

WILL OF

NATHAN SIMS

In the name of God Amen, I Nathan Sims of Abbeville District and State of South Carolina, being very sick in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God; calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men one to die do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament; that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors; nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God

And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me in this life, I give demise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form first I Give unto my daughter Amilia Griffin five shillings over and above what she has already received and no more--- Secondly I give unto my daughter Leorana Calhoun five shillings over and above what she has received and no more--- Thirdly I give unto my Daughter Sarah with thirty Dollars over and above what she has received and no more--- Fourthly I give my Daughter Susannah Bond five shillings over and above what she has already received and no more--- Fifthly I give unto my Daughter Agnes Smith five shillings over and above what she has already received and no more--- Sixthly I Give to my Son Downs Sims the negro boy called Lewis with one Feather bed and furniture one Cow & Calf one Sow and pigs one Colt Called Pilgrim and a Saddle at the price of twelve dollars and no more and after my just Debts be paid. Item I lend unto my beloved wife Mary Sims during her natural life the following articles (viz) my plantation

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John Sims George Sims Starling Sims Leonard Sims & William Sims and after my wifes Decease what is left of those articles lent to her during life to be sold and equally divided between those Six last mentioned. Also I give to my Son William Sims one cow & calf & a colt that a bay mare is now with fold of One Feather bed and Furnitye / Lastly I Constitute make and Ordain my Sons Martin Sims, John Sims & Leonard Sims my Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies bequests and Executors by me in any wise before named Willed and bequeathed; ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this fifteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Two

Signed Sealed Published, Pronounced
& declared by the said Nathan Sims as
his Last will & Testament in the
presence of us who in his presence &
in the presence of each other have
hereunto Subscribed our names

Nathan Sims (Seal)

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Sam Swanzy

John Sims

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N.B. the words One cow and calf and a colt that a bay mare is now with fold of was interlined before assigned

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