

WILL OF

JOHN RITCHIE

State of South Carolina) Know all men by these presents that
Anderson District) I John Ritchie of State and District
aforesaid being infirm in body but of a sound mind do ordain
this as my last will and testament Revoking all others.

In the first place I bequeath my soul to the author who gave it
hoping that although I have been a heinous transgressor yet I
hope for the sake of my ever blefised Redeemer he will pardon
my sins and accept of my humble bequest.

In the next place I do will that my executors as soon as pofsi-
ble will cause all my just debts, which are but few, to be paid
as soon as possible

In the next place it is my will that at the decease of myself
& of my wife Elizabeth the tract of land whereon I now live is
to be sold and equally divided into five equal parts one part to
each of my sons James Ritchie Joseph Ritchie John Ritchie,
Charles Ritchie and one equal share to my Grandson Charles Al-
mond Ritchie and likewise all the stock of horses, cows, Hogs
& &c in like manner at the decease of myself & wife do will and
bequeath unto the above mentioned James Joseph, John, Charles
and Charles Almond Ritchie

In the next place I do will and bequeath all our beds clothing,
Household & kitchen furniture of every description in equal
shares to my three daughters Nancy Blagg Sally Mason & Eliza-
beth Hix & if they cannot agree upon an equal division then it
is to be sold and the money equally divided among my three daugh-
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In the next place it is my exprefs will and desire that if I
should die before my wife Elizabeth She is to retain pofsefsion
of all my property during her natural life time and then and

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 not before the above disposition is to be made with all and sin-
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In the next place all other property of any description I may
 die seized and pofsefsed of I do will that it shall be sold and
 the money equally divided between my children above named and

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my Grandson Charles Almond.

I do hereby likewise will and ordain that the Obligation I have this day given to W^m Steele for one hundred & twelve dollars with the interest that may accrue thereon shall be taken out of the share that may be coming to my son Joseph Ritchie if sufficient to satisfy the same Finis

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Second day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty four & lastly-----

I do hereby appoint and nominate William Adams & William Steel executors of this my last will & testament Amen.

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Whiteaker Smith

E. Clark

William Adams

W^m Steele

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John X Ritchie (SEAL)
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John Harris, O. A. D.

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