

WILL OF

JOHN FLATTS

In the name of God Amen I John Flatts being weak in body but in perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last Will and testament and desire that it may be received as such First I Bequeath my soul to God my Maker humble beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it Secondly I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken as for burial I hope it may be done decently and in order whenever it may please the lord to call me hence at the discretion of my Dear wife and executors hereafter Named as to my worldly estate I give unto my son a tract of lands the youngest excepted, containing five Hundred acres which land to be equally divided between them as they come of age I give unto my dear loving wife the plantation where I now live during her widowhood containing two Hundred acres and after her decease or widowhood to fall to my youngest son as for the rest of my property such as Negroes Horses cattle hogs sheep and Houshold furniture together with my Working tools to be divided between my wife sons and daughters in the following manner that is to say I will that my wife shall have during her natural life an equal part and during her widowhood her choice of one Negro and I will that daughter shall have two shares and my son one of the above mentioned property land excepted and for my wife to continue on the plantation where I now live and the care and benefit of the property with with the consent and direction of my executor to rear and support my children on during her widowhood or until my youngest child comes of Age and whenever either, then for a deviseion to be made or should any of my sons and daughters Marry then for they or them or them to take off their share or part and should any of my sons or daughters decease without

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place of abode during their life and after my wife  
then for part to be equally divided between my son  
ers or their lawfull heir and lastly I do constitute  
point my wife Soppia and my Trusty friend John Hire  
Harter Executors hoping they will faithfully comply wit  
my last Will and Testament given under my hand this sixth  
of November 1799 Signed Sealed in presance of P. S. should  
wife Marry then I will that my executors take unto their o  
and charge the rest of my children and their Property.

John Platts

L. S.

George Kope

Fredereck Brant

Jacob Koup

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Recorded fifteenth day of March 1816.

Orsamus D. Allen, Esq., Ordinary Barnwell District.

(Original Will Not in Probate Judge's files).