

...last will & Testament as after to follow. that
...first I recommend my soul to the hand of almighty
God that gave it to my body I recommend to earth to be decently
interred at the discretion of my executors. and touching such worldly
estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I will and
bequeath in the following manner—

I give to each of my children as they come to age one young
Negro out of my Slaves beginning at a Lad named Jack and
under his age the eldest child to have first choice and
then in rotation according to their age
I then give to my well beloved wife Francis Crawford the
remaining part of my Slaves & personal Estate together
with the tract of land whereon I now live contain three
hundred & ninety acres during her natural life and
after her decease the Slaves & personal Estate together
with their increase to be equally divided among all my
children to them and their heirs forever. My will &
desire is that my Executors make Nathl Barnett a
Lied to two hundred acres of land to be taken off the upper
part of my tract of land on Little Ogeechee in lieu of the
land I now live on—

All the lands I then possess in this State & South Carolina
I leave to be equally divided among my sons only to them
& their heirs forever—

I appoint my well beloved wife Francis Crawford sole
Executrix of this my last will & Testament during her
widowhood and in case she marry I appoint my sons Robert
Nathan & Joel Crawford Executors of this my last will
& Testament I write & publish of I have hereunto set my hand
and this 28th day of October 1787

signed sealed and in presence of
John Gibson
Anthony
Hofley
Nathl Barnett
Joel Crawford (Seal)
The above last will and Testament
of Joel Crawford was proven be
fore me 19th day of Nov 1788
and Francis Crawford was quali
fied as executrix to the same