

In the Name of God amen this 3rd Day of March and in the
year of Our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty-
four I Joseph Morse of Barbours County State of West
Carolina, Cooper, being weak in body but laboring with
and understanding Calling to mind the uncertainty of
this my natural life and for preventing disputes in my
family do make and ordain this my last will and the
Tamest First and principally I Recommend my soul
into the hands of God from whence it had its first ex-
istence and my Body to be Buried in a decent Christian
manner and as touching such worldly Goods as it hath
had to bless me with I give devise and bequeath in man-
ner and form as followeth.

My will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral
Expenses be paid by my Executor.

I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife the plantation
whereon I now live with the Land hereunto belonging with all
the Improvement as also the middle marshes during her life
Life - I give and bequeath also unto my wife one Negro
Named Sall alias all my plantation utensils, the 400
of old Oxen, all my Hogs as also all my household furni-
ture of what kind or nature soever she to be at the expense of
schooling and bringing up my young children, one Bed
Excepted.

I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Morse one Negro
faced Mare, one Cow & Calf, I also give unto my son Daniel
after the death of his mother the plantation whereon I now
live with the Land hereunto belonging with all the improve-
ments as also one half of the middle marshes to be and
Remain to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son George the Land I bought
of John Telford Situated on North River bounding with
Creek also the Savannah Land adjoining the Land I
live on I also give unto my son George Morse after the
death of his mother the one half of the middle marshes.

I also give unto my son George one Negro, my son
James one Cow & Calf the whole to be and Remain to
him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Harris
one Cow & Lamb.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Morse
one Bed & Furniture.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah one
Negro Girl named Chaim.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann one Negro Girl
named Annis.

I give and bequeath unto my three Daughters viz; Susanah, Hannah
& Abigail the Monies arising from the Sale of my Savannah Money
and my part of Barret Island after my Sells-leave pay is out to
be Equally divided between them.

I give and bequeath unto my Son-in-law James Morse my pile of fifty
acres of Land on the Banks to be and Remain to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my Brother Theodore Morse the plan-
tation whereon he now lives that fell to me by my Mother to be and
Remain to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my wife and my three youngest children
the whole of my stock not heretofore given away to be Equally divided
amongst them.

and Lastly what I have not heretofore given away my will is that
it should be Equally divided between my wife my two sons &
his Daughters that Live at home with me.

and I do hereby nominate and appoint my Friend John Nelson
with my wife Blanchiah Morse to be my Executors to this my
Last will and Testament and I do hereby Revoke all wills or
Request by me heretofore made Ratifying this and no other to
be my Last will and Testament in witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the day and year
above written.

Joseph Morse (Seal)

Signs Seal published &
Declared in presence of
Rorith Simpson
William Repley
Charles Williams

This Will is Proved in Open Court by Charles
Culikin the Subscribing Minister thereof.
Test Not Read &c.