

WILL OF

JOHN NORWOOD

In the name of God Amen. I John Norwood of Abbeville County So. Carolina being of sound mind & memory tho' weak in body & by appearance near the grave, do, this 22<sup>d</sup> day of January 1798 make & ordain this my last will & Testament in Manner as follows

In the first place I commit my Soul to God who gave it, & my body to the dust with a decent & Christian burial, in hopes of a happy Resurrection at the last day. And with regard to the good things of this World which God has bountifully bestowed on me, I destribut them as follows viz--

First I direct my Executors hereafter to be named to pay all my lawful debts ~~and~~ of my Estate

Secondly I will to my loving wife my mare and her side saddle also all the houshold furniture & her living on the place during life or widowhood--Except that as the Children leave her. I allow her to give to each of them a bed & dreser furniture provided always The Children leve with her until they come of Age-- Also ~~m~~ My negro Wench to be sold by her or the Ex<sup>r</sup> if she choses & al her death said Negro or her price to my youngest Son.

Thirdly I will my plantation & Mills to my four youngest Sons Andrew, Daniel, William & Theophilus to be divided amongst them equally by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> when the Boys come of Age

Fourthly I Will to my Son John 100 Acres of Land lying on the head of mill pond be the same more or less. Also the use of The Saw Mill for the term of two years- which he must attend during that time together with the Grist Mill the other boys assisting him as they may be able in getting Stocks for the Saw mill - and at the expiration of two years the Mills I allow to fall into the hands of my Son Andrew as the were in his brothers- that is, he is to attend both mills with the assistance of the other boys

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Fifthly -- I request my good friend Cape

Mr. Tollifer Atty. to bring on my suits in whatever way he thinks best & if the land is gained I will it to be sold & equally divided among my five youngest Sons

Sixtly -- I leave to my Son Samuel four sheep -and to my

Daughter Jean Gutherie a cow & calf -

The horses & Leave on the plantation for the use of the family & all the plantation tools & implements of husbandry - The Cattle The Sheep & Hogs & allow to remain on the plantation for the use of the family & when the Children come of age & go to themselves I allow then such a divide of the stock as may be thought to fall to their share

My Regimentals I will to be Sold & with the price of them a ~~sum~~ bought for the use of the plantation until my youngest Son is of Age & then to be his property

If any of the ~~legatees~~ die without heirs I will their share to be equally divided among the remainder of my five youngest sons.

And now that this my last Will & Testament may be executed ~~xxxxxx~~ according to the true intent & meaning of it I do nominate & appoint as my Ex.<sup>rs</sup> my good & trusty friends John Miller & Hugh Reid & William Cunningham & they are hereby appointed & now considered by me as my Executors-- In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the day & year above written

In the presence of

John Norwood (Seal)

Robert Wilson

William Russel

Jas Watts

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