

WILL OF

JOHN B. EARLE

In the name of God; Amen.

I John B. Earle of Silver Glade in the district of Anderson and State of South Carolina having arrived at my seventieth year and being admonished by all history and experience that few men attain to a more advanced age, and being desirous while enjoying the unimpaired exercise my mental faculties of making an equitable distribution of the worldly goods wherewith it has pleased providence to blefs me do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament -- But before making the proposed distribution of my effects I deem it advisable to make the following explanation to prevent any misunderstanding or misconception of my motives amongst my children -- I believe that I have made a just and equitable distribution amongst my children who have married or arrived at full age of all the property of which I was pofsefsed clear of debt at the time of my inter-marriage with my present wife and that what I now own has been saved by means of the fortune which she brought me

In the first place I will and bequeath to my sons in law Thomas Harrison, Benjamin F. Sloan and George Seaborn in trust for the sole and separate use benefit and behoof of my daughter Georgia Washington Earle and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten the following named Slaves together with their future increase to wit Aaron and his wife Jenny & their children Caroline, Ransom, Harriett, Washington, Elizabeth, Winny and William; Eliza and her daughter Betsy ~~Ann~~, Rebecca and hir daughter Elizabeth; and Christie, with full power and authority to the said Thomas Harrison, B.F. Sloan and George Seaborn or a majority of them to sell or exchange all or any of the said

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Slaves or their ifsue whenever in their Judgment the interest  
of my said daughter may be promoted thereby, substituting other  
property or stock of equal value in the room and stead of the  
property so sold or exchanged, in trust as aforesaid, and so to  
in like manner as often as the said Trustees or a majority of  
them may deem it conducive to the interest of my said daughter.

In the second place I devise will and bequeath to my be-  
loved wife Nancy Ann Earle in whose Justice prudence and good

management I have unbounded confidence all the rest and residue of my property both real and personal whatever during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided amongst my children who may be then living and the lawful issue of such as may be dead, the issue of a deceased child taking the part or share to which the parents if living would have been intitled.

In the third place I will and bequeath to my Son Joseph Two hundred dollars over and above what he may be intitled to under the last clause, to be paid to him at the death of my wife, if he or any of his lawful issue shall be then living.

In the fourth place as a small testimonial of my respect for my brother officers of the Brigade I will and bequeath to Gen<sup>l</sup> Waddy Thompson my military bridle breast plate and martingale to L<sup>t</sup> Col David L Taylor a pair of brafs barrellled horsemans pistols, to Maj- Thos H. McCann a drefs sword and to Capt Elias C Earle a horsemans Sabre.

I nominate constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved Sons in Law Thomas Harrison Benjamin F. Sloan and George Seaborn Executors of this my last will and testament and I will and exprefsly direct them to sell as much of my estate herein before divided and bequeathed to my wife ( to be designated by her) as will be sufficient to pay all my Just debts and purchase for such of my said Executors a Gold headed Cane, and apply the monies arising from such sale to said purposes.

Signed, Sealed, published & declared

to be the last will & testament of

the testator in our presence, who

JB Earle(L.S.)

have witnefsed & subscribed the same

at his request this 1<sup>st</sup> Feby. 1836

O. R. Broyles

R.S. Hanon