

WILL OF

WILLIAM GAINES

In the name of god Amen I William Gaines of the State of South Carolina and Distric of Abbeville being in a low state of health but perfectly In my mind and Senses do make & ordain this my Last will and Testament. In the first place I Recommend my soul to god who gave it and my Body to be decently buried in a Christian Manner and what property it has pleased god to bestow on me It is my Will & Desire shall be disposed on in the following manner (viz) It is my Will and disire that my Executors shall sell my brown horse & grey mare on a credit of twelve months and the money to be put on Interest untill the death of my wife the Balance of my property both real & personable my disire is shall be kept together as long as my wife lives, and my children to be kept together and Raised untill they come of age then if they should wish to Continue and work on the plantation my Executors shall give them what they think Reasonable for their work, after my wifes death I desire that all my estate both real & Personable shall be sold on a credit of twelve months The money a Rising from all sales shall be equally Divided amongst all my children or their off springs I do appoint my Wife Executrix James Gaines & John Meriwether Executors to this my last will & Testament

In Witness where unto I have hereunto set my Hand & seal this 30th day of March 1804

Signed sealed &

Delivered in presence of

William Gaines

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James Puckett

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