

Tuscaloosa County Archives Wills....Brazeal, Joel May 19, 1829

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Written: May 19, 1829

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In the name of God Amen.

I Joel Brazeal of the State of Alabama in the County of Tuscaloosa being in a low State of health but in perfect mind do this nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following: First I give and bequeath unto my eldest Son William Brazeal a negro boy named Tony also I give and bequeath unto my second son Joel Marshall Brazeal one negro boy named Moses and one named Nathan and one named Jinkins. I also give and devise to my youngest son Joel Marshall Brazeal all that my whole messuage and tenements Situate lying and being at to wit: the east half of the north west quarter of section twenty two in township twenty four of Range Seven East in the district of lands offered for sale at Tuscaloosa Alabama containing eighty Acres and ten hundredths of an acre. Also the west half of the same quarter, also the east half of the south west quarter of Section Twenty two in same Range and township. To have and to hold to my said Son Joel Marshall Brazeal his heirs and assigns forever. Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy Lawles the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid by my son Joel Marshall Brazeal paid by installments twenty five dollars per year the first installment to be paid the twenty fifth day of December One thousand eight hundred and thirty and so yearly till the hole is paid.

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Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rosannah Cobb One negro Boy named Aaron and one negro boy named Edmon, Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Leanner Coker One hundred and fifty Dollars to be paid by Azariah Cobb to be paid by installments thirty Dollars a year the first installment to be paid the twenty fifth day of December One thousand eight hundred and thirty and yearly till all is paid. Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Polly Bennet one negro Boy named Richmond. Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Clements one negro Boy named Nuten. Also I give unto my Son Joel Marshall Brazeal one Bed and furniture. Also I have given to my daughter Lucinda Humphres One negro boy named Mager and negro Girl named Candes which I have given by a deed of Gift. Also I give and bequeath unto my wife Rebecca Brazeal one negro man named Dave and one negro woman named Bellinder. Also all my Stock of all kind also all my plates and household Goods Beadsteads Bedding and other furniture all the rest and residue of my pusanabel estate whatsoever and whatsoever of what nature kind and quality soever the Law may be and not herein before given and disposed of after payment of my debts. I do give and bequeath unto my wife Rebecca Brazeal to and for her own use and benefit. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son Joel Marshall Brazeal Sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Signed Sealed published and

declared by the same testatore as and for his
his last will and testament in our presence Joel X Brazeal
who at his request in his presence have mark
Subscribed our names as witnesses thereto George Cobb
 James Ward
 Matthew Pitman

The foregoing will was duly proven in Open Court by the Oaths of George Cobb James Ward &
Matthew Pitman Subscribing Witnesses thereto August 7th 1829.
John A. Hodges, Clk.

Additional Comments:

NOTE: The term "messuage" is actually a legal term that means dwelling-house, outbuildings,
orchards, gardens, etc. At one time it supposedly had a more extensive meaning, apparently
encompassing the house and lands. That archaic meaning is the one that seems to be used here.