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In the Name of God Amen. I, Elisha Melhane of St James Green branch parish and Charleston District planter, Being weak in Body tho of perfect Mind and Memory thank be given to Almighty God for all his Mercies towards me in this and knowing that it is appointed for all men to dye I do give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me and as touching these worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with in life, I do give and dispose of in following manner and form after my lawful debts is paid. I do give and bequeath to the legal Representative of Jacob Funches one shilling when legally demanded. I give and bequeath to Thomas Singletary and his legal Representative each one shilling when legally demanded. I give and bequeath to James S. Shugler Senor one shilling when legally demanded. I give & bequeath to James E. Shugler and Mary Ann Shugler, they being the issue of my daughter Betia Shugler deceased seventeen years viz: Harman and her two children, Jem and her three children, Deamon and her two children, Didah and her four children, York and Cato, together with their future issue and increase, at twenty years of age, either of said children shall be liable to receive their proportionable part of Slaves then issue and increase. If either of said children should dye without leaving ~~lawful~~ lawful issue, their share of said Slaves shall fall to the survivor or their issue and at Twenty one year of age they shall be liable to their proportionable part of all monies appertaining arising from my Estate. I give and bequeath to my son James Melhane and the following Slaves, Ben, Nancy Diner and her issue Anthony, Peter, Mariah, Abram, Sharlet and her issue Nance, Rite, &c.

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Betia Shingler deceased seventeen years viz: Hannah and her
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and her four children, York and Cato, together with their future issue and
increase at twenty years of age, either of said children shall be liable to receive
their proportionable part of said issue and increase. If either of said children
should dye without leaving ~~any~~ lawful issue, their share of said issue
shall fall to the survivors or their issue and at twenty one years of age they
shall be liable to their proportionable part of all monies appertaining
arising from my Estate. I give and bequeath to my son James Henry
the following Slaves, Ben, Nancy, Diner and her issue Anthony, Mary, John,
Mariah, Abram, Sharlot and her issue Nance, Peter, Robt, John and his
young Limes, Penina, young Meriah, Peter, Feller, and her issue Ligea.

John, Mary and her issue Eliza, during his natural life, at his death there
 to be equally divided between his issue, the if any of them should die
 without leaving lawful issue, their proportionable part of my Estate
 shall fall to the survivors or their issue. I give and bequeath to adopted son
 William Melhaid, one negro woman Sady and her issue and a lot of
 land lying on the South west side of Baynes Branch except four acres
 on the South west side of Sade Branch, at any point it may be thought
 advisable for a Mill Seat. I give and bequeath to Thomas Mc Hudson
 one negro man Hamabell. I give and bequeath one negro girl Betlet
 to Joel Hudson, all the remainder of my Estate Both Real & personal
 to be sold at ~~public~~ auction, all sums of twenty dollars and under
 cash, all above three years credit, to be paid in three equal instalments,
 with interest from the day of sale, purchaser giving obligations & approved
 security, all money in hand and obligations due to me and all moneys
 arising from my Estate, to be kept at interest, until either the issue of
 Eliza Shugler, James Harry Melhaid or my adopted son William
 Melhaid shall to twenty one years arrive, they shall be entitled to re-
 ceive from my Executor or Executors their proportionable part of ^{all} money
 arising from my Estate. Notwithstanding, if my Land do not
 appear to be saleable at auction my Executor or Executors is authorized
 hereby to sell at private sale and to make titles to the same and
 I do hereby Nominate and appoint the following persons Executors to
 this my last Will and Testament James Harry Melhaid William
 Melhaid my friends Thomas Faulking and Edon Trower to this my
 last will and Testament and I do hereby certify

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Elisha Shugler, James Harry Melhard or my adopted son William
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appear to be saleable at auction my Executor or Executors is authorized
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I do hereby Nominate and appoint the following persons Executors to
this my last Will and Testament James Harry Melhard William
Melhard my friends Thomas Faulling and Edon Thrown to this my
last will and Testament and I do hereby Ratify and confirm this
to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have unto
set my hand and seal the fourth day of June and in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five and in the
fifty ninth year of American Independence Elisha Melhard 1835

Signed sealed Ratified and confirmed in presence of
G Crawford B Godfrey J Faulling

Proved before Thomas Lhee O. C. J. D on the fifteenth day
of November 1836 and on the twenty third day of November 1836
qualified William Melhard & Edon Thrown Executors thereon
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18th State of South Carolina. In the Name of God Amen. I Charles James
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