

WILL OF
JAMES GRAY

In the Name of God Amen - - -

I, James Gray of Abbeville County and Ninty-six District - Planter being in perfect Health of Body and also Sound as to mind and Memory thanks to God for his mercies, but Calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is Appointed for all men once to die, do make and Ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I Give my soul to God that Gave it, and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Decently buried at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the Resurrection I shall Receive the same again

by the power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of them in the following manner and form - - -

And first I leave and Bequeth to my only Daughter Marget Gray otherwise Marget Ellis my large bible with all my house-hold furniture Except my small bible and large pot and Chest And Next I leave and Bequeth to my two Grandsons James-Gray-Ellis and John-Lindsey-Ellis a certain plantation or tract of land lying on the waters of long-cane Containing two hundred acres

~~to be divided~~ divided between them, with all my other property KN that is a negroe man named Bob, and one waggon and one horse which is all three to be prised by two or three men and if my son in-law Robert Ellis thinks it answers him to keep them all or any of them the said three Articles he is to have them at the Appraisement but if he does not keep them at it they are to be sold and their price kept for said Children - - -

Also I leave and Bequeth to said James-Gray-Ellis my small bible and Chest, and to John Lindsey-Ellis my large pot and likewise

I appoint my son-in-law Robert Ellis and with him - - - Robert

Lindsey - Executors of this my last will and testament Renouncing

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all other testaments wills bequests or Executors by me in any
wise before named willed or Bequeathed, - - Ratifying and con-
firming this and no other to be my last will and testament in
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-
third day of february one thousand Seven hundred and ninety-six

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Signed Sealed published and declared by said James Gray as his
last will and testament in presence of us who in his presence
and in presence of each other have
herunto subscribed our names

his
James K Gray (Seal)
mark

~~John Lindsey~~

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James Ellis

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