

WILL OF

NICHOLS COOPER

State of South Carolina - Barnwell District - In the name of  
God Amen I Nichols Cooper of the State & District aforesaid do  
declare this Instrument of writing to be my last will and Tes-  
tament - I confirm the Settlements I made with my dear Wife im-  
mediately previous to our marriage giving her son and Daughter  
Jane and William Leslie a part of the profits of the profits  
of the Store at Campbellton for Three years Expiring on the  
19 or 20th of August 1803 as to there Father George Leslie Es-  
tate who died Intestate the Laws of our State has pointed out  
a mode of division as to the Concern of Geo. Leslie & Co.  
wherein Arch<sup>d</sup> Campbell of Glasgow is the Surviving partner and  
entitled to one half of which I have nearly or quite paid his  
part of that concern except the House Expence account which  
In my opinion Wm. Campbell very unjustly Claims nor do I ever  
intend to pay any part of that account unless recovered by Law-  
My first wish is as soon as Jane and William Leslie becomes  
of age, or marries that my Executors Shall pay them there Jest  
part of there Fathers Estate - Its my Wish that my beloved  
Wife Shall have One Third of my Estate during her natural life  
but Should She marry again and my Exors Should find that part  
of my Estate was likely to be waisted any Three of three of  
them Shall have full power to take or recover this property  
and dispose of it as is hereafter mentioned in Case there is not  
Three of my Exors liveing any One or Two of them Shall take  
Three honest disintrested men liveing in the neighbourhood who  
Shall have the Same power My Son James Shall have The other  
Two thirds of my Estate except my wife Should be in a State  
of pregnancy at my death in that Case they Shall Share and Share  
alike and in Case either Should die before they become of age  
or marry or die without an lawful Heir or without the said children or

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Threefourths Should go to my half Brothers and Sesters except my own Brother Agrippa Cooper who I leive five pound.

Payment of my Debts as follows first the Balance I owe H. M. Rutledge Esq<sup>r</sup> about 4,500 Dollars Payable the 10th Janry 1804. the last payment for my mills Lands & where I now live provided a mortgage which is said to be in the pereseison of Hugh Rutledge Esqn is Satisfied and a Satisfactory Titles is made Secondly the Balance I owe the Estate of Duncan Campbell as administrator provided Arch D McLachlan or any other person gits a full and Satisfactory power of Attorney from the Heirs of that Estate Thirdly the balance I owe Henry White And then in rotation as fast as Collections Can pofsibly be made - I wish all my Estate reale and personal to be Sold As Soon after my death as my Exors Should deem it practicable to the highest bidder Say About the months of December, January, or February after as being the most suitible part of the year On a Credit of one Two, Three, & four years with a mortgage of the lands and approved Securesities liveing within the Estate the Bonds or notes to bare Interest from the date of the purchase except Such Household furniture as my Wife may Wish to Keep that ~~must~~ be Valied and taken at the Valuation as to any copartnership I Should be ingaged in as a merchant our articles of Copartnership will Speake or Stand for themselves in Case the mills Should not be paid for of the Titles not good in that Case I advise that every thing Should be Sold but the mills & lands as before directed and that the mills and lands Should be rented out for Twelve months at a time to the highest bidder they giveing Security - I make no doubt

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stitute my beloved Wife Executrix, Thomas Key, Benjamin Glover, Julius Nichols Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>t</sup>, Samuel Dunbar and James Scott my Executors to each of which I leive a suit of morning I also leive my Father and brother a Suit of morning - not being persects of any legal Law Knowledge its my particular Intention that no~~x~~ words or word in the foregoing Instrument of writing or will Shall not be misconstrued - Its my particular wish that there Shall not be any Kind of perrade at my Burial Given under my hand and Seal -----

Sign'd and acknowledge )                      Nichols Cooper

in presence of ----- )

NB Its not my meaning that any of my Personal Property Should be sold on a longer Credit than Twelve Months on account my owing Considerable sums of money

upper Three Runs October 15th, 1803                      Nichols Cooper      Seal

Witness

Recorded in Will Book "A", Page 27.

Recorded June 1st, 1804.

Gideon Hageod, Esquire, Ordinary, Barnwell District.

Bundle 7, Package 8.