

WILL OF

GEORGE ROBSON

South Carolina

In the name of God, Amen, I George Robison of Barnwell district, and State aforesaid planter, being of perfect, sound, and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, blefseed be god therefor, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, whilst I have strength and capacity so to do; bearing in mind that it is appointed unto all men once to die, and the uncertainty of the time when, do make, publish and declare, this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and declaring void all other and former wills by me, at any time heretofore, made, and first, and principally, I commend my soul in the hands of Almighty God, hoping for pardon and remission of all my sins and to enjoy everlasting felicity in his Heavenly kingdom, through the sole merits of Jesus Christ, my saviour, my body I commit to the earth, to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executor, hereinafter named. And as to such worldly estate, with which it hath pleased God to blefs me, I dispose of the same in manner and form following.

First I will and direct that all my Just debts and funeral charges be paid out of the profits of my estate, as soon as possible after my deceas; and and for this purpose, I desire that my estate may be kept together, untill the said debts and funeral charges be paid.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto George Stewart, the Son of Elizabeth Ann Stewart, all that stock of cattle which I purchased of Thomas Nightingale, marked with a crop and overslope in one ear, and a crop and under slope in the other

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Secondly I give and bequeath unto George Stewart, the Son of Elizabeth Ann Stewart, all that stock of cattle which I purchased of Thomas Nightingale, marked with a crop and overslope in one ear, and a crop and under slope in the other ear and branded thus Δ ; together with their and every of their increase, to hold the same to him his Executors administrators and assigns forever. And I also give and bequeath unto the said George Stewart, the following negro slaves, which he now has of mine, in possession, to wit, Humphrey, Okerah, Jo, Tom, Pollow, Cato, Junah, Grace, Monday, Moses, Will, Ned, Harriet, Brance, Antony, Seal, Pom-

pey, young Melinda Isaac Glaster, together with all the encrease of the females, which they now may have or hereafter may have, to hold the same to him the said George Stewart his Executors administrators and assigns forever, on the condition and under the limitation herein after Mentioned. And whereas I have given to Mary Hatcher of the State of Georgia, the wife of Archibald Hatcher, sundry negroes, now in their possession and named Serrey, Philles, Claritta, Carter, Merrey Mood, John, and Fanney together with all the encrease which the females now have or may have, I do now hereby confirm the said gift.


Thirdly And whereas I have, heretofore, given unto Ann Squires Louisa Chevellette and Sarah Mills, sundry cattle, cattle, high are marked in the following manner, that is to say, the said Ann Squires, with a swallowfork and underkeal in one ear, and a slit and underkeal in the other ear, Louisa Chevellette with a swallowfork and underkeal in one ear, and a slit and upper keal in the other, and Sarah Mills, with a swallowfork and underkeal in one ear and a swallowfork in the other; now I do hereby confirm the same; intending however, that the husband of the said Ann Squires, should have no right in nor control over the said cattle, given to her, but that they should be holden by my Executor hereinafter named, in trust for the use of the said Ann Squires.

Fourthly I give and bequeathe unto the said Elizabeth Ann Stewart two hundred head of cattle, branded thus Δ and marked with a swallowfork and underkeal in one ear, and a slit in the other, to hold the same and exercise any control over, them, she pleases during her natural life; and after her death to be divided into six equal parts, one part where

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ear, and a slit and underkeal in the other ear, Louisa Chev-
ellette with a swallowfork and underkeal in one ear, and a
slit and upper keal in the other, and Sarah Mills, with a
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the other; now I do hereby confirm the same; intending how-
ever, that the husband of the said Ann Squires, should have
no right in nor control over the said cattle, given to her,
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slit in the other, to hold the same and exercise any control
over, them, she pleases during her natural life; and after
her death to be divided into Six equal parts, one part where-
of I give and bequeathe unto my Executor, in trust for the
use of the said Ann Squires, with premifion for her to re-
ceive the profits thereof, and to sell and dispose of her
said share, in any manner she may see fit, free from the con-
trol, debts, or engagements, of her husband, or any other
person whomsoever; and one other sixth part to the said
George Stewart one other sixth part to the said Mary Hat-

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cher one other Sixth part to the said Sarah Mills one other
~~sixth~~ ~~fourth~~ part to the said Louisa Chevillette; and the re-
mainning part to George Robison Dunbar and Lucy Dunbar Grand-
children of the said Elizabeth Ann Stewart, and all the rest
and residue of my Stock of cattle, not herein before be-
queathed, I give and bequeath unto the said Ann Squires,
Louisa Chevillette, Sarah Mills, Mary Hatcher, George Ste-
wart, and George Robison Dunbar and Lucy Dunbar, to be divi-
ded into six equal parts, the said George Robison Dunbar
and Lucy Dunbar taking one part, the last mentioned cattle
are given in trust for the same purpose, and in the same
manner, as those in the last preceding clause. And I do
also give and bequeath unto the said Elizabeth Ann Stewart,
the use of the plantation, whereon I now live and all the
household and kitchen furniture, thereto belonging, during
her natural life; and also the following negro Slaves, Dur-
ing her natural life to wit will, Darcas, Abriham, Young,
Isaac, hannah, John Sarah, Jo, Delah, Bill, and Arter, and
after the Decease of the said Elizabeth Ann, the said negroes
are to be equally divided, together with the increase of
the females, into six equal lots one lot whereof I give unto
the said George Stewart his Executors, administiators and
assigns forever; one sixth part to the said Ann Squires, to
be vested in my Executor, intrust for her, as aforesaid,
another part or Share to the said Mary Hatcher, another
share to the said sarah Mills, another share to be equally
Divided between Elizabeth ann Govan and Andrew Govan and
to the Executors and assigns or administrators of each of
them respectively forever, under the restriction tion and
limitation hereinafter mentioned and expressed. And the re-

wart, and George Robison Dunbar and Lucy Dunbar, to be divided into six equal parts, the said George Robison Dunbar and Lucy Dunbar taking one part, the last mentioned cattle are given in trust for the same purpose, and in the same manner, as those in the last preceding clause. And I do also give and bequeath unto the said Elizabeth Ann Stewart, the use of the plantation, whereon I now live and all the household and kitchen furniture, thereto belonging, during her natural life; and also the following negro Slaves, During her natural life to wit will, Darcas, Abriham, Young, Isaac, hannah, John Sarah, Jo, Delah, Bill, and Arter, and after the Decease of the said Elizabeth Ann, the said negroes are to be equally divided, together with the increase of the females, into six equal lots one lot whereof I give unto the said George Stewart his Executors, administiators and assigns forever; one sixth part to the said Ann Squires, to be vested in my Executor, intrust for her, as aforesaid, another part or Share to the said Mary Hatcher, another share to the said sarah Mills, another share to be equally Divided between Elizabeth ann Covan and Andrew Covan and to the Executors and assigns or administrators of each of them respectively forever, under the restriction tion and limitation hereinafter mentioned and expressed, And the remaining sixth part, to the said George Robison Dunbar and Lucy Dunbar, and to the Executors and assigns or administrators of each of them, respectively forever; under the restriction and limitation hereinafter Mentioned and exprefsed, And it is my will and desire that all the rest and residue of my personal estate, not herein before mentioned and bequeathed, be divided into six equal parts by my executor, or by three persons to be named by him; one part whereof I give to

George Stewart his Executors, administrators and assigns forever; another part or share thereof to Elizabeth Ann Stewart; another share, to my Executor to hold in trust for Ann Squires free from the controul, debts or engagements, of her husband; another share to Sarah Mills, another share to Elizabeth Ann Govan and Andrew Govan to hold the same to them respectively during the term of their natural lives; and the remaining share, to be equally divided between George Robison Dunbar and Lucy Dunbar, to hold the same to them respectively during the term of their natural lives; and from and after the decease of the said Elizabeth Ann Stewart, then I give and bequeath her Share of the said residue of personal estate; to be equally divided between such of her said Children as may be living, and the representatives of such as may be dead, including, Elizabeth Ann Govan Andrew Govan, George Robison Dunbar Dunbar and Lucy Dunbar so as that the representatives of any deceased child may take among them the share of their deceased parent.

Fifthly I give and bequeathe unto my executor intrust, as aforesaid, for the said Ann Squires, to be free from the constraints of her husband, the following negro slaves to wit, Noble, Melinda, Minyard, Sentry, young Noble, Charlotte, Selah, Grace, Kiley old Sarah, to hold to her and her Executors, and administrators and assigns forever; subject nevertheless to the condition and limitation hereinafter expressed.

Sixthly I give and bequeathe unto the said Sarah Mills, the following negro Slaves, now in her possession, to wit Sarah, Letirah, Quarco, ^{Barnwell County Wills 1787-1798} ^{www.southcarolinawills.net} to hold to her and her assigns forever, which the

George Robison Dunbar and Lucy Dunbar, to hold the same to them respectively during the term of their natural lives; and from and after the decease of the said Elizabeth Ann Stewart, then I give and bequeath her Share of the said residue of personal estate; to be equally divided between such of her said Children as may be living, and the representatives of such as may be dead, including, Elizabeth Ann Cowan Andrew Cowan, George Robison Dunbar Dunbar and Lucy Dunbar so as that the representatives of any deceased child may take among them the share of their deceased parent.

Fifthly I give and bequeathe unto my executor intrust, as aforesaid, for the said Ann Squires, to be free from the constraints ~~of~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} assets of her husband, the following negro slaves to wit, Noble, Melinda, Minyard, Sentry, young Noble, Charlotte, Selah, Grace, Miley old Sarah, to hold to her and her Executors, and administrators and assigns forever; subject nevertheless to the condition and limitation hereinafter expressed.

Sixthly I give and bequeathe unto the said Sarah Mills, the following negro Slaves, now in her possession, to wit Sarah, Letirah, Quarco, together with all the increase, which the females now have or may have, to hold the same to her, the said Sarah, her Executors, administrators, and assigns, are the following condition, which is to be annexed and applied to all the bequests made in this will to the said Sarah Mills and Ann Squires, that is to say, that if either the said Ann Squires or Sarah Mills, should die and leave no child, living at her decease, then I give her share, and part of my estate, herein bequeathed to her, to be equally divided, between the survivor, and the child or children

of such as may be dead, such child or children, taking the share of their respective parents, And; in this division, I desire that the Children of Betsey Dunbar, if living, or ~~near~~ children if they, or either of them, be dead, shall be let in for an equal share, with any of the other Children of Elizabeth Ann Stewart, I desire that the Children of Louisa Govan now wife to John Chevillotte if living or their Children if they, or either of them be dead, shall be let in for an equal Share Share with any of the other Children of Elizabeth Ann Stewart, And I do hereby give and bequeath unto the said George Robison Dunbar, the following Negro Slaves, to wit, Romio, Rose, Young Claretta, Juliet, Sappho, and Satirah, together with the increase of the families, the said Claretta Romeo, and Rose haveing been heretofore given him by deed. And I do give unto the said Lucy Dunbar the following negro slaves, to wit, Belinda, Phillis, Mary, and Winter, and Lucy the Said Belinda having been previously, given her by deed, I desire that the Said Lucy Dunbar Shall have six hundred and Eighty Acres of Land, that farmily belonged to Isom Cleton, I give and bequeathe unto the said Elizabeth Ann Govan and Andrew Govan the following Negro slaves, to wit, Elsey, Charles, Pollydore, Tom, Jack, David, Chasander, Young Stephen, Jane Brants and Young Elsey to be Equally devided between them, by my Executor; Provided nevertheless and it is my intention that all the property, herein bequeathed to the said George Robison Dunbar, Lucy Dunbar, Elizabeth Ann Govan and Andrew Govan, shall be Absolutely vested on their, respectively, coming of age or being Married; but if either of them should die, under age, or without being Married, then the share, which is herein

for an equal Share Share with any of the other Children of Elizabeth Ann Stewart, And I do hereby give and bequeath unto the said George Robison Dunbar, the following Negro Slaves, to wit, Romio, Rose, Young Claretta, Juliet, Sappho, and Satirah, together with the increase of ~~the~~ families, the said Claretta Romeo, and Rose haveing been heretofore given him by deed. And I do give unto the said Lucy Dunbar the following negro slaves, to wit, Retinda, Phillis, Mary, and Winter, and Lucy the said Belinda having been previously, given her by deed, I desire that the said Lucy Dunbar Shall have six hundred and Eighty Acres of Land, that farmily belonged to Isom Cleton, I give and bequeathe unto the said Elizabeth Ann Govan and Andrew Govan the following Negro slaves, to wit, Elsey, Charles, Pollydore, Tom, Jack, David, Casander, Young Stephen, Jane Brants and Young Elsey to be Equally divided between them, by my Executor; Provided nevertheless and it is my intention that all the property, herein bequeathed to the said George Robison Dunbar, Lucy Dunbar, Elizabeth Ann Govan and Andrew Govan, shall be Absolutely vested on their, respectively, coming of age or being Married; but if either of them should die, under age, or without being Married, then the share, which is herein given to the Person, that may die shall go to the survivours and, in case they should all die without being Married and under age then I direct their Shares shall go among such of the Children of the said Elizabeth Ann Stewart, as shall be living, and the representatives of Such, as may be dead, in the same manner and and for the same estate and estates, as they will take in the share, hereby given unto them. And I do hereby give unto Hetsey Robison Squires, daughter of the

said Ann Squires, three negro slaves, named Ned, Clee, and Peg, with the increase of the females; and in case the said Betsey Robison Squires should die before she comes of age, ~~to be~~ ~~then~~ give the negroes herein bequeathed to her, to be divided amongst her Brothers and sisters if she leaves any, and if not then I give the said negroes to be divided among the children of the said Elizabeth Ann Stewart who may then be living and the representatives of such as shall then be dead, in the same manner, as there, bequeathed to the said George Robison Dunbar, Lucy Dunbar Elizabeth Ann Gowan and Andrew Gowan are to be divided on the happening of the same Contingency. As soon as my debts are paid I desire my Executor, or the survivor of him, to sell at public Auction, all my Lands, excepting the plantation, whereon I now live and to divide the money, which may arise from such sale into four equal parts, one fourth part of which I give unto the said Elizabeth Ann Stewart; another fourth to my said Executor, in trust for the sole use of Ann Squires, another fourth to Sarah Mills and the remaining fourth to be equally divided between George Robison Dunbar and Lucy Dunbar; to hold the same during the term of their natural lives, ~~and then~~ and after the death of the said Elizabeth Ann Stewart, then I give ~~bequeath~~ the share heretofore heretofore given to her to be equally divided between such of her children as may be then living, and the representatives of such as may be dead, and including George Robison Dunbar, and Lucy Dunbar; so that the representatives of any deceased child may take among them, the share of their deceased parents, and as touching and concerning the plantation and furniture, ~~which I have divided and bequeathed~~

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under such ~~condition~~ condition, and remainders over, as I have made of the monies to arise from the other part of my real estate, bequeathed to them in the preceding clause.

~~do~~ I do hereby make and appoint George Stewart Executor of this my will this thirty first Day of October 1803.

signed sealed published and

declared in the presence of us by the

testator as his last will and testa-

ment, who in his presence, and

in the presence of each other

Subscribed our names as witnesses

thereto.*****

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George Robson (SEAL)

John Bates Junr

Tom Castellan X

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Recorded April 1st, 1805.

Gideon Hagood, Esquire, Ordinary, Barnwell Dist.

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