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Richmond on Monday the 1st day of May 1866 the foregoing last will and testament of Rachel Weston was presented in Court and ordered to be recorded.
Test George McWalter Clerk.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Rachel Weston of Beuch Island Edgefield District South Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others. After the payment of all my just debts my will and desire is that the remainder of my property be divided in the following manner.

I divided my wife ^{Martha} shall not make a claim on my estate for dower in my lands or any thing now there is herin bequeathed to her, I give and bequeath to her the following property for her viz. Three negro men but two I Dick and one negro woman named Charlotte one of my best horses and pig, the cows & calves and annually during her natural life one third of the annual Rent of my Beuch Island & Georgia plantations the rate of and after said plantations profit out of the hands of my Executor and into the hands of the legatee to be fixed by the valuation of three or five disinterested competent persons the first named of those plantations lie in this District and Savannah River and is known as Ten miles bar the other lying in Richmond County Georgia and known as Bellmont also during her natural life the use of my negro man John boy Sam and my girl Sunny (bought from my daughter Phillimon Morris and named by Mary) without the children she now has the man John to revert at the death of my wife Martha to my son James the boy Sam and girl Sunny and increase if any to my daughter Catherine Morris by Mary and the increase she may have have what may befall of my wife Martha to my daughter and wife of William Henry Barnes and bequeath to my wife Martha during her natural life the use of my household and kitchen furniture except two good beds, bedsteads and a small picture one of which is for my son James & the other for my daughter Catherine (Barnes) said household & kitchen furniture to revert at the death of my wife Martha to my son James & my daughter Catherine Morris and to be equally divided between them. I also give and bequeath to my wife Martha during her natural life the use of lot one of the tract of land on which I live and during the building (except the old house now made I now live in) and of reference to a plat made by William Bunkhatter dated 17th April 1866 and containing ninety acres and which at her death is to revert to my daughter Catherine Morris and my said daughter may have the same until she marries or dies and my said daughter may have my wife Martha contrary to my will and bequeath to her and my said daughter attempt to break it and I will not be bound by it.

to be sold and the proceeds as my Executor may think best and
the proceeds of such sale expended as he shall see fit in paying off his debts
and if anything my horses, cattle, hogs and plantations tools & my
be sold in the same way and the money applied to the same purpose
and also my crop in hand of any and ^{should} this not be sufficient each of my
children are to bear an equal proportion in paying off the remainder of
his Debts and the negro man, John, revert to my son James, my son
living to my daughter Catharine Barnes, and my Mary to my daughter
3^d I give and bequeath to John Wolford in trust for the sole use and ben-
efit of my daughter Eliza during his life, and to her son Thomas at her
death, but should he die before he attains the age of twenty one years and
without leaving issue (his mother being dead) it shall revert to my
Daughters Anna & Mary, and be equally divided between them let there
in my Willing's tract containing ninety seven acres as will appear by
reference to a plat made by Mr. Beutcher dated 18 April 1832, also
the highland situation in which my said daughter Eliza now lives in the
same way being 150 acres which I purchased from my son John, and
formerly the residence of Col. Robert Jones, also one negro man named
Buffie, and should my wife Martha be satisfied with this my last
will both the above described lots or tracts of land shall pay annually
to her during her natural life, one third of what shall be considered
a fair rent for them by three or five disinterested & competent persons.
3^d In my Daughter Susanna's wife of Henry Stead I have already given
two negroes viz a man named Morris & a girl named Anarchy which two
negroes I estimate to be worth nine hundred & fifty dollars (950), and one thou-
sand & fifty dollars to be placed in the hands of John Wolford, and
thousand dollars of which to be laid out in a tract of land by him, the
title to which to be taken in such way as to secure the same to the use
and benefit & behoof of said daughter Susanna during her natural life
and at her death to her son Samuel Stead, and the remaining fifty
dollars to pay commissions to John Wolford. I also give and bequeath
to John Wolford in trust for my said daughter Susanna & the heirs of
her body a negro woman named Estence.
4th To my Daughter Sarah wife of George Dumbaw I have already given
a negro girl by the name of Mariah which I estimate to be worth four
and I give and bequeath to John Wolford in trust for and for the use
and benefit of my Daughter Sarah during her natural life and after her
death to the heirs of her body a small tract of pine land containing
two and a half acres known as the Holcomb place and adjoining lands
of my Willing's tract lying in Richmond County Georgia containing approx-
imately seven acres (132) and third of what shall be considered a fair rent to be paid
to my wife Martha during her natural life for both these premises
and to be paid by three or five disinterested & competent persons. I also

...and bequeath
...of my daughter ...
...married ...
...of my Buck Island plantation ... as Ten mile bar ...
...by myself in the presence of my son James and ...
...a lot of planted catelpha trees ... on the River ...
...through the entry of the Barn ... the South End of the Barn
...the wares house, smoke house and bread cut into this lot (no 2) also five
...half acres known as the hog house lay lying in bridge over also lot no
...my tract of land, as the ^{known} Huntensmire Butler survey which I purchased
...Barra McRime and containing 1485 acres, bounded by lands of John Denton
...which by reference to a platte made by William Buntchatter dated 15th
...Decr 1830 will more fully appear also lot no 2 in the tract of land in which
...now live being the part on which my mother formerly lived, containing
...agreeable to a platte made by William Buntchatter dated 17th of April 1836
...thirty nine acres each of these lots that are cultivated to be subject to pay
...to my wife Martha annually, one third of what shall be considered a fair
...rent; the rate of rent to be fixed by three or five disinterested & competent per
...sons I also give and bequeath to my son James the old house in which I
...now live with permission to move it to where he pleases as soon as the new
...house I am now building is finished.
...I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Barnes and the heirs
...of her body one negro man named Mill and one small girl Fanny (I
...consider these two negroes to be equal in value to what each of her sisters
...had at the time of their marriage) I also give and bequeath to my daughter
...Catharine Barnes and the heirs of her body a negro boy named Henry
...also a boy about seven years old by the name of Mill, also a negro woman
...named Lucy & her child Jimmy and their increase also a girl named Mary
...Mary (Daughter of Lucy) and their increase - also lot no 1 in my Buck
...Island plantation known as Ten mile bar being the upper part thereof and
...divided as described in the 5th clause including the north end of the Barn
...the high stable and the negro houses also a lot of Timber acres of former
...land known by the name of cedar grove, also lot no 1 in the Huntensmire
...Butler survey which I purchased from Barra McRime containing
...a platte of William Buntchatter dated 15th Decr 1830 1485 acres - also lot no
...in the tract of land whereon I now live which is to be hers at the death of
...my wife Martha containing agreeable to a platte made by William Buntchatter
...dated 17th of April 1836 nearly nine acres lot no 1 in the Ten mile
...bar tract and the cedar grove tract to be subject to pay annually to
...my wife Martha one third of what shall be considered a fair rent for them
...rent to be fixed by three or five disinterested and competent persons
...I also give and bequeath to my daughter ... daughter of my son
...Martha Thomas and the heirs of her body two negroes boys each about
...two years of age one named ... the other being also a negro

that my dear and true wife and my daughter Catharine
should be bound in for their support
for the purpose of my decease, should my good and
true daughter Catharine be leaving living besides you, then
my heirs being dependent on me to assist with the increase of the
female of my five or six daughters and be equally divided

that I give and bequeath to my daughter Anna wife of William Bay
the following named negroes viz. Kate, Ephraim, Billy, Elijah & child
Mamie, Tom, Henry, Louisa and old Sophia together with the increase
of the female of any.

9th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary wife of John Blat
the following named negroes viz. Stephen, Phil, George, Blanche
& child Sam, Nancy Jordan and old Perry and the increase of the
female of any.

10th I give and bequeath to be paid out for my son James in such
way as my Executor may think best three hundred dollars for the
purpose of rebuilding the house I now live in and making other
improvements on lot no 2 of the tract of land I now live on, but should
I so far recover my health as to be able to rebuild the house and
make the contemplated improvements then this clause to be void.

11th I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine three
hundred dollars which I wish advanced to her as my Executor
in his discretion may think she needs it.

12th I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Martha three
hundred dollars which I wish advanced towards her support and maintenance as her necessities
may require it at the discretion of my Executor.

13th I give and bequeath to my Executor John Miller five hundred dollars
I give to my Executor full power to man my negroes & other movable
property from Virginia to South Carolina also to rent out the land
and hire out the negroes of both of the legacies as one under twenty
years of age and remaining she to sell my negro men and women my
remaining hives and racks cattle and hogs miggins plantation and
crop at hand (if any) so whenever he may think proper but and should
my Executor have at any time money in his hands belonging to the
United States, which he may think can be spared from that
part he is hereby authorized to lay it out in or giving negro or
for them or either of them as the law may be or let it out at what
he may think most advantageous and should there be a final
want of my estate he may pay in money my Executor is hereby
authorized to make such disposition of the same as he
deemeth fit.

and meaning of this my last will and testament, being my last will and testament, in case any difference of opinion should arise among the legatees or any of them, concerning my Executor, relative to the manner in which any part of it is to be construed, the construction is definitively of my Executor, or any and every part of it, shall be conclusive, his being fully authorized to construe it in his own way, having full confidence in the honesty and integrity of my Executor. I intend his being vested with this power shall prevent (as far as possibly) lawsuits, and the unnecessary waste of time and money in that way, and further, all the actions and claims of my Executor upon oath, shall be deemed and taken as facts, nor shall he be liable for any of his deeds, nor for any thing which he omits doing, unless it can be clearly shown that he has wilfully and with intention defrauded the legatees, or some or one of them for his own benefit.

If any of the legatees are dissatisfied, or claim any thing more than is actually given in this my last will, the property herein devised to such or more, to revert, to my estate and be equally divided amongst the remaining legatees.

I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friend John Miller Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and Guardian for my daughter Catharine Barnes and my grand daughter Martha Thresa.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 22^d September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three

David Bowers
David Meyer
Jonathan M. Miller
John B. Burgess

South Carolina }
Edgefield District. } By J. Richardson, Ordinary of said District.
Personally appeared before me John B. Burgess who being duly sworn in the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, doth make oath and say that he saw David Bowers sign, publish, pronounce and declare the foregoing to be and contain his last will and Testament, that he the said David Bowers was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of this deponent's knowledge and belief and that he the said John B. Burgess with David Meyer & Jonathan M. Miller did sign the same Wills as witnesses at the request of the Testator and in his presence given under my hand this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three.

State of South Carolina }
Edgefield District. } J. Richardson, O. & A.
I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the said will and testament of David Bowers.

...of the original ...
...my office
...and seal of office at Edgewood
...the day of November in the year
...and eight hundred, one thirty four
St. Michael's

At a Court of Ordinary held in and for the County of Richmond
on Monday the 11th day of May 1835 the foregoing certified copy of
the last will and Testament of David Bowers late of Edgewood District
State of South Carolina deceased was presented in Court and order
ed to be recorded.

Test George M. Macker, Clerk.

Georgia
Richmond County } In the name of God, amen, I Anthony
Bole of the City of Augusta in the State and County aforesaid
being of sound and disposing mind and memory make this to be
my last will and Testament

1. I desire that all my just debts be first paid.
2. I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my money or
Est in this Country and abroad which I may die possessed of to my
friend Adelaide Mueller. I I Mueller in trust of the City of Au-
gusta to the said Adelaide to her and her heirs and assigns forever
I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friend Martin
Friedrich Executor of this my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord 1835
Signed sealed and delivered by the
said Testator as his last will and Tes-
tament on the day and year above
mentioned in our presence

Joseph Collins
Peter Golly
J. Richards

Georgia
Richmond County } Personally appeared before us in open Court
Joseph Collins one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and
being duly sworn deposes and says that he was personally present
and did see Anthony Bole the Testator sign seal publish and deliver
the within instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament
that he was of sound mind and memory to the