

WILL OF

MATTHEW CLARKE

The last Will and Testament of Matthew Clark of the District of Anderson and State of South Carolina. I Mathew Clarke Considering the uncertainty of this Mortal life and being of Sound Mind and Memory (blefsed be God for the Same) do Make and publish this My last Will and Testament in Manner and form Following that is to Say, First I Give and bequeath unto My beloved Son Thomas B Clarke one hundred dollars to be paid to him by James G. Clarke the ballance of his part of My property, Second I Give and bequeath unto My beloved Son Benjamin Clarke one dollar the ballance of his part of My property. ~~Third I~~ give and bequeath unto My beloved Son Abner Clarke one dollar the ballance of his part of My property Fourth I Give and bequeath unto My beloved Son James G. Clark one negro Man name Washington, on Conditions following, Viz. the Said James G. Clarke Shall pay out of the Value of Said negro Three hundred dollars to Thomas B. Clarke Fifth I give and bequeath unto My beloved Daughter Martha Jane one half of My claim to the plantation whereon I now live also two thirds of My plantation on waters of the twenty three Mile Creek, (except one acre which I give and bequeath unto John Barret whereon the Methodist Church Stands, and one fourth of an acre for each grave Yard for the use of the Methodist denomination of Christians forever adjoining lands of J. B. Earle D.J. Morris & others) or half the the lease or Sale of Said plantations one Negro Man name Henry to be Sold and the Money arising from the Sale of Said Negro to be put out at interest, one bay mare name Hager one Cow and Calf the (Second Choice) one bed and furniture (the Second Choice) one Beaurou, one Corner Cupboard one Side board one Secratary one wash pot one dinner pot one oven one drefsing

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negro boy name Henry if it Should So happen that the above named Martha Jane Should die without an heir of her body then the above property given to her to be equally devided between My Sons Thomas Benjamin James G. and Ambros Clarks Three orphan Children, Sixth I give and bequeath unto My beloved wife Jinsey half My Claim to the plantation whereon I now live with all the plantation tools of every kind and all the fowls of every kind half the Stock of Hogs Two Cows & Calves First & third Choice one Horse name Mike with all the household furniture except that given to My daughter Martha Jane above. Mentioned also the fourth part of the provisions that may be on hand and the forth part of all the Crop also one third of the plantation on the twenty three Mile Creek adjoining lands of J. B. Earle D. J. Morris and others also one third of the lease or Sale of the Said plantation also one negro fellow Name Archy, I further give and bequeath unto My wife one half of the Survices of a negro girl name Ellen and her increas if any there Should be and the other half of the Said girls Survices and increas if any to go to My daughter Martha Jane, this I do that She may be no expence to her Mother for her raising, if Martha Jane Should Marry or leave her Mother during her life time then the Said girl Ellen and increas if any to remain with My wife during her life time, and at her death to be Sold and the Money arising from the Sale of Said girl Ellen and her increas if any be divided between My wife and My daughter Martha Jane this negro girl Ellen I got by My wife and I found on examination that She was about five hundred dollars more in debt than She expected which debt I have Since paid out of My individual funds or property. I further and lastly declare & order that is My will and desire that the balance of My personal estate goods and Chattles of what kind or

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hundred dollars to revert back to the Said Martha Jane. I do hereby appoint Joseph N. Whitner Elijah Webb and Elias Earle My Executors of this My last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by Me Made In witnefs whereof I hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Fifteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and Forty.

Signed Sealed published and & decreed by Mathew Clarke (SEAL the above Mathew Clark to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our Names ~~23~~ Witnefses in presence of the Testator and at his request, with the interlination "Sale of" in the Second line of the Second page

Warren R. Webb

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John W Braddy

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John Martin, O. A. D.

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