

Chart of the Beneficiaries of the Will of the Reverend Moses Sanders of Georgia, 1817

Compiled, July 31, 2003 by Gary B. Sanders. The executors were sons John and Moses Sanders. Bequests of slaves, livestock, and household goods that appear in the will are not listed in this chart.

Individual mentioned in the will	Relationship to Moses, Sr.	Bequest
Nancy Jones, Joel Sanders, jointly	Unspecified, but following pattern of bequest to David Sanders' children, they appear to be grandchildren	100 acres
Moses Sanders, Jr.	Son	¼ land, 1/5 of residual estate
John	Son	Small bit of land deeded over before his father's death \$40 ¼ of land, 1/5 of residual
Aaron Sanders	Son	\$2
Aaron Sanders' children: Nancy Jones, Joel, Moses, Nathaniel, Daniel, Polly, and Sally	Grandchildren	¼ land, 1/5 of residual
David	Son, deceased	nothing
David's children: Martin, William Hamilton, Sally, Nancy, David	Grandchildren	¼ of land, 1/5 of residual
Sally Hooper	Daughter	\$2
Sally's children: William Sanders, Obedia, Betsy, Carter, Milly, and James	Grandchildren	1/5 of residual
Nancy	Daughter, known to be deceased through other sources	nothing
Richard Mauldin	Son-in-law (not specified in will, but he was the husband of Nancy)	\$2
Mary Sanders	Wife (tombstone erected in 1902 states wife was Sally Hamilton; don't know how to reconcile this)	Life estate in house and "land where I now live" and support for her for one year after her death. After her death the residual estate to be divided into five parts and divided as described above.

Will of Moses Sanders

Transcription based on those of Sarrah Amos, from Web site of Jackie Leatham at Rootsweb World Connect and that of Todd Dorsey (e-mail, March 2007). I have modernized the spelling, changed and added punctuation and slightly revised the paragraph beginning points.

Dated 28 February 1817 in Franklin County (now Banks County) Georgia

In the name of God, Amen, I Moses Sanders, Sr., of the State aforesaid and County of Franklin, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and calling to mind that it is once appointed for all men to die, and I constitute and make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others former wills and testaments made or intended to be made.

First, I will that all my just debts as shall be by me owing at my death, together with all charges to making the proving of or otherwise concerning this my will, shall in the first place, be paid out of my personal estate and effects and from and after payment thereof and subject thereunto, this my will is that all the residue of my estate of every description shall be appraised except the part I hereafter lend my wife, and after such appraisement made, that the same shall be divided as follows--

I will that my lands shall be divided into four equal parts, except what I am now about to give and be divided away with a small lot of land to my son John Sanders, adjoining the place whereon I now live, Beginning at birch corner at the mouth of the branch, on the birch corner thence to the branch where my old line crosses (forms?) the branch, thence up the branch to the old line, thence along the old line to the other branch (illegible); and one hundred acres I give unto Nancy Jones and Joel Sanders across the upper end of the four hundred acre tract of land granted to myself, adjoining Aldred's old cabin.

And the residue of my property of all description whatever I wish divided into five equal parts, to wit:

I give unto my son Moses Sanders Jr. one fourth part of my land and one fifth part of the residue of my estate.

I give unto my son John Sanders forty dollars, one fourth part of my land, and one fifth part of the residue of my estate.

I give my son Aaron Sanders two dollars for his portion of my estate.

I give to Aaron Sanders' children Nancy Jones, Joel, Moses, Nathaniel, Daniel, Polly and Sally Sanders one fourth part of my land and one fifth part of the residue of my estate and also give unto them one Negro girl and the increase, if any, that I lent to my son Aaron Sanders during his life, by the name of Baisheba.

I give unto my grandchildren of David Sanders deceased, namely, to wit, Martin, Hambleton, Sally, Nancy, and David Sanders, one negro boy named Buck, which I before lent my son David Sanders, deceased, one fourth part of my land, and one fifth part of the residue of my estate, to be equally divided between them.

I give unto my daughter Sally Hooper two dollars.

I give unto my grandchildren of Sally Hooper, namely, to wit, William, Sanders, Obadiah, Betsey, Carter, Milley & James Hooper, two Negroes Lewis & Hannah, which Negroes I before lent to my daughter Sally Hooper, and one fifth part of the residue of my estate, except the land to be equally divided between them, also, twenty dollars in cash.

I give unto Richard Mauldin two dollars.

I lend unto my wife Mary Sanders during her life the land whereon I now live and three Negroes, Dinah, Rachel & Fann, four cows and calves, two horses, two sows and pigs, two feather beds and furniture, all my household furniture & kitchen furniture, my plantation working tools, and a sufficient support for her one year after my death, to be levied out of my estate, and after my wife's death, my will is for all the property I have lent her to be equally divided in five parts, except the land my son John Sanders is to have, and my sons, Moses Sanders and John Sanders is to have each one fifth part, and my grandchildren heretofore mentioned of Aaron Sanders to have one fifth part to be equally divided between them.

I give unto my grandchildren of David Sanders, deceased, before mentioned, to be equally divided between them. And one fifth part I give unto my grandchildren of Sally Hooper, before mentioned, to be equally divided between them.

And my express will is that I ordain and appoint my sons Moses Sanders and John Sanders my sole executors to this my last will and testament, given under my hand and seal this the twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen.

Signed Moses Sanders (seal)

Signed and delivered in the presence of John Bush, William Legg and John Baugh, JP.

I do hereby certify that I (confirm?) this my last request to this my last will and testament (illegible). I truly request that the part or portion of my estate that I have willed to the children of my son David Sanders be and remain in the hands of my son John Sanders until said children are of lawful age, and I also (illegible) the request that my saddle be given to my son John Sanders at my death. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of February 1817.

Moses Sanders (his mark and seal)

Witness present: John Bush, William Legg, John Baugh, JP.

Georgia, Franklin County Court of Ordinary May Term 1817

Came into open court John Bush, William Legg & John Baugh & after being duly sworn say that they & each of them were present & saw Moses Sanders Sr., now deceased, sign and seal the amended paper dated on the twenty eighth day of February 1817 and heard the said deceased declare the same to be his last will and testament and that they all signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other and that the said testator at the time of signing the said will appeared to be of sound mind and memory.

Sworn in court this 5th May 1817 John Bush, Wm Legg, John Baugh