

South Carolina)
Edgefield District) I, William B. Mayson

District and State of South Carolina)
Planter, Do. Make and declare my last will and
Testament in manner following:

First

I. Constitute and appoint my son, Samuel
& John, J. the Executors of this my Will.

Second.

I. devise and bequeath to my wife Frances in
the Lands Negroes Furniture and other Chattels which
were owned by her at the time of our intermarriage.

I. also give to her for the term of her
Natural Life, the use of the Dwelling House in
which I. may be residing at the time of my Death
with the out houses and so much of the plantation
as she may find it convenient to cultivate with her
own slaves with the privilege of clearing the woods
so far as may be necessary for the profitable employ
of the plantation, and I. also give to her for Life
Two Negroes to be selected by her from my Gang.

Third

I Give Devise & Bequeath all the rest
& residue of My Estate, real & personal in
Possession or in action to & among my Children
in equal Shares except that the sum, or value of
one Thousand Dollars be taken from the Share of My
Son William B. and added to the Share of My
Son Benjamin F. In Making the partition among
my Children. I. desire that the Slaves Sarah Frances
and Eliza which I. have lent to My Daughter Fran
W. Mayson be valued with My other property and
be included in the Share of My said Daughter.

Fourth

It is further my will & Desire that the Shares
of My Daughters be held and enjoyed by them
respectively for their sole and separate use independ
of the Control marital rights or contracts of any other
person whomsoever.

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In witness whereof I. have hereunto set
my hand and seal this fourteenth day of September
in the Year of Christ one Thousand Eight hundred
and forty two.

(R. B. May's Seal)

Signed sealed published &
declared by the said William
B. May as & for his last
will & Testament. in
the presence of us who at
his request have hereunto

Chas. Towles
George Pope
J. H. Wardlaw.

South Carolina)
Edgefield District)

In the Court of
Ordinary.

I, John Will Judge of the Court
of Ordinary for this District and State
aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing is
a true Copy of the last Will and Testament
of William B. Mays Deceased Remaining of
Received in my office. Given under my hand
and Seal of Office this the 12th of June
A.D. 1846.

John Will C.D.

At a Court of Ordinary held on Monday
the 6th day of July 1846.

Present their Honors

Val Walker

James Harper

J. P. Garvin

William P. Beale

J. Jesse Kent

Judges

The last Will and Testament of W. B. Mays
Deceased late of Edgefield District South Carolina
was presented in Court and being duly certified
by the Ordinary of South Carolina,
Ordered by the Court that said
Will be admitted to Record

Sept.

Lead P. Dugan & Co.