

In the Name of God Amen I Rhoduech Cotton of the County
of Chatham State of South Carolina being weak in body
but of sound and disposing Mind And Memory Considering
the Uncertainty of human life That it is appointed for
all men Once to die And considering the necessity of dis-
posing of my worldly Substance wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me ~~will~~ for disposing of the same I do make publish
And declare this to be my last will and Testament in
Manner and form following hereby revoking all former
wills by me made at any time made heretofore Made
Viz- In witness It is my desire that Out of the proceeds
of ~~any~~ the Sale of my purchasable Estate herein after
directed to be sold that all my Just debts & funeral expen-
ses be paid ~~them~~ I give and devise unto my beloved
wife Ann Cotton the plantation wherupon I now live Also
my round Top Tract of land Adjoining the lands of
Minshup Stearns & others Also my Tract of land lying
near Rocky River Adjoining the lands of Thomas Elleg
& others Also my lot in the Town of Haywood Mem-
ber 117. And a moiety of a lot in said Town Mem-
ber

Also I give and bequeath unto my
said wife the following Negroes to wit- Tom Nancy Henry
Mason Atton Old Charles Betty & her Child Nancy Anne Cyrus
Nelson Eliza David Jackson. Cinderella. And her three Children
Mama Mary & John Mary Ann And her two Children Alfred & Peggy
& Lewis together with the future increase of the female family
Also all my Crops And Stock of every kind description
On the plantation wherupon I now live reside & all my
household And kitchen furniture & plantation tools

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Selling Mares & Mares & Horses with the exception of my
Blaze dead mare which I give and bequeath unto my Son
Richard C. Cotton who I give unto my said wife forty Baskets
of Corn out of the Crop raised on my River Plantation

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Stephen Wright Cotton
my plantation on New River adjoining the lands of Woodson Lea
and others also I give and bequeath unto my said Son Stephen
Wright the following Negroes to wit Edmund Lystroter & her
the Children Hasten Lanner & Paulina him & Manuel together
with the future increase of the female ~~family~~ family Slaves -

It is my will & desire that out of the proceeds of the sale of my
personal estate not herein otherwise disposed of that my Executor
herein after named buy for my said wife the Negro girl formerly
owned by the named Harriet

It is also my will that the residue of my estate be divided
into two lots one of which I give unto the Children of my Son
Richard C. Cotton to be equally divided between them Share
and Share alike the other lot I leave unto my said Son
Stephen Wright C. Cotton during his Natural life at his
death I bequeath the said Children of my said Son Richard
C. Cotton. Provided nevertheless that if my said Son Stephen Wright
shall shall have alive at his death any Child or Children of his
body lawfully begotten then I give the said bequeathed lot unto such
Child or Children. I do hereby nominate & appoint my said wife my
Friend Thomas Snipes Esquire to be my Executor to this my last will &
Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this
16th day of May - A.D. - 1827 -

Signed Seal published & declared by the Testator
Richard Cotton to be his last will & Testament in
presence of us who at his request did his personal
known witnesses wrote the words "together with the
future increase of the female Slaves" being first intended
C. J. Williams, Joseph Small

Witness
Cotton
1827
providing August Term