

The State of Alabama } Probate Court Regular Term
Blount County } Oct 18th

Be it remembered that on this day the 13th of October A. D. 1851 a Probate court in & for this County was begun and held at the Court House in the Town of Blountville before John C. Gillespie Judge of Probate in & for said County.

Be it remembered that on this day the 15th day of October A. D. 1851 before the Probate Court of Blount County personally came John L. Cox who says that he is the Executor of the last will and testament of Mary Bentley and produces hereto the court a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Mary Bentley lately of the said County and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now here that the said Mary Bentley is a woman and that all the heirs of the said Mary Bentley are of full age therefore I have caused to come before me on this day Lewis White a subscribing witness to said will who being duly sworn says that he was present on the day when said will purports to have been signed by the said Mary Bentley (and that William A. White & John W. White the other subscribing witnesses were also present when the said Mary Bentley signed said will) that the said signature to said will was signed & acknowledged by the said Mary Bentley in the presence of said Lewis White and John W. White & William A. White to be her signature and that she signed, published and declared the same to be her last will and testament and that the said testatrix at the time of signed signing the same was of sound and disposing mind and of the age of seventy one year. It is therefore ordered & adjudged and decreed that the said will of the said Mary Bentley be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Mary Bentley. It is further ordered that the same be recorded and registered in this Court.

Know all persons by these presents that for and in consideration of a certain Mare willed to Mary Woodall (formerly Mary Bentley) which Mare was disposed and the proceeds applied to my use and benefit and for the further consideration of the love and affection I bear to the said Mary Woodall and to her two sons I hereby will and bequest the following described Real and personal Estate To wit at my death the said Mary Woodall is to have and to hold for her use and benefit during her natural Lifetime all and singular that Part of the west half of the south west quarter of section No. 36 in Township 26 N. Range 10 E. and in range No. 10 west the part of south of the point of said section Township and Range lying on the south side of

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of that tract in the county of Blount and state of Alabama and in the district of lands offered for sale at Huntsville and this my last will and testament is to authorize and empower the said Mary Woodet from and after my decease (should she out live me) to take use and possess the said lands and townships for and during her natural lifetime and at and after the death of the same Mary Woodet the said land with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging shall issue to Greenberry Bentley and Jason Woodet (sons of the said Mary Woodet) and to their heirs and assigns forever and after the decease of the said land and the appurtenances thereunto belonging during my natural lifetime I the said Mary Bentley of the said county and state do hereby give grant bequeath and convey the said appurtenances and all of the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Greenberry Bentley and Jason Woodet and to their heirs and assigns forever and equally after the death of the said Mary Woodet to take hold and possess the same forever with all and singular every part and parcel thereof and further after my natural lifetime at and after my decease I hereby give and bequeath unto the said Greenberry Bentley and Jason Woodet jointly and equally by all and every particle of my house hold and kitchen furniture that I now possess or that I may possess at my death to the sole and benefit of the said Greenberry Bentley and Jason Woodet equally and to their heirs and assigns forever and furthermore in making this my last will and testament all the estate both real and personal that I may possess at my death that is not above conveyed in this deed shall be sold to the highest and after paying all the just debts that I may owe the balance of the proceeds of such sale I hereby will and bequeath unto Marcus Bentley same Bentley Lucinda Cox and Mary Woodet equally and for the disposition of the part that is to be sold and divided as above stated I hereby constitute and appoint Toliver L Cox of the county of Benton and state of said my Executor to Dispose of all my estate except the part that I have above conveyed and the proceeds thereof equally divide according to this my last will and testament as above stated. This testimony is the within and above foregoing deed and will of the within named Mary Bentley do hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of may in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one

Witness of William A. White
 John W. White
 witness Lewis White

Mary Bentley (seal)

The State of Alabama
County of Blount

Probate Court
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Be it remembered that on this day the 18th day of October A. D. 1851 a Probate Court in and for this county was begun and held at the court house in the Town of Blountsville before John Gillespie, Judge of Probate in and for said county.

Be it remembered that on this the 18th day of October A. D. 1851 before the Probate court personally came Toliver (sic) L. Cox who says that he is the Executor of the last will and testament of Mary Bentley and produces here to the court a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Mary Bentley lately of the said county and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court now here that the said Mary Bentley is a woman and that all the heirs of the said Mary Bentley are of full age. Therefore, I have caused to come before me on this day Lewis White, a subscribing witness to said will who being duly sworn who says that he was present on the same day when said will purports to have been signed by the said Mary Bentley (and that William A. White and John W. White the other subscribing witnesses were also present when the said Mary Bentley signed said will), and that the said signature to said will was signed and acknowledged by the said Mary Bentley in the presence of said Lewis White and John White and William A. White to be her signature and that she signed, published, and declared the same to be her last will and testament and that the said testatrix at the time of signing the same was of sound and disposing (sic) mind and of the age of Seventy one years. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said will of the said Mary Bentley be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Mary Bentley. It is further ordered that the same be recorded and registered in this court.

WILL OF MARY BENTLEY

(born ca: 1780 Mary "Pollye" Whitlock in *Goochland* County, Virginia, died 1851 in Blount County, Alabama)

Know all persons by these presents that for and in consideration of a certain Mare willed to Mary Woodall (formerly Mary Bentley) which was disposed and the proceeds applied to my use and benefit and for the further consideration of the Love and affection (sic) I have to the said Mary Woodall and to her two sons, I hereby will and bequeath the following Described real and personal Estate. (Note: Mary Woodel's name is spelled Woodall, Woodel and Woodele in this will. Her marriage record is Woodel.)

To wit - at my Death the said Mary Woodall is to have and to hold for her use and benefit During her natural Lifetime all and singular that Part of the west half of the Northwest quarter of

section No. Thirteen in Township No. Thirteen and in range No. one west the part of fourth of the fourth of said section, Township, and Range lying on the south side of of (sic) flat creek in the County of Blount and State of Alabama and in the district of Lands offered for sale at Huntsville and this my last will and testament is to Authorize and empower the said Mary Woodel from and after my decease (should she outlive me) to take, use, and possess the said Lands and Tenaments for and during her natural Lifetime and at and after the death of the said Mary Woodel the said Land with all and singular the appertanences (sic) thereunto belonging shall issue to Greenberry Bentley and Jason Woodel (sons of the said Mary Woodel) and to their heirs and assigns forever and after receiving the said land and the appertanences thereunto belonging During my natural lifetime. The said Mary Bentley of the said County and State do hereby give, grant, bequeath and convey the aforesaid Land, tenaments and all of the appertinences (sic) thereunto belonging to the said greenberry Bentley and Jason Woodel and to their heirs and assigns jointly and equally after the death of the said Mary Woodel to take, hold and possess the same forever with all and singular every post and parcel thereof and further after my natural lifetime at and after my Decease, I hereby give and bequeath unto the said Greenberry Bentley and Jason Woodel jointly and equally by all and every particle of my household and kitchen furniture that I now possess or that I may possess, at my death to the sole (use?) and benefit the same Greenberry Bentley and Jason Woodel equally and to their heirs and assigns forever - and furthermore in making this my last will and testament all the estate both real and personal that I may possess at my Death that is not above conveyed in this Deed shall be sold to the highest and after paying all the just debts that I may owe, the balance of the proceeds of such sale I hereby will and bequeath to Andrew Bentley, Jane Bentley, Lucinda Cox, and Mary Woodele Equally and for the disposition of the part that is to be sold and Divided as above stated. I hereby constitute and appoint Toliver (sic) L. Cox of the County of Benton and state aforesaid my Executor to Dispose of all my estate except the part that I have above conveyed and the proceeds thereof Equally Divide according to this my last will and testament as above stated. In testimoney to the within and above foregoing Deed and will of the within named Mary Bentley do hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty one.

Mary Bentley (seal)

Presents (sic) of:
 William A. White
 John W. White

witness: Lewis White

The State of Alabama
Blount County

Personally appeared before me Lewis White, an acting Justice of the Peace for said county, Mary Bentley, maker of the foregoing will and deed, who acknowledged that she (in her proper mind) signed and sealed the same this day for the purpose therein written. Given under my hand and seal this May 3, 1851.

Lewis White, (Seal) JPBC

The State of Alabama
Blount County

Personally appeared before me, Lewis White, an acting Justice of the Peace of said county, William A. White and John H. White, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Deed and Will who after being Duly sworn saith (sic) on oath that they were present and saw Mary Bentley (the maker thereof) sign her name thereto after it was Actually Read in her hearing and that they severally signed their names as witnesses in presence of the said Mary Bentley and that they believe that she was in her proper mind and that the writing was written according to her will on the day and date written in the foregoing Deed and Will.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 24th day of September 1851.

William A. White
John H. White

Lewis White, JPBC

Blount County, Alabama

January 15, 1853

We the undersigned heirs and relicts of Mary Bentley, Decd, according to the Last will and testament of the said Mary Bentley, decd, have this day made a full settlement and each one of us have recd our distributive Share of said Estate according to the said will and this is and Shall be our and each one of our receipts clear and entire against the Estate of the said Mary Bentley, decd according to her said Last will and testament. Witness our hand and seal.

and his wife, Andrew (his + mark) Bentley
Sarah (her + mark) Bentley
Jane (her + mark) Bentley
Mary (her + mark) Woodel
Toliver L. Cox and his wife
Lucinda Cox by the agent of the said T. L. Cox and his wife, William Shelton