

185th The State of South Carolina. The last will and testament of James Elliott Macpherson
No 40 ^{of Brunton} son, in the Parish of Prince Williams, Planter. In the first place, and as the law directs
I desire that all my just debts be paid. Before I proceed to dispose of my Estate, it is ^{to be un-}derstood,
that my beloved daughters Elizabeth S. Smith, Martha Gregorie and Harriet
Butler Coffin have abidedly received of me, their portion of my Negroes; as the deeds which
I have executed for that purpose will show. - I give and bequeathe to my beloved daugh-
ter Martha Gregorie, all my plantation in St. Peters, which I bought of James Shoolbred
Esq^r for and during her natural life; and after her decease to her children or issue; to
vest at her decease in the said issue absolutely, as if they took by intestacy. I give and be-
queath to my Daughter Harriet Butler Coffin my plantation on the Bahaus in St. Lukes
Parish to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeathe to my Son James S. Macpherson
and his heirs my plantation on Black Swamp in St. Peters Parish which I purchased of
W^m Pyne; also twenty five working negroes on the said plantation and their families,
In Trust for my Daughter Theodora Narcissa Washington and her heirs forever, to
her sole and separate use, ~~and~~ not liable to the debts of her present or any future husband.
But in case my said Daughter Theodora Narcissa should die leaving issue, then
I give the whole of the plantation and negroes aforesaid to her children or issue, to
vest at her decease in the said issue absolutely as if they took by intestacy. Provided ne-
vertheless that if my said daughter should die in the life time of her husband W^m
Washington Esquire, leaving issue, it shall and may be lawful for the said
W^m Washington, notwithstanding the legal estate will have vested in his children
to take and receive the income and profits of the said estate real and personal for
the joint benefit of himself and the children aforesaid, during his natural life. And
I do hereby further explain my intent.

her sole and separate use, ~~and~~ not liable to the debts of her present or any future husband. But in case my said Daughter Theodosia Narcepa should die leaving issue, then I give the whole of the plantation and negroes aforesaid to her children or issue, to vest at her decease in the said issue absolutely as if they took by intestacy. Provided nevertheless that if my said daughter should die in the life time of her husband William Washington Esquire, leaving issue, it shall and may be lawful for the said Wm Washington, notwithstanding the legal estate will have vested in his children to take and receive the income and profits of the said estate real and personal for the joint benefit of himself and the children aforesaid, during his natural life. And I do hereby further explain my intention in regard to the preceding bequest to be that my beloved Wife, who is fully acquainted with my views, shall designate the negroes and families, which I have thus bequeathed in general terms to my said daughter use. All the rest and residue of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever I give and bequeath to my dear and excellent Wife Elizabeth Macpherson during her natural life, and after her decease, I give and dispose of the same as follows. That is to say: I give and devise to my friend James R. Pringle and his heirs all the my plantations of Breckon and Pleasant Hill in the Parish of Prince Williams also twenty five working negroes on the said plantations, and their families; the said negroes and their families to be designated by my sons James and John. In trust that he the said James R. Pringle will permit and suffer my son O'Brien to have the said plantations and negroes for his own use during his natural life, and after his decease, in trust for his children or issue to vest at his decease in such issue

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absolutely, as if they took by intestacy. But in case the said O'Brien Smith Macpherson should die without leaving such issue, then I give and bequeath the whole of the plantations and negroes last aforesaid to my two sons James S. Macpherson and John Macpherson forever. Provided nevertheless, that it shall and may be lawful for the said O'Brien Smith Macpherson to make a provision for any woman whom he may marry, so as to secure to her in case of his dying without issue, and leaving her surviving him, a part not exceeding one half of the real and personal estate aforesaid, such power to be executed by a marriage settlement, previous to marriage. I give and bequeath to my sons James S. Macpherson and John Macpherson all my plantation of Venersobee on Savannah River, and all the negroes, agricultural implements and every thing belonging to the said plantation to them and their heirs forever. But further of them the said James S. Macpherson or John Macpherson should die without leaving a wife or child surviving him, I give the whole of the said plantation with the negroes and every thing belonging to the same, to the survivors of them, to him and his heirs forever. Also I give to the said James S. Macpherson and John Macpherson and their heirs my dwelling house and lot on East Bay in the City of Charleston and (subject however to the free use and enjoyment of their Mother during her life) all the furniture therein, and all the silver, plate and wine therein, and every thing belonging to the premises. All the rest and residue of my estate real or personal not hereinbefore disposed of, after the decease of my wife, I give to my three sons O'Brien Smith Macpherson, James S. Macpherson and John Macpherson, to be equally divided between them. Lastly, I nominate constitute and appoint, my beloved Wife Elizabeth Macpherson Executrix, my friends J. P. P.

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J. E. Macpherson

Signed published and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names

Henry D. Lebesque William D. Porter Charles R. Boyle

Proved before Thomas Schre Junr O.C.T.D on the thirty first day of March 1834 and at the same time qualified M^{rs} Elizabeth Macpherson Executrix and James, otherwise James S. Macpherson Executors. on the 26th day of Sept. 1864 James admin de bonis non to Mary A Macpherson

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State of South Carolina. In the name of God Amen. I Mary Catherine