

WILL OF

WILLIAM ROSS

In the Name of God Amen---- I William Ross of Abbeville County and Ninety-six Districts-- Planter being in a Low State of Health but 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 Give 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 ~~disposal~~ of the same in the following manner and form-----

First all my Lawful Debts to be paid--

first of 2 all I Leave and bequeath to my Lovingwife Martha Ross my old plantation and Dwelling house to hold the same During her Life or while She Remains my widow with the Goods and Chattes thirdly I leave & bequeath to my son william Ross the mare and Colt that is named to him shall be his unalterable property and and plantation which I now ~~own~~ shall be his at her Death or Breach of widowhood but in case any separation shall be by marriage or otherwise or any Differance the shall be decided by the Executors or men the shall Choose fourthly I leave and Bequeath to my son Thomas Ross my late survey lying on the northEast side of my old plantation and it is my will that he works on my old plantation till he comes of age at the Discretion of my Executors --- I leave and bequeath to my Daughter martha and Jean Ross a ten-pound sterling Horse apeace and that to Come of the whole---

I leave and bequeath to my Grand son William Ross junior five pound

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I leave and bequeath to my Grand son William Rossjunier five pound sterlings to be paid in five years I Leave and Bequeath to my son John Ross five Shillings Sterling also I Bequeath to my son in law william Garret five shillings sterling

Also I Bequeath my waggon to be Betwen william and Thomas Ross my two sons ----- and likewise I appoint my wife Martha and William Ross and with them Robert Ellis Executors of this my Last Will and testament Renouncing all other testaments wills bequeaths or

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or Executors by me in any wise before named willed or 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 twenty seventh Day of August one thousand seven hundred and
Ninety Six Signed in presence of us

Robert Gilmor

William Ross (seal)

John Lindsay

Joseph Kolb

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John Bowie C.C.