

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Clay of Franklin
County & State of South Carolina. being weak in Body tho
through Merry; of Sound mind & memory, than test to Almighty
God for the same. But calling to mind the Mortality of
the Body & the Uncertainty of the present life. I make
& Ordain this my last will & Testament, in manner &
form as followeth (Viz) I, Imprimis, I humbly
give & Recommend my Soul to God who gave it. &
my Body to the Earth, to be Buried in a plain Christian
like & decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors
hereafter named. And as touching my worldly Estate
Whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me in this life
I Give, demise, & Dispose of it, in the following manner
(Viz) My will & desire is, that all my Just debts be paid.
I then I bind unto my dearly Beloved wife Charity, during
her Widowhood all my lands & Plantations that I am now
possessed of; & all the Negroes, all the Stock of all kinds,
all the Household furniture & plantation Utensils. And
at her Intermarriage or decease, I desire to distribute the same
in the following manner (Viz)
I then I give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Son Michael Clay
four Hundred Acres of Land, Including the plantation
Whereon he now lives adjoining the Lands of Britain Harris
& Samuel Williams. Also ^{four} ~~three~~ Negroes named Rachel, Mary,
Charles, & Permelia, now in his possession to him & his heirs forever.
I then I give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Son Benjamin Clay
Two Hundred Acres of Land Including the place called Ben's place
adjoining Son Michael's Land, Hillman's & Jackson's, Also one negro
Man named Will now in his possession to him & his heirs forever.
I then I give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Joanna Clark
one negro woman named Jenny one Bay mare called Ann
now in her possession to her and her heirs for ever. Also I bind her
seventy four Acres of Land Including the House Elisha Clark's now

Cow in. Also the ducking Spring. I give up from the land
said Spring branch East bounding on. Council. I give
after her death I give & Bequeath it to my Grand
Ely. To keep his heirs forever.

I give I give to my Beloved Daughter Priscilla
One Negro girl named Rafe during her life. After
her death I give the said Negro with her increase
to be equally divided between my Grand Daughter
Betsey Bonds & all the Younger Children that may
be lawfully begotten of the Body of my said Daughter
I do them & their heirs forever.

I also lend to my aforesaid Daughter Priscilla
After the death or intermarriage of my Wife
One Negro Boy named Eper during her life. After
her death I give & Bequeath the said Negro to my
Grand Son John Ely Bonds to him & his heirs
& also twenty one Dollars that Wright Bonds stands
indebted for to my Estate. I give and Bequeath to my
Daughter Priscilla Bonds, to her and her heirs forever.
I give I give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter
Ely One Negro Girl named Hannah. One feather Bed
& furniture, one Chest of drawer, and small Chest to her
& her heirs forever.

I give I give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Ely
Ely One Negro Girl named Hester, one feather Bed
furniture, also one Bay filly saddle & harness to her
& her heirs forever.

I give I give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter
Nepht Ely One Negro Girl named Phoebe, one feather
Bed & furniture, to her & her heirs forever.
I give I give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter
Dorothy Ely, One Negro Girl named Feller. One feather

& furniture to her & her heirs forever.
I give I give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Son Joseph
Ely. After the Death or intermarriage of my Wife
my plantation whom I now live with all the Residue
of Lands which I have not already given away containing
Six Hundred Acres; Also One Negro Girl named
Chany, One feather Bed & furniture, & all the kitchen
furniture & plantation Utensils, & one Haps (first chair)
One Yoke of Oxen if any then belonging to my
Estate, Two Cows & Calves, Two Sows & piggs & Two Ewes & Lambs,
with all the Geese, Turkeys, & other poultry, to him & his
heirs forever.

I give My Will & Desire is that all those Negroes that
I have lent to my Wife Charity After her Death
or intermarriage (first) Dick, Joe, Jeffery, Hedy, Feller &
Gilly, with their increase if any, shall be equally
Divided between Michael Ely, Benjamin Ely, Betty
Ely, Charity Ely, Joseph John Ely, Patience
Ely, Mourning Doby Ely, to them & their heirs forever.
Further my Will & Desire is that all the stock & household
furniture, that I have not already given away shall
be equally divided between Betty Ely, Charity Ely,
Joseph John Ely, Patience Nephew Ely, Mourning Ely,
to them & their heirs forever.

Lastly I nominate & Ordain. My Two worthy friends
William Lancaster & George Puntill, & if dead be (also)
Nominati. My two Sons Michael Ely, & Benjamin Ely
my whole & Sole Executors of this my last will & Testament.
Utterly Revoking & Disannulling all other wills heretofore made by me
in writing whereof I have heretofore set my hand & affixed my
seal the twenty fourth of September. One Thousand Eight hundred

63
Joseph Ely
Scriber by
Joseph Ely