess, Winney, Linnett, Seaborn, Franky, Chloy, Edward, Rebeccah, Sterling, Emely, Dick, Shade, Martin, Stephen, Edy, Nancy, Olley, Martha, Bally, Parker and Winny.

10th. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Wright in addition to the land heretofore mentioned, Jim, Stewart, Eliza, Augustus, Nancy, Wiley, Tom, Sellar, Anthony, Betsy, Viley, Bellers Young child Crumby and Julia as his full portion of my estate.

11th. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Wright in addition to the land before mentioned, Marg. Shade, Mehaby, Sophona, Easter, and Henry, Thomas, Solomon, Willis, Charles, Randle, Peter, Old Judy, Sarah, Fanny, Nelson and John and Gracy.

12th. I give and bequeath to my Executors in Trust for my son William Wright, Mitchell, Jenney, Randle and Elon, and one Horse called Davey, the sole right of said negroes to be in my said Executors the use and benefit to go to the support of William during his life and at his death said negroes and their increase to be divided among my heirs, share and share alike.

13th. All the ballance of my Estate not specially willed away I give to my sons Robert and Joseph Wright to beequally divided.

I nominate and appoint my sons, Robert Wright, Thomas Wright and Joseph Wright and Thomas Stocks Executors to this my last will and testament with full powers to carry the same into full effect.

In witness wherefore I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th May 1831.

Robert his
 X Wright
 mark

Signed, and sealed in presence of
Robert Booth
Samm. K. Daniel
John Wilson

Copy of Certification:

State of Georgia, Greene County, Ordinary's Office.

I, E. Lloyd Lewis, Ordinary and Ex. Off. Clerk of Greene Court of Ordinary, of said county, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of

Will of Robert Wright recorded Will Book F, page 157, of record of Ordinary's Office of Greene County, Georgia.

With the original record, thereof now remaining in this office, and the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original record, and that said Court is a Court of record.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 4th day of May 1946.

Signed E. Lloyd Lewis
 Ordinary and Ex. Off. C.C.O.

(Seal.)

Joseph Fitzpatrick, Jr.'s Will

Recorded in Greene County Will Book "E", pp. 107-108, by W. W. Strain for H. Carleton, C. C. O. G. C., Jan. 8, 1812.

(This Joseph was a son of Joseph Fitzpatrick of Fluvanna County, Virginia)

He, his brothers William and Benjamin, and his sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Thomas Heard, all came to Greene County, Ga., at an early date and were held in high esteem.

Thomas Heard's grave is plainly marked and so is his second wife's grave. Thomas Heard's daughter, Elizabeth Heard, married Isaac Stocks and she was the mother of Thomas Stocks, said to have been the first white child born in Greene County.

Thomas Stocks was one of Georgia's foremost citizens, a prominent Baptist layman, President of the Georgia Senate for six years and was the only Georgian who ever elected a Governor by his single vote. He cast the vote that broke the tie and elected George M. Treup Governor of Georgia.

He married Mrs. T. B. Rice's Aunt Frances A. Davis of Greensboro, Ga. Mrs. Rice inherited Judge Thomas Stock's furniture, silver, private papers, etc., and the writer sleeps on his bed every night and enjoys reading his diaries and letters.

(This is written on the cover of the will of Joseph Fitzpatrick, Jr. by Mr. Rice. L.T.)

(Copy) Last Will and Testament of Joseph Fitzpatrick of Greene County, Georgia.

"I, Joseph Fitzpatrick of Georgia, Greene County, of perfect sence and sound memory calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to Die do make this my last will and Testament as follows.

Item: I give Sarah W^d Fitzpatrick & Elizabeth Harwell is to have the bounty of land on the South side of Jos. branch but Elizabeth Harwell land is only lent to her, her lifetime and at her death to her surviving heirs the bounty of land is to be equally divided so as to let Elizabeth Harwell keep her spring, and Elizabeth Harwell is to have the Eastside of the bounty of land and Sarah W^d Fitzpatrick is to have the West side of the said bounty forever. Elizabeth Harwell is to have fifteen Dollar when conveniently be got.

Item: I lend my loving wife the plantation I now live on and timber to support it as long as she remains my widow and I lend her all the Household furniture & plantation tools with a stock of all kinds - - - ? work beasts to support the land as long as she remains my widow and she is to have two negroes Blanks & Winny as long as she remains my widow.

Item: The children all is to be supported on the land or with their mother, until they become of age. If my loving wife Dies before the youngest child becomes of age everything is to remain as it is until the youngest

becomes of age. When the youngest child becomes of age or my loving wife is dead all the property except negroes & horses that I lend my loving wife is to be equally divided among the five children, their names as follows: Sarah W^d Fitzpatrick, R. Fitzpatrick, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Mary Perren (?) Fitzpatrick, and Lucy Fitzpatrick.

When the youngest child becomes of age or after my loving wife's death it is to be divided.

Item: I give to my daughters Mary Perren Fitzpatrick and Lucy J. Fitzpatrick the bounty of land on the North side of Jos. branch, & it is to be equally divided between them & Mary Perren Fitzpatrick is to have Dans field on the side joing Jenkin's lines and Lucy J. Fitzpatrick is to have the other side of said bounty of land.

Item: I give Lucy J. Fitzpatrick the feather bed I now lay on at her mother's death.

Item: Mary Perren Fitzpatrick is to have one feather bed at her mother's death.

Item: I give R. Fitzpatrick two hundred acres of land on the waters of the North fork of Ogeechee & I give him one sorrel colt got by Jenkin's horses and one saddle he now has got in his care & I give him my old hoan (meaning a razor hoan).

Item: I give to Joseph Fitzpatrick, Jr., at his mother's death or widowhood or when the youngest child becomes of age, two negroes Blanks & Winnie & give him one little shot gun. I give to him one bay mare, I give him one Twenty Dollar Saddle when it conveniently be got, I give him one pair of Stilyards.

Item: I give to Joseph Fitzpatrick Jun. one tract of land drawn by me in the twenty third Wilkinson number fifty one containing two hundred two and one-half acres of land & he is to have two years schooling.

Item: I leave one still for the use of all my heirs the still is not to be moved from where it now is.

Lastly I do appoint Abraham Heard & my Brother Benjamin Fitzpatrick and my wife Elizabeth Fitzpatrick Executors of this my last will & Testament given under my hand this 16th day of October 1811.

(Signed Jo^s Fitzpatrick (Seal))

Test
Benj. ^a Fitzpatrick
Jesse Jenkins
Anne Jenkins

Greene Court of Ordinary)
January Term 1812) "Jesse Jenkins &
Ann Jenkins & B. Fitzpatrick the three
subscribing witnesses to this will & came into open court & made oath that
they saw Joseph Fitzpatrick sign and acknowledge the within as his last will &

testament & that they believed him to be in his proper senses at the time of doing the same."

Sworn to in open court

(Signed) Benj. ^a Fitzpatrick
Jesse Jenkins
Anne Jenkins

Greene Court of Ordinary } "Elizabeth Fitzpatrick & Abraham Heard, two
Jan. 5th, 1812 } of the within named Exrs. came into open
Court and were duly qualified as such.

Test

W. W. Strain for
H. Carleton C.C.O."

The above was copied from the original will by Joseph Fitzpatrick by

T. B. Rice
T. B. Rice, Official Historian
for Greene County, Ga.

(Copy)

"Certified Copy of Deed"

This Indenture made the twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five between John Ashmore and his wife of the one part and William Fitzpatrick of the other part witness that whereas thee said John Ashmore for and in consideration of the sum of fifty pounds to him the said John in hand paid by the recpt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge he the said John P. his wife have given, granted, bargained, sold and by these preasants do give, grant, bargaine, sell, alien, release and confirm unto the said William Fitzpatrick and his heirs and assigns forever one certaine tract or parcell of land lying and being in the county of Washington and bounded as followeth and containing two hundred and eighty seven and a half acres beginning at an ash on the Oconee River, thence No. 80 East 57 chaine to corner Hickory thence S^o 10 East 54 Chain to a pine thence So 80 West 54 Chain to corner gum on said river thence no to West up the said River 54 to the beginning together with all houses, buildings, gardens, orchards and improvements whatsoever of the land and premses belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainders - - - Rent and harviseses of the said premises and also all the estate right Title interest claim and demand of them the said John Ashmore and his wife of in and unto the land and premises hereby convayed with the appertainences.

To have and to hold the above mentioned tract of land and premises with the appertainences unto the said William Fitzpatrick his heirs and assigns forever to the ordly proper use and behoof of him the said William Fitzpatrick and to no use intent or purpose whatsoever and the said John Ashmore for himself and his heirs the above mentioned tract of land premises with the appertainances against him the said John Ashmore and his heirs against the claim of all and every other person and persons whatsoever to him the said William Fitzpatrick and his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend by theas preasants.

In witness whareof the said John Ashmore and his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first written - - -

Signed, sealed and delivered in presents of:
B. Porter
Thos. Cobb
Thse Napilry, A.J.P.

John Ashmore (Seal)

John Ashmore deed to William Fitzpatrick
287 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land.

W. Patrick, C.S.C.

Georgia, Greene County.

I, W. B. Caldwell, Clerk Superior Court of said county, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the within deed which is of record in Volume #1, Page 16, with the original record, thereof now remaining in this office, and the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original record, and that said court is a court of record.

(Note by Louise H. Protti, 1950: The above deed was obtained to show how early the Fitzpatrick family were in Greene County. The oldest index in the clerks office show many such deeds there.)

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said court
this 21 day of June 1946.

W. B. Caldwell, Clerk Superior Court,
Greene County, Georgia

(Seal.)

A verbatim copy

COPY OF JOSEPH FITZPATRICK'S WILL
Written in Fluvanna County, Va.

A copy of which was sent to Greene County, Georgia, in 1833, and recorded in Will Book, pp. 177, 178, 179 and 180 by Thomas W. Grimes, Clerk.

Copy of the will of Joseph Fitzpatrick of Fluvanna County, Virginia, dated August 17, 1778.

I, Joseph Fitzpatrick, of Fluvanna County, being weak in body but in perfect mine and memory calling to mind that it is once appointed for all mento dye do make this my last will and Testament in manner following. First, if it should please the Lord to take one from time I recommend my body to the earth from whence it came and my soul to God who gave it me and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with, I give in manner as followeth (viz). Item. To my son Benjamin, I give one negro boy named Nicholas to him the said Benjamin and his heirs forever.

Item. To my son William, I give one negro boy named John to him the said William and his heirs forever.

Item. To my son Joseph, I give one negro boy named Toby to him the said Joseph and his heirs forever. I give to my sons William and Joseph one thousand acres of land lying at Martin King's Fork Roads to be equally divided my two sons and to their heirs forever.

Item. To my daughter Elizabeth Hurd, I give Ten pounds in current money.

Item. I lend to my daughter Molly Wright, the land whereon she now lives and one negro girl Tiller during her life and then the said land and negro and her increase if any to be divided amongst my said daughter's children to them and theirs forever.

Item. To my grandson William Hurd, son of George Hurd, should it please God he should live to the age of eighteen years, I then give to him and his heirs forever one negro girl named Agnes and should he die before arriving at that age my will and desire is that the said negro girl Agnes should then belong to Joseph Hurd, son of Thomas Hurd to him the said Joseph and his heirs forever.

Item. To my sons Bouth and Rene, I give them the land mill and plantation whereon I live its containing three hundred acres to them and their heirs forever. Also, I give to my said sons Bouth and Rene the two colts they have in possession. Also, I give to my said sons an entry of land I have on Middle Creek. Also another entry I have on the North River to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give to my two sons Bouth and Rene negro Feb and her child Feby, Gencey a negro wench the said negroes to be equally divided between my two sons Bouth and Rene after my wife's decease and then to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I lend to my loving wife Molley Fitzpatrick a negro wench named Sarey during her life and after my wife's decease I give the said negro wench Sarah to my son William and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my sons William and Joseph a cow and calf each and all the rest of my stock and household furniture to remain with my wife during her life and then to be equally divided between my two sons Bouth and Rene.

Item. I give and bequeath to my wife my riding horse and my old mare to my son William. The ready money I am now in possession of to be put to the use of paying my just debts also my old home land it contains two hundred and sixty five acres to be sold and the money arising from the said sale to be put to the use of paying my debts and my negroes to remain in possession of my wife during her life; their names are Toby Hall, Feb, Gincey Sarah. My desire is that my son Rene shall have twelve months schooling - - - I appoint my son William Fitzpatrick, Executors of this my last will and Testament with my loving wife Molly Fitzpatrick Executrix of the same. In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this 17th August 1778.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in presence of
John Napier
Champion Napier

At a court held for Fluvanna County, on Thursday, the 1st day of November 1781, this writing was this day presented in court and proved to be the last will and Testament of Joseph Fitzpatrick, deceased, by the oath of John Napier one of the witnesses to it and Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Heir at law to the said testator came into Court accorded to the proof of the said will as to the land legacies therein divest and the same is admitted to record. And William Fitzpatrick, Executor and Molley Fitzpatrick, Executrix, making oath thereto according to law and performing what is usual in such cases certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Restr: John Cobbs, C.C.

State of Virginia, Fluvanna County, to wit:

"I, Abraham Shepherd, Junr., Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the last Will and Testament of Joseph Fitzpatrick deceased of record in the said Court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the said Court to be hereunto affixed this thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty two and of the Commonwealth the fifty seventh."

(Signed) Abraham Shepherd, Junr."

(Seal of the Court)

"State of Virginia, Fluvanna County, to wit:

"I, Peter H. Ware, presiding Justice of the Court of Fluvanna County in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that the attestation thereto annexed made by

* Names of Executors omitted by typist: "Joseph Fitzpatrick, Bouth Fitzpatrick."

Abraham Shepherd, Jr., Clerk of the said Court is in due form and by the proper officer appointed by the laws of the said state for the purpose and that full faith and credit is due thereto in every Court or office in the United States.

Given under my hand at the County of Fluvanna and the State of Virginia aforesaid this 7th day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty two and of the Independence of the United States the fifty seventh.

(Signed) Peter H. Ware, J.P.

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(Signed) Abm. Shepherd, Jr., C.O."

Georgia
Greene County

Court of Ordinary Term 1833

Recorded upon the minutes of said Court pages 177, 178, 179 and 180, agreeable to an order of said Court this 14th day of January 1833."

(Signed) Thomas W. Grimes, Clk. Co. G.O.

The above will and all references thereto were copied by, T. B. Rice, Official Historian for Greene County, Georgia, Spelling, paragraphing, punctuation, etc., were copied exactly as they appeared in the will and other references thereto. One or two words could not be made out, and, in such instances I placed a ? mark.

Joseph Fitzpatrick, Jr., and other members of the family of Joseph Fitzpatrick, Sr., the author of the will that was made and recorded in Fluvanna County, Va., had moved to Greene County, Georgia. Presumably, the Virginia estate of Joseph Fitzpatrick, Sr. had not fully been wound up and it became necessary to secure a copy of the will and have it recorded in Greene County, Ga.

This copy was made from the copy that was made in Fluvanna County, Va., and not from the pages of the Greene County records refered to by Thomas W. Grimes, Clerk of the Greene County Court of Ordinary.

(Signed) T. B. Rice
Historian for Greene County, Ga., Greensboro,
Ga. June 12, 1946.

Copied at the request
Mrs. H. H. Trotti
230 Wilton Street
Decatur, Ga.

Mrs. Trotti also has a certified copy from Mr. Lewis, Ordinary of Greene Co., Ga., who states

"Will of Joseph Fitzpatrick recorded in Minutes 1828 to 1836, Ordinary Office, Greene County, Ga., same being properly certified to by Clerk and Judge of Fluvanna County, Virginia, and filed in this County for record in year 1833."

Thursday, April 20, 1950

5 THE DECATUR NEWS

SUSAN BRANCH IS CHRISTENED

Susan Howell Branch, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene T. Branch, of Decatur, was christened Sunday morning, April 16, at the First Methodist Church in Decatur at the 11 o'clock service. The pastor, Rev. Harvey C. Holland, officiated.

The baby is the namesake of her great-grandmother, the late Mrs. Thomas Alfred Branch, Sr.

Susan's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Cotins, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Branch, Sr., of Decatur.

Bledsoe

Aaron Bledsoe - The Bledsoe family came from Northumberland County. We find in Beverly Fleet's "Colonial Abstracts" wills of George Bledsoe and his wife Elizabeth, Feb. 12, 1705, mentioning children John, George, William, Abraham, and Thomas, then under 21 years. George and William were executors. A deed shows transfer by Abraham of land left by father George. John and Thomas were cited and fined May 19, 1714, for failing to go to church. Just which one of these was the father of Aaron, I do not know. A study of the source to be found in most state libraries probably throw light on the matter.

The Minute Book of Spottsylvania, County, states Capt. William Bledsoe and his officers, James Williams, and George Home (Hume) took oath as officers in the Continental militia, 1729. In the Orange County petitions of October 20, 1770, I find the name of John Bledsoe and have a photostatic copy of his signature.

In the Orange County settlement of claims for services in the Revolutionary War, I have a photostat of account showing receipt from John Bledsoe of 250 lbs. beef on Nov. 9, 1781, which was signed by Benjamin Winslow.

Aaron Bledsoe went from Orange, Va., to Green County, Georgia, in the early 1800's and died there 1808, according to will. Wife, Mary. Lewis Brockman, one of the executors.

Children of Aaron Bledsoe and Mary, his wife:

1. Nancy, m. James Brockman, Dec. 6, 1700. D. 1795 (Son of Samuel, Jr. of Orange).
2. Betsy, m. Lewis Brockman, March 12, 1779, in Goochland County (See Douglas Registers, Goochland County. Name spelled "Betsie"). There was a grandson Walker Brockman. James Brockman, son-in-law, served as a Justice of the Peace in Georgia. There was a Bledsoe Brockman who married Elizabeth Landrum, daughter of Thomas Landrum, in Orange, June 2, 1802.
3. William, m. Sally Morton.
 - a. Elizah Morton Bledsoe
 - b. James Bledsoe, m. Elizabeth Street, 1820.
4. James
5. John
6. Moses
7. Peggy, m. Robert Wright (This is the ancestor of Hugh Emmett Wright.) ✓
(Note by L. Trotti, 1950, who copied this data)
8. Aaron
9. Mary, m. John Sams
10. Joseph
11. Elizah

Will of Aaron Bledsoe, Sr., from records in Greensboro, Ga. (1806-1816)
Will Book "E", pages 76, 77, 78.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Aaron Bledsoe, of the County of Greene, being sick of body but of sound and disposing memory, and being desirous to dispose of such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with, doth make this, my last will and Testament, in manner and form following:

Item. Land. My beloved wife, Mary Bledsoe, during her natural life, the plantation on which I now live, also seven negroes, to-wit: Frank, Winslow, Cate and Jimmy, and three negro children, their names as follows: Willy, Lane and Jude, the said girl Jude to go to my son-in-law, Robert Wright, and his wife, Peggy, whenever my wife, Mary, thinks proper, to them and their heirs. Three work horses and my riding horse, three beds and furniture, and the stock of hogs, cows, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture and corn, fodder, pork and so forth, to last her one year.

Item. It is my will and desire that my executors procure a sufficiency of my estate to pay all lawful claims and debts whatsoever, that they also sell my mountain lands in Virginia, lying in Orange County and it be divided as follows: Into eight parts and my daughter, Nancy Brockman, to have two parts of the same for a negro fellow which my son, Joseph Bledsoe, parted from, being lent to him which belonged to her and her heirs, which she takes as the full amount against my estate forever.

Item. I give my daughter, Nancy Brockman, one Negro woman by name Jin and her child Oliver and two parts of my land in Virginia to her and her heirs forever.

Item. Give my son, William Bledsoe, one-eighth part of my land in Virginia, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. Give my son-in-law Lewis Brockman, one-eighth part of my land in Virginia, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. Give my son, James Bledsoe, one-eighth of the said lands, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. Give to my son, John Bledsoe, one-eighth part of the said lands to him and his heirs forever.

Item. Give to my son, Moses Bledsoe, one-eighth part of said lands, one bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. Give to my son-in-law, Robert Wright, and my daughter, Peggy, two negro girls, names Silvy and Juse, one bed and furniture, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. Give unto my son, Aaron Bledsoe, one eighth part of the said lands, one bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. Give to my son-in-law, John Sams, and his wife, Mary, ten shillings, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. Give to my son Elizah, ten shillings, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. Desire that my executors procure out of my estate a sufficiency to pay grand-son Walker Brockman, one horse, saddle and bridle to the amount of \$85, one bed and furniture.

The property which I lend to my wife Mary Bledsoe, after her death to be divided into three equal parts, the land and girl Jude excepted, the land to be equally divided between two sons Moses and Aaron, to them and their heirs, the girl Jude to go to my son-in-law Robert Wright and my daughter Peggy, to them and their heirs forever.

Also the balance of the property to be divided between Moses, Aaron, and Nancy, which I leave my wife Mary. The executors to be paid for all necessary trouble out of my mountain lands, likewise my son Moses to be maintained out of the same profits which shall arise from my wife Mary Bledsoe's part during her natural life. I do hereby nominate and appoint my son-in-law Lewis Brockman and my two sons, James and Moses executors to my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me made, recommending my body to the grave in a decent manner, and my Soul the disposes of future events. As witness my hand and seal this the thirty-first day of August, eighteen hundred and eight.

(Signed) Aaron Bledsoe (SEAL)

Witnessed

Thomas Danull

William Danull

Thomas Greer

Greene Court of Ordinary, Sept. Term. 1809.

The foregoing Last Will and Testament of Aaron Bledsoe, dec'd, and duly proved in Open Court by the oaths of Thomas Danull, William Danull and Thomas Greer, who after being duly sworn, saith that they saw him sign the same for the purpose of exscripted and ordered to be recorded.

Sworn to in Open Court this 4th Sept. 1809.

A. Carleton, Jr., for
T. Carleton, Co. R.

Ref: Pages 52, 53, 54, 55, "Orange County Virginia Families", W. E. Brockman.