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Joseph In the name of God Amen Joseph Gray of the  
Gray County of South Carolina do make this my last will and  
Will Testament in manner following to wit

1st I give unto my loving wife Sarah Gray the use of the  
Plantation whereon I now live with all the land on the  
north side of Mill Swamp containing by Estimate about  
Seven hundred & ninety acres land during her life I further  
give my wife the labour of the following Negroes her life  
Domney, Peter, Charles, Mingo, Tom, Day, Daniel, Solomon  
Stephen Amay morea, Hannah, Nell, Kate, Tab, & Judy,  
Hannah Child I further give my wife all my house  
Holds and Kitchen furniture as it shall be at my death  
with all my Stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs & Sheep with every  
other thing belonging to the plantation during her life  
And after the death of my wife, I give and bequeath the same to my  
Son James Gray & his heirs forever all the Estate both

And after the death of my wife, I give and bequeath unto my  
Son James Gray & his heirs forever all the Estate both  
real and personal that shall remain after the death  
of his mother of the Estate given her. I further give unto  
my son James Gray, and his heirs forever one hundred &  
fifteen Acres land on the South side of Mill Swamp  
with my water Grist Mill thereon.

2<sup>dy</sup> I give unto my son Edwin Gray and his heirs forever one  
thousand and sixty Acres land where on he now lives.  
I further give my son Edwin the following Slaves Abram  
Dick, Roger, Nan Jenny, Sam Fanny, Prudence, Fed. Rachel  
and Chloe. I further give my son all the Stock Acres  
Cattle, Sheep and hogs with every other thing belonging  
to D. plantation.

3<sup>dy</sup> I give unto my Daughter Mary Fanning five pounds  
per annum money ever what I give her already.

4<sup>thly</sup> I give unto my daughter Ann Blunt five pounds

my son James Gray and his heirs forever one hundred  
fifteen Acres land on the South side of Mill Swamp  
with my water Grist Mill there on.

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thousand and sixty Acres land where on he now lives.  
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and Chloe. I further give my son all the Stock Acres  
Cattle, Sheep and hogs with every other thing belonging  
to sd plantation.

3<sup>dy</sup> I give unto my Daughter Mary Fanning five pounds  
current money over what I gave her already.

4<sup>th</sup> I give unto my daughter Ann Blunt five pounds  
current money over what I have gave her already.

5<sup>th</sup> I give unto my Daughter Sarah Wall five pounds. Current  
money over what I have gave her already.

6<sup>th</sup> I give unto my Daughter Lucy Gray the following Negroes

412 (to wit) Ned Judy little Ned and Ben also one feather Bed and  
furniture a single chair house.

And for as much as my Estate will be much in debt at my death  
I am desirous the same may be paid as soon as may be and for  
that purpose and other purposes herein mentioned I give unto my  
Son Edwin Gray and his heirs forever, Six hundred & forty eight  
Acres land on the South Side of Mattoway River in the County of  
Southampton known by the name of Duckhorn & the following  
Negroes there on the said River from my Sonny & Phillas together  
with all my Stock of horses Cattle Sheep & Hogs with every other  
thing belonging to said plantation in consideration that he  
pay all my just debts & legacies given my three Daughters  
(Mary, Ann, & Sarah) and the latter to enable my Son Edwin  
to perform the same, I give all the remainder of my of what  
nature or kind soever to be equally divided between my wife  
& my Son Edwin Gray.

I do hereby constitute & appoint my Son Edwin and

Gray, Executor of this my last will and testament I desire  
my Executors may not be required to give security in Court &  
That my Estate be not appraised I Witness whereof I have  
Here unto set my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1769

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Signed, Sealed and published

In Presence of  
Thomas <sup>his</sup> Carrol,  
mark

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Gray

John Purcell  
Will. Hamilton

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1771 This will presented in Court by Edwin Gray  
one of the Executors therein named and proved by the oaths of  
Thomas Carrol John Purcell two of the witnesses thereto & ordered  
that on the motion of said Executor who made oath according to  
a Law certificate was granted him for obtaining a Probate

That my Estate be not appraised  
Hereunto set my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1769

Signed, Sealed and published

In presence of  
Thomas <sup>his</sup> Carroll,  
mark

John Pursell  
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Thomas Carroll John Pursell two of the witnesses thereto & ordered  
that on the motion of said Executor who made oath according to  
his Law certificate was granted him for obtaining a probate  
thereof in due form.

Edw. Gray