

WILL OF
WILLIAM WALLER

In the Name of God Amen, I William Waller of Herry District in the State of South Carolina planter being Weak and Sick in Body but of asound and Disposing Mind and Memory thanks be to God for the same; calling to Mind the Mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to Die, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following. Viz, First and principally I resign my Soul to Almighty God who gave it, hoping that at the General resurrection to receive a Joyfull Approbation through the Merits of Jefsus Christ; and my body to the Earth to be Decently buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter Named, and my Will and request is that my Funeral expences and all my Just Debts be paid out of my Estate as is herein Directed - ~~As for what Worldly Goods it has pleased God to bless me~~ with I give and Bequeath of as follows - Item I give and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth Waller one Negro Woman Diana and her Child Mary with all their future Increase to be at her Disposal for ever, also One Bay yearling Mare, One Cow and Calf, one Ewe and Lamb with their and each of their future Increase to her and her Disposal for ever - also the Use of one Negro Girl Named Venus With her Increase, during her Natural life and at her Death to return to my Son Alexander Waller to him and the Lawfull Issue of his Body for ever - Also the Use of my plantation on which I now live, and tools of every kind, all my Household and Kitchen furniture (except what is hereinafter bequeathed), also the Stock of Hogs known and Distinguished by the Kingstown Gang untill my Son Alexander Waller arrives at the full Age of Twenty one Years, and then to be equally Divided between My Wife Elizabeth and Son Alexander Waller share and Share alike to them and their Heirs for ever -

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Item I Give for the Maintainance and Support of my Daughter Elizabeth Sefsons and the Children she now hath or may hereafter have the Use of four Negroes Viz Hester, Mary Ann, little Hester and Nell with all their future Increase, but not subject to the Debts of, or liable to be sold either by her present or future Husband or Husbands, for his or their Debts, it being my Will and Intention for the Labour and benefit of the said four Negroes with their future Increase to be

applied solely to the support of my said Daughter and the Children Lawfully begotten of her Body and at her Death the aforesaid four Negroes with their Increase to be equally Divided among her Children as aforesaid also one Feather Bed in like manner -

Item I Give to my Son in law Robert R Sessions One Dollar to be paid to him Twelve Months after my Decease out of my Estate. -

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Samuel Waller the use of Six Negroes Viz Hannah, Rachel, Jeffery, Jack, Peggy and Daniel with their future Increase also ^{one} Bed and furniture and one Shot Gun now in his Possession to him and the Lawfull Issue of his Body for ever -

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Alexander Waller exclusive of what has been already mentioned the Use of two Negroes Viz Sally and Patty with their future Increase also One Bay Mare, one Cow and Calf and One Ewe and Lamb to him and the Lawfull Issue of his Body for ever. -

Item It is also my Will and Desire that if any of my Children before Named should Die Under Age or without leaving Lawfull Issue of their Body, that the Legacy bequeathed unto them and Property given to them be equally Divided among my Surviving Children under the same Restrictions and Regulations as are specified in their Respective Bequests -

Item It is my Will and Desire that a Tract of Land on Waccamaw River, all the remainder of my Stock of Hogs, Cattle and Sheep with a Negro Boy named Ephraim be sold (either by private or publick Sale as my Executors think best) to pay all my Just Debts, except my Son Samuel is willing to take the Boy Ephraim at a Just Appraisement and pay the amount, timely to the Discharge of my Debts so that no expences unnecessarily arise -

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Signed, Sealed Published and Declared to be my last Will and Testament the Day and Year above Written in the presence of

George Durant
John Beaty
Thomas D Todd

William Waller (Seal)

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