

WILL OF

JAS MAYSON

In The Name Of God Amen I James Mayson of South Carolina
 Ninety Six Patriot and of sound and perfect mind and mem-
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 in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety six make
 and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following
 (Viz) first I leave my present wife Henrietta Mayson during
 her NATURAL life or widowhood all my real and Personal Estate
 of every thing I possess in this world (that is to say) as to
 her natural life provided she shall pay all my Just debts
 bring up cloath and educate all my children while under her
 care as a mother by our Said Marriage for which I leave her in
 full possession of all I possess that no charge be made against
 them so as to be deducted at her death out of the share or de-
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 after named may or shall direct Either to be sold and the
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 or untill the Youngest Child my said wife may bear to me
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 Executor and not without my lend to such of my children as
 may marry with her consent and not otherways such part of either
 my real or personal Estate as they may Judge proper, but at
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or my son or daughter had at that time been living and subject to his or her will at either of there deaths should such an event take place (secondly) but should my beloved wife marry again then ~~as above I give her during her NATURAL life~~ such coverture only Peach Hill Plantation Two Negroe men, Jane and her Issue such as she may chuse which two negrow men together with Jane & her Issue plantation furniture and Stock of every kind which she is at liberty at her death to will or dispose of to any of my children / ^{by either marriage} as she may think fitt at her decease that may deserve her affection and tenderness but it is to return to some of them and further should she marry all the stock furniture and such other furniture or stock of any kind that may compleat Peach Hill house and such as my Executors may consent she may take but to be subject ~~as above to return into~~ the family as above Recited and all the ballance of the furniture Books Stock and plantation Known by the name of Glasgow Plantation to be sold or not as my executors and Executrix may think fitt and that from the day my wife Henrietta may be married again I revoke all that part of my will wherein she is ^{named} ~~married~~ as my Executrix and declare my son John Mayson at the age of Eighteen my Executor Together with those therein after named (thirdly) as my son Archey must of course have the greater part of the trouble of my Estate and in Conducting the same it would be just he should have more and in Consideration for that I leave him / at his mother death one Hundred acres of land where on the ferry at the Island Ford now Establised my Gold watch at his mothers deceased and Lewey son of Phillis at my death, and for conducting the Distillery after my decease one half of the neet proffits arrising there from for seven Years in company with his mother or my other Executor exclud

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man Named Tom and addancey my Grand daughter a younge negro Boy or Girl as my Executors may direct and one young negro Boy to my Grand son Jonathan Swift my daughter Herrian to have her negro as soon as Convent ~~my decease~~ and Jonathan Swift and addancey Mayson to be subject to a General division as above directed ~~as above~~, (fourthly) As I have given my beloved son James Robert Mayson Elizabeth Swift my beloved daughter and Cressey Mayson my younge daughter such share for there proportions as I deem Just and fair it is my will that each of my three Children above mentioned at my Decease receive with my Blessing and in leu of all other demands a suit of morning be provided by my Executorix and Executors at my decease and when my youngest child shall arrive at the ~~age of fifteen years~~ ^{age of sixteen years} it is optional with my Executorix and Executors provided they all agree to devise my Real and personall Estate leaving my widow amply provided for at her choice such parts of my property as may render her perfectly Independent of her Children what part I have left her should she marry may serve her on a Division of my Estate but should any accidente happen I mean my wife ~~to be perfectly~~ Independent. (fifthly) I make and ordain this my last will and Testament and appoint my beloved wife Henr. etta Mayson my Executorix together with my beloved son James Robert Mayson and Archey Mayson and my beloved friend Charles Jones Colcock and my beloved son John Mayson when eighteen years of age my executor together with the above named Executorix and Executors to Carry this my last will and testament into Execution. In witness where of I the said James Mayson to this my last will and testament set my Hand and seal the day ~~and~~ Year above ~~written~~

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Signed, Sealed, and ~~Witnessed~~

published and declared by the

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Ja Mayson

Testator, as and for his last will

and Testament in the presence

of us who were present at the

signing and sealing thereof

Richd Shackelford

Samuel Savage

Bianmore Butter

Whereas I James Mayson of Abbeville- County and district
of Ninenty Six have made and duly Executed my last will
and Testament in wighting bearing date the twentynith
day December in the year one thousand seven- hundred and
ninety six now I do hereby declare this present wighting
to be as a Codicil to my said will and direct the same to
be annext thereto and taken as part thereof. and I do here
by appoint my beloved friends Charles Davenport and Elihu
Creswell my Executors and whereas by my said will I did
appoin in the fifth Clause James Robert Mayson and Charles
Colcock my Executors- no I do hereby revoke the said appoint-
ments the ~~first-fer~~ former for reasons best kown to myself
and the latter for mooving out of the district above mention-
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