

Office of the Probate Court, Abbeville County, Post Office Box 70, Abbeville, SC 29620

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Case# 86-2109 Estate of Benjamin Saxon

In the Name of God, Amen,

This 4th Day of January in the year of our Lord 1784, I Benjamin Sayson of South Carolina, Ninety Six District, Being through the abundant mercy of God, tho weak in body, yet of sound and perfect understanding and memory, do constitute this to be my last will and testment and desire it may be received by all as such -

first I bequeth my body and soul to God my maker beseching his most gracious acceptance of knowing the all sufficient merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer.

Next I give my body to the earth to be desently buried at the discretion of my dear wife and executors here after named -

As to my wordly estate I will and positivly order that all my debts be paid -

first I leave to my son William a tenement and tract of land contaning one hundred acers joining my land on Bush river known by the name of the place that John Sayxon lived on last year,

Next, I leave to my loving wife my whole estate for her support during her natural life until the day of her marige, and afterwards to be equly divided amongst all my children (exceptng my son William above mentiond,) including my two grandchildren Samuel Barksdel and Mary Sayxon and if either of the two orphans should die the other to inherit its part.

And if both them, Benjamin and John my two youngest. Reserving at the same time such a part as shall pay for the education of the said Benjamin and John the care of which I leave to my two sons Benjamin to James and John to Samuel,

I do also constuit and apoint my loving wife and two sons James and Samuel to be my executers of this my last will an testement.

In witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal the day and year above mentiond

Benj Saxon *seal*

witnesses

Nicholas Curry

Gabriel Patrick

her mark Jane Quinton

South Carolina

Ninety Six District

By John Thomas JunR Esquire Ordinary of the District aforesaid-

Personally appeared Nicholas Curry on of the subscribing witness to the written will before me and made oath that he saw Benjamin Saxon sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament. That he was then of sound and perfect mind, memory and understanding to the best of their obsovents knowledge and belief and that Gabriel Patrick and Jean Quinton together with this desponent did sign their names thereto as witnesses. In the presence of the testator at his request and in the presents of each other -

Sworn under my hand 19th Sept 1785

J Thomas JunR

with label rotated 90° "Benjamin Sayxon Will"

South Carolina
Ninety Six District
By John Thomas JunR Esquire Ordinary of the District aforesaid-
SEAL J Thomas Junr

To William Millwee Esq. Litt Walker Esq, and Benj Johnes James Young ---freeholders

These are to authorise and impower you or any three of you to repair to all such places in this district as you may be directed unto by Elisabeth Perry Saxon, and James and Samuel Saxon , executors of the last will and testament of Benjamin Saxon deceased,

wheresoever any of the goods and chattays of the said deceased are with in the said places. In which shall be shown unto you by the said exectors, and -thur view and appraise the same. being first sworn to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof. and cause the same to be returned under the hand of any three of you unto the said Elisabeth Perry , James and Samuel Saxon within sixty days from the date here of..

Given under my hand and seal the 13th day of Sept 1785,

I authorized Charles Saxon Esquire is here by appointed to quallify the above appraising and certify the same on the back of this warrant-

J Thomas JunR

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I certify that the within named Liloasus Walker, William Millwee and James Young came before me and was sworn according to law to oprasse the estate of Benj Saxon decessed on this 22 day of November 1755.

Charles Saxon J.P.

Return of the inventory of the goods and chattler, belonging to the estate of Benjamin Saxon dec'd, as produced by the executors and appraised by the under subscribers this 22 day of November 1785--

One Negro Man Named Will. 38 years old appraised to	Sterling £	60
1 Negro Woman Named Hannah 48 years old -----		40
1 ditto -- man ditto Jack ---21 d° ---		80
1 ditto -- ditto --- Peter ---17 d° ---		80
1 ditto -- boy ---- Bob ---13 d° ---		60
1 ditto -- boy ---- Abram --- 10 d° ---		50
1 ditto -- boy ---- Jacob --- 6 d° ---		35
15 head of cattle	31 m?	
3 feather beds and bedstead	23..4?	
1 Rhoan Horse	35n m?	
1 black ditto	10n m?	
1 bay ditto	10n m?	
1 Iron pot and Rack	n 14m?	
1 Iron Dutch Oven	“ 18 m?	
1 Iron Pott and skillet	“ 8?	
1 Grind Stone	l” n m?	
a quantity of Pewter	l” 1n 9m?	
2 ?Sad? Irons, 1 pair tongs and old chair	“ 8m?	
2 working spinning wheels for flax etc	l” 4n 4m?	
1 pair of cotton cards	“1m?	
1 old wood chest	“ 2m?	
1 churn and Sundry parts	“ 10	
Pine table	“ 5	
weavers loom and mans old laddle	“9 ‘ 4	
1 Barr ??eas place and cotter	“ 14m?	
2 grubing hoes and dutch plow	“7n ? ?	

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Certified by us

Wm Millwee
Jills Walker
Jas Young

Abstracts of Old Niney-Six and Abbeville Dist. Wills & Bonds by Pauline Young:
Benjamin SAXON Box 86, Pack 2109--dated 4 Jan 1784, probated. 13 Sep 1785
Executrix: Wife (not named)
Son(s?): James (.) Samuel SAXON
Children: William, John, James, Samuel SAXON
Grandchildren: Samuel BARKSDEL, Mary SAXON

Benjamin married a daughter of William GREEN, probably Sarah (Halifax Co. NC will of William GREEN, **dated 20 Dec 1760, prob. Mar. Ct. 1761** names son William GREEN and son-in-law Benjamin SAXON, grandson William SAXON, sons Thomas GREEN, John GREEN and Robert GREEN, and da. Amy GREEN].

Benjamin SAXON is supposedly buried in the BARKSDALE Cem. in Laurens Co., SC beside his (2nd?) wife, Elizabeth PERRY, parents of Benjamin Harper SAXON, who is said to have marked their graves.

"Upper South Carolina Genealogy & History" (publ. by the Piedmont Historical Society)
volume IV, no. 3 (July 1986), page 74
Barksdale Family Cemetery
Located on old Rhett COPELAND place now occupied by Lloyd ADAIR, in forks of Bush River and Shells Creek.
Millie BARKSDALE--wife of Hickerson BARKSDALE--Aug. 12, 1792--Dec. 28, 1843.

Benjamin SAXON--this stone erected by his only surviving son--B. H. SAXON
Elizabeth SAXON--this stone erected by her only surviving son--B. H. SAXON

This cemetery has a beautiful iron fence around it. It is on a rock coping. The gate is elaborately decorated--name and date. H. BARKSDALE 1859. Across the bottom of this marker is the following:

26 Merrimac St. Boston. The fence is down and should be replaced. There are a great many graves with only plain rock markers to them.

James & Samuel SAXON bought land together on Duncan's Creek in 1786, as did John SAXON in 1788.

Benjamin Harper SAXON (who I believe to have been a son of Benjamin SAXON and his second wife Elizabeth PERRY), John Archer ELMORE (husband of B.H.'s presumed sister Mary Ann Sarah SAXON), and James DILLARD together bought 2000 acres on Duncan's Creek in 1799 from Daniel RAVENEL, and Benjamin H. SAXON sold land on Duncan's Creek in 1800 and 1801.

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=ronhead&id=I01924>

ID: I01924

Name: **Benjamin SAXON**

Sex: M

Birth: BEF 1727 in Hanover?, VA?

Death: 1785 in 96 Dist., SC

Burial: Barksdale Cem., Laurens Co., SC

In the Name of God Amen, This 4th Day of January
in the year of our Lord 1781, I Benjamin Sayxon of
South Carolina Ninety six District. Being thro
the Abundant mercy of God Tho weak in Body, yet
of sound & perfect understanding & memory, Do
Constitute this to be my last will & testament and
Desire it may be Received By all as such —
first I Bequeeth my Body & Soul to God my maker Besee-
ching his most gracious acceptance of it through the all
sufficient Merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer.
Next, Giving my Body to the Earth to be Decently Buried
At the Discretion of my self & my Dear wife & Executors here
after named — As to my worldly Estate I Will & positively
order that all my Debts be paid —
first I Leave to my son William a tenement or tract of Land
Containing on hundred Acres Joining my Land on Bush River
known By the Name of the place that John Sayxon Lived on
Last year, Next I Leave to my Loving wife my whole
Estate for her support & the support of my Children till
the Day of her marriage; and after Wares to be Equly
Divided Amongst all my Children (Excepting my
son William Above mentioned) Including my too Grand
Children Samuel Barkodel & Mary Sayxon and if Either of
the too orphants should Die the other to inherit its
part. & if Both than; Benjamin & John my too young
Reserving at the same time such a part as shall pay
for the Education of the s^d. Benjamin & John the Care of
Which I Leave to my too sons Benjamin to James &
John to Samuel; I Do Also Constitute and Apount
my Loving wife and too sons James & Samuel
to be my Executors of this my Last Will an Testament
In witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal
the Day & year above mentioned
Witnesses
Nicholas Corry
Gabriel Patrick
Jane ^{her} Sayxon
mark

Benjamin Sayxon

South Carolina, By John Thomas, Justice of the Peace
Ninth, District of the District aforesaid —

Personally appeared Nicholas Curry, one of the subscribing
witnesses to the within Will before me and made oath that
he saw Benjamin Saxon sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and de-
clare the same to be his last will and testament. That he was
then of sound and perfect mind memory and understanding
to the best of the deponents knowledge and belief and that Gabriel
Patrick and Jean Quinton, together with this deponent, did sign their
names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the Testator at his
request and in the presence of each other —
Given under my hand 13th Sept. 1735 —

Thomas Junr.

Benjamin Saxon

South Carolina & By John Thomas Junr. Esquire Ordinary of the
Twenty six District of District aforesaid,

To William Mathews Esq. Sitt. Walter Esq. of King

Johnes ... James Young. Freeholders -

These are to Authorize & empower you, or any three of you to
repair to all such places in this district, as you shall be directed
unto by, Elisabeth Perry, Saxon, & James & Samuel Saxon
Executors of the last will and Testament of Benjamin Saxon
deceased, wheresoever any of the Goods and Chattels of
the said Deceased are within the said places. Which
shall be shown unto you by the said Executors, and there
view and appraise the same, being first sworn to make a
true and perfect Inventory and appraisement thereof,
and cause the same to be returned under the hand of any
three of you unto the said Elisabeth Perry, James & Samuel
Saxon, within sixty days from the date here of

Given under my hand and seal the 12th day of Sept. 1783

Charles Saxon Esquire, is hereby appointed to qualify the above
appraisers, and certify the same on the back of this warrant -

John Thomas Junr.

86-2109

I Certify that the within named. Melvius Walker
William Melvius & James Young. came before me
& was sworn according to Law, to Execute the Estate
Benj Saxon Deceased ~~by~~ on the 22 day of November 1785
Charles Saxon J. P.

Return of the
Inventory of the Goods & Chattels, belonging to the Estate of
Benjamin Saxon etc, as produced by the Executors of
apprised by us the undersubscribers
1885

one Man, Named Will. ^{38 years old.}	apprised to £60
1 Negro Woman Named Hannah 48 years old	50
1 Ditto man (Ditto Jack - 21. 9 ^o)	30
1 Ditto - Ditto - Peter 17. 11 ^o	80
1 Ditto Boy - Bob - 13. 11 ^o	60
1 Ditto - Ditto - Abram - 10. 11 ^o	
1 Ditto - Ditto - Jacob - 6. 11 ^o	
15 Head of Cattle	
3 Feather Beds & bedsteads	
1 Rhoad Horse	35
1 Black Ditto	10
1 Bay - Ditto	10
1 Iron pot of Wash	18
1 Iron Dutch Oven	18
1 Iron Pot of Skittitt	18
1 Grind Stone	10
a Quantity of Pewter	10
2 Ad Irons, 1 P. Tonge of 100 Chair	18
2 Wooling Spinning wheels of Flax etc	10
1 P. of old Cotton Cards	10
1 old wood Chest	10
1 Chain of Sundry Pails	10
Pine Table	10
Weavers Loom & Mans old Saddle	10
1 Barr Thresh Plow & Cotter	10
2 Grubbing Hoes of Dutch Plow	10

Certified By Us

Wm. M. M. M.
Jas. Walker
Jas. Young