

Abbeville County, South Carolina, Will Book Number 1, page 99:  
"Last Will and testament of Francis Meriwether Deceased. South  
State Ninety-Six District Abbeville County.

LWT of Francis Meriwether, Abbeville Co., SC Willis

In the name of god Amen I Francis Meriwether being in a low state of health but perfectly in my mind and senses do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the first place I recommend my Soul unto God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christianly manner and my property which it has pleased the Allmity to bestow on me, I give and bequeath in the following manner (Viz.t) I give and bequeath unto my Wife Mary Meriwether during her natural life the plantation and Track of Land whereon I now live with all its appurtainances thereunto and after her death I give the said plantation and track of Land containing One hundred acres more or less unto my son John Meriwether to him and his heirs. Also I give unto my Wife during her Life Twelve of her choice of my negroes my stock of all kinds my Household and Kitchen furniture half of a mill I purchased of Colo. Nicholas Eveleigh's Estate being my part of the said Mill and a third part of my land adjoining the said Mill and a third part of a Tract Lying on Turkey Creek I purchased of the same Estate all during life—I give unto my Son Zachary Meriwether half of four hundred and seventeen acres of Land I purchased of Nicholas Eveleigh's Estate lying on Turkey Creek to Conclude the lower part of the said Land known by the name of Anthony's old field to him and his heirs my Wife shall have her thirds unto the said Land during Life.— I Give unto my son Nicholas Meriwether my half of a Track of three hundred and fifty acres with a Mill thereon which we bought in Copartnership of the Estate Colo Eveleigh. I give unto the said Nicholas after my Wife's Death my half of the said Mill to him and his heirs.— I give unto my Daughter Ann Mcgehee of the State of Virginia a Negro woman by the name of Fillis and her offspring (Viz) Judy Nanny Peter London Siesar to her and her heirs. After my death when Equal division shall take place amongst all the rest of my Children of the above mentioned Negroes with others I have given her should not make her equal with the rest of my Children then the other Children shall make her so. Whereas my Daughter Mary Connor is departed this life my desire is that her Children shall have her part under the direction's of John Connor their Father until they Marry or come of Age At which time he shall give it up. All my estate that I have given my Wife during life that is not given away heretofore shall be equally divided Amongst all my Children at her death, or their offsprings. If my Executor's Cannot collect the Money that is due me to pay my debts they may sell such of my Negroes that is not given away to raise as much money as will discharge all my Just debts as they think proper. All the ballance of my Estate that is not as yet given away shall be divided between my son John Zachary Nicholas Meriwether, Mary Connor's Children and Betty Mcgehee in such a manner as will make them all equal Acc'g the

Negroes they have had I desire my Daughter Betty McGehee may have a Feather Bed over and above what is herein mentioned. I do appoint to this my last Will & Testament my son John Meriwether Zachary Meriwether & Nicholas Meriwether my Executors. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this seventh day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Signed and Acknowledged before us

John Logan Junr.

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Wm. Gains  
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Francis Meriwether L. S.

State of South Carolina—In open Court this Twelfth day of September

Abbeville County. To wit—one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three Personally came John Logan Junior one of the witnesses to the above Will and made Oath that he saw Francis Meriwether Deceased, Sign Seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that he was then of sound and perfect mind, memory and understanding to the best of the deponents knowledge and belief, and that William Gaines together with this deponent did subscribe their names thereto as Witnesses in the present of the Testator and at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by order of Court the day and date above written.

Dr. Zachary Meriwether one of the Executors named in the foregoing Will took the Oath of an Executor thereof in open Court the Twelfth day of September A. D. 1793. And a Dedimus issued to Julius Nicholas Esq. to administer the Oaths of Executors to Capt. John Meriwether and Nicholas Meriwether the other two Executors named therein But the Dedimus was not Executed and on the 25th of March 1794 Cap<sup>t</sup> John Meriwether and Nicholas Meriwether were sworn as Executors in open Court of Abbeville County.

Abbeville County, South Carolina, Will Book Number 1, page 344:

"Last Will and Testament of Mary Meriwether dec. State of South Carolina Abbeville District.

I Mary Meriwether of the aforesaid State and district being in a low State of health but perfectly in my mind and Senses do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in the following manner (Viz) my desire is my Tract of Land whereon I now live Shall be Sold on a Credit of twelve months and the money arising from the Sale to be put to interest by my Executors as long as Joseph Foster Shall Live, at his death the money with the Interest Shall be given unto Sarah M. Foster his wife and should she die before the said

Foster her Husband, the said Money Shall be Equally divided among all her Children I give unto my Son John Meriwether my Waggon and Gear to him and his forever I give unto my Son Zachary Meriwether my Clock to him and his forever. I give unto my son Nicholas Meriwether all the money & Cotton that I have Heretofore Lent him. I give unto my grand Daughter Mary Lewis Meriwether my riding Chear & Harnes and my Sorrel Horse by the name of Buttro her and her Heirs. all the ballance of my Property to be Sold on a Credit of twelve months and the money arising from the Sale to be Equally Divided among my three Sons John, Zachary and Nicholas Meriwether. My three Sons Shall give Sarah M. Foster out of the Money arising from the Sales of my Estate One hundred Dollars that is thirty three and one third dollars apiece—I give unto my Daughter Ann McGhee of the State of Virginia one hundred dollars out of my money in the Hands of James McCrackan and the Ballance to my three sons I do hereby appoint and ordain my three Sons John Zachary and Nicholas Meriwether my Executors to this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this nineteenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and seven in presence of

Jno Hatter

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Ann Nealy  
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Mary Meriwether  
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Proved before Andrew Hamilton Ordinary of Abbeville District on the third day of August one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Notes.—Francis Meriwether was the son of David Meriwether (1690-Dec. 25, 1743) and Ann Holmes (died March 11, 1735/36).

Mary Meriwether was the daughter of Col. Zachary Lewis (Jan. 1, 1702-Jan. 20, 1765) and Mary Waller (Jan. 20, 1699-March 23, 1781). Mary Lewis and Francis Meriwether were married on Jan. 16, 1749.

The Census Reports for South Carolina for 1790 do not list Francis Meriwether, but they do Capt. John Meriwether and Dr. Zachary Meriwether. Apparently Francis and Mary Meriwether with some other members of their family went to South Carolina from Spotsylvania County, Virginia, after July 5, 1791, on which date "Francis Meriwether and Mary his wife" sold 814 acres of land in Spotsylvania to George Tyler of Caroline County.

Of the children of Francis and Mary Meriwether, Capt. John's will was made Oct. 11, 1819, proved Feb. 7, 1820, in which he named his wife Ann and his sons Zachary, John H., Joseph, and Robert, deceased, who had a daughter Caroline Meriwether. Frederick Meriwether was a witness of the will.

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