


WILL OF



JOHN WOOD

In the name of God, Amen I John Wood of the State of South Carolina and County of Winton Planter, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect Mind & Memory thanks be given to God, calling to mind the Mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament ; that is to say principally & first of all, I give & recomend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that Gave it, & my Body I recomend to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian Burial, at the discretion of my Executors. nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God; and as touching such Worldly Estate, as it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this Life, I Give, demise, & dispose of the same, in the following manner & Form.

First I give and bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved Wife, all that, Plantation or Tract of Land whereon I now Live and cultivate, containing two hundred Acres. Situate on Savannah River, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, during her Natural Life if She continues in the State of Widowhood, otherwise only during her Widowhood, likewise all my household Good & Plantation Tools during the the same time as aforesaid; together with all my Horses, Mares & Geldings, branded thus I W, excepting two horses; and all my cattle branded with the same brand aforesaid, A. Crop, Slit, & underkeel in the left Ear, and a Crop & two slits in the right Ear, excepting four Cows, and all my Hogs of the same mark afores, during her Life or Widowhood. Also I give to my will beloved Son John Wood, a hundred Acres of Land Situate lying & being on Boggy Cutt, as also after my Wifes decease, or Marriage, all the Plantation or Tract of Land whereon I now live, the Plantation Tools, and other working Tools, and also two Negroes Tom & the Wench Agur; together with all my cattle & Mares kind branded thus

11. the Cattle marked a Crop & Slit and underkeel in the right Ear, & a Crop & two Slits in the left Ear. and also all the Hogs of the same mark. Also one large Iron Pett. and one Rifle Gun; also Sixty Five Acres of Land, lying & being on the Upper Side of Steele Creek. adjoining on Land Surveyd by John Collins; But if my said Son John Wood should die without heirs, or heir lawfully begotten of his own Body. then whatsoever I have given & bequeathed unto him, shall all and everything above mentioned to be left to him, be inherited by, & return to, his own three Sisters Mary Wood Sue Piney Wood and Jane Wood, to be equally divided amongst them.

Also I give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Mary Wood, a Tract of Land lying & being on the Head of Neda Branch, containing one hundred & fifty Acres, also a Negro Boy Named Abraham, Also all my Cattle branded  marked A Crop. Slit & underkeel in the right Ear, & a Swallow fork & under keel in the left Ear, and also all the Horsekind that have been & still are called hers, branded with a Diamond afores; to her & her heirs for Ever. But if my said Daughter Mary Wood, should die without Heirs or Heir of her own Body, the aforesaid Negro Boy shall return to her Sister Sue Piney Wood.

Also I give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Sue Piney Wood the first Child, that the above named Negro Wench named Agur, shall bear and duly bring forth hereafter also also all the Cattle, that have been & are still called hers, with their Increase, Branded thus  & marked a Crop & Slit and underkeel in the Left Ear & Crop & two Slits in the Right Ear; also two Mares Branded thus  W, to her & her Heirs forever--

Also I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Jane Wood one Negro Fellow named Jacob, also after the Death of her Mother all the Stock of Cattle claimed by, and left to her- Mother also at the Death of their Mother; all the Household goods of every kind, all the Hogs she claims or may be claimed

by her hereafter, shall then be equally divided, between my three Daughters. Mary, Sue Piney, & Jane Wood, to them & their Heirs for Ever.

Also. I give to my two beloved Grandsons Jesse & John Wood, both Sons of my Son Jethro Wood, all my cattle which their Father hath ~~of mine~~ in his Possession, at this time; branded thus 56-Marked thus Crop, a Slitt and underkeel in one Ear, & swallow fork in the other.

Also I give & bequeath to my beloved Son Jethro Wood, the Sum of one Shilling Sterling, in lieu of all other Legacies. I likewise constitute, & make & ordain, Capt John Collins an Executor jointly, with my dearly beloved Wife and Executor of this my last Will & Testament, & I do hereby utterly disavow, revoke & disannul, all and every other former Testaments, Will, Legacies, Bequest, & Executors by me in any wise before named, Willed & bequeathed; ratifying & confirming this. and no other ~~will~~ to be my Last Will & Testament; In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & Seal, this first Day of February, one thousand seven hundred & eighty eight, & the thirteenth Year of American Independence.

John Wood (SEAL)

Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced & declared, by the John Wood, to be his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence, & the presence of each other, have hereunto Subscribed our Names: Stephen Smith. Richards King, Mary Deese.

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Recorded May 29th, 1788.

A. Smith, C. W. C.

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