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In the 12th year of the Christian Era, I Hugh Parks of the County  
of Gloucester & State of Rhode Island being on the second day of  
my 65<sup>th</sup> year of age having considered the third & 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
my 66<sup>th</sup> year of age having considered the same before my  
death the following directions of my property in regard to provision  
of God may be made to Mr. Wm. A. Coddington, P. L. Fisher, the said  
property as has been given to my friends by my attorney in every case or  
a gift either written or verbal wherein all rights of property belonging  
of my property herein mentioned I will & bequeath to my wife  
Mary Parks daughter of Hugh Parks & Anna Viz Chicago, Rodeo  
Island, Jack & Silvy with their children in case as may be in the  
Family to remain on the land hereafter bequeathed as follows. It is  
further my will that my horses retain a herd on the farm as  
sufficient quantity of Horses, Horned cattle, Hogs & Sheep necessary  
for the farm to be maintained by the said Family after a sufficient  
number of grain & forage necessary for the family & stock until the  
return or gathering of the said herd. 3<sup>d</sup> I will & bequeath to my wife  
Mary Parks his wife & her heirs the whole of the household furniture, one  
third part of my Library of books such as she may choose the whole of  
the plantation utensils & all the Kitchen furniture, 4<sup>th</sup> For the  
purposes herein mentioned it is my will & direction that the first tract  
of land of twelve acres on the East side of said brook be  
reserved for the use of the mill beginning at Andrew D. Pease's  
house corner near the Dam brook house with his land to his next house  
thence a northwardly course to the brook so as to include fifteen acres  
5<sup>th</sup> Having will & desire that Hugh. W. Dowell Esq; have the power  
in fee simple of the mill & land & may wait for a given time as to find  
an appropriate or may employ a suitable person as Miller either as a  
hiring or a share in the toll growing. 6<sup>th</sup> It is my will & direction  
that the next property of the mill & land be disposed of on the following  
terms... if freely payable to Hugh Parks or his agent or executors  
for the sum aforesaid, the payment of such if required by law, the  
sum to you, & your wife as necessary than the remainder shall go up to  
one half yearly and this part to equal in the education of the chil-

my, & giving away for services of mchc. & labour my servants, and paying the  
cost of Mortality & pension for the slaves I have left. I desire that after my  
death the following directions shall be observed in regard to the property  
of God, you be under the W<sup>t</sup> & care of the S<sup>t</sup> & I desire that such  
property as has been given to any person by legation conveyance or  
a gift either written or verbal remain as their property exclusive  
of my property herein mentioned. I will & bequeath to my wife  
Mary Parker the following property. Name viz Chicago, Rhode  
Island, Jack & Silvery with such other increase as may be in said  
Family to remain on the land hereafter bequeathed by me with it  
further my wife shall have freehold retain a herd on the farm as  
sufficient quantity of Horses, Horned cattle, Hogs & Sheep necessary  
for the several uses intended by them in a family after a suffici-  
ency of grain & forage, pasture for the family & stock until the  
return or gathering of the ensuing crop. I will & bequeath to my wife  
Mary Parker two bush V/essels the whole of the household furniture, one  
third part of my library of books such as she may choose the whole of  
the plantation utensils & all the Kitchen furniture, &c. for the  
purposes herein mentioned. It is my will & direction that the first tract  
4 p. no of land, for the use of the mill with all the land on the West  
side of the Creek also fifteen acres on the East side of said Creek be  
reserved for the use of the mill D<sup>r</sup>, commencing at Andrew D<sup>r</sup>'s  
back corner near the Dam back house with his line to his next corner  
thence a due northwards to the back so as to include fifteen acres  
5<sup>th</sup> Having will & desire that Hugh. & Dowell Eggerin have the super-  
intendance of the mill & land & may work for a given time as to begin  
apprentice or may employ a suitable person as Miller either as a  
hiring or a share in the tolls given. 6<sup>th</sup> It is my will & direction  
that the next property of the mill & land be disposed of in the following  
manner... if you & your wife have no necessary then the remainder of the property  
in the same recorded, the payment of taxes if required by law, the  
to you, & your wife as necessary then the remainder of the property to  
be only employed one third part to appear on the education of one or  
two of my grand children as many in the judgment of their grand  
mothers for her representation may most conveniently be done.

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part to be left in supporting my Grandson George. Article 10.

In case of decease in maintaining a liberal education, Provided always that  
should death or unworthy conduct forbid such application  
the sum third part to be a bequest made to my grand daughter  
Jessie Hopkins Parks or her legal Heirs. The remaining third part  
to be applied in educating one or more children in the English language  
who have not the means by parentage or otherwise to obtain an Edu-  
cation. provided always that this 6<sup>th</sup> Article shall become void  
4<sup>th</sup> Decr. next at the end of the year 1895 then this will to be in  
operation the same as this 6<sup>th</sup> Article had never been made  
you I will bequeath to my wife Avery Parks the remainder of the  
plantation I now live on with all the improvements to be used  
as Plantation during his natural life, but shall continue said  
Family of H. W. & A. D. Parks to cultivate the same for the  
support of their offspring & themselves, from D. & D. giving Avery as  
my widow may dispose of the slaves by will to her children or  
grandchildren but not more than one fourth part to any one person  
you H. & my wife & direction that after the death of my widow the  
same shall be sold & equally divided among my children or their  
heirs. 5<sup>th</sup> One hundred dollars be excepted by my agent & if need  
be to meet the emancipation intended by the 10<sup>th</sup> article, giving  
to my slave Mary & D., as my right to one share in the Calawee Navigation  
Company in using his pleasure either by commanding the right  
or being in said instrument as he may see fit to secure the right.  
10<sup>th</sup> It is my will & desire that after the death of Widow that  
the whole of slaves be liberated on condition that the general of  
State government make suitable provision by a law of General  
Assembly that in case a removal becomes necessary my  
Executor or his representation is directed to appropriate one hun-  
dred dollars, from the sale of the slaves to do for said purpose  
11<sup>th</sup> I will bequeath the remainder of my property to S. & D. the  
eighty, & to the payment of debts. 12<sup>th</sup> It is my will & desire that the  
Court appoint a suitable person at the separation of the year  
1895 to take possession of the first mile of land attached thereto  
4<sup>th</sup>. in the name of a legal man and copy the amount  
of labor to be by this will directed in fully following like an  
agreement done William H. W. Parks in the presence of

13 Last will & Testament December 25<sup>th</sup> 1828 signed sealed by me  
Attestd J W Hinson Hugh Peck Esq

In the Name of God amen I Daniel Pritchard  
of the County of Mecklenburg & province of Carolina a common  
wealth in body by all appearances finding my latter end  
approaching yet in my perfect understanding & right mind  
therefore I think it proper of what God in his adorable providence  
has in me pleased to bestow upon me of this world to leave this my  
last will & Testament to wit Unto Mary my loving wife I give  
one Gray horse branded upon the right breast & shoulder S8 &  
likewise two Cows one brown & the other black the one half  
of all that is in the house & likewise the one half of the iron that  
is now growing; And unto Johanna my oldest daughter I give  
one Gray Mare that paces & one brown Cow that carries the bell & one  
red Heifer one year old past in the Spring when saddle that is now  
at the Saddlers making & likewise the one half of all that is in the  
house — And unto Eleanor my second daughter I give the Cow  
& calf that was named unto her before & the two Mares that is  
gone astray if found likewise And unto Anne my third  
daughter I give one Old Cow & calf & one brown heifer two year  
old against Spring — And unto Hannah my youngest daughter  
I give one Cow & calf now on the West side of the Catawba River  
& a black two year old heifer — And all the lands that is in my  
possession to be made sale of & all debts discharged to the remainder  
Given to my son Isaac & the half of the Corn put to the same use  
& my Brown Horse & plow Irons & all plantation utensils to be  
sold & the money put to the same use as above mentioned  
And for the confirmation of the above I have set my hand  
4 Seal this 2d<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1828

My son in law William

John Tugwell  
Daniel Hay {

I give my Rifle gun & the  
other in. of the arm —

Daniel Pritchard