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State of South Carolina. I, John Gordon of Charleston in the State
aforesaid, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following
that is to say I prescribe I order and direct ^{except as is herein after otherwise declared} (that all my Estate, real and per-
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the education and support of all our children and for other purposes herein after
expressed. Item, As soon as my eldest son shall arrive at the age of twenty one years
I desire and direct, that all my estate real and personal shall be appraised
under oath by persons to be selected by my Executors and Executrix, or such of
them as may qualify, and one third part of the said estate, shall be allotted
to my said Wife and the remainder shall be equally apportioned among my
children, share and share alike, and the share of my eldest son, shall be then
delivered to him in any manner least injurious to the residue of my ^{said} Estate.
Item, I will and direct, that the remainder of my Estate be kept together for the
purposes aforesaid until each of my other children, shall respectively arrive at the age
of twenty one years, at which respective periods my remaining estate shall be appraised
in the manner above described, and the share of each child shall be delivered
to him, or her, as they respectively attain to the said age of twenty one years. It is my
Will however, and I do hereby order and direct, that the share to be allotted to my be-
loved Wife, shall always be fixed at its value on the first appraisement of my estate
and shall never be changed at any subsequent valuation. The shares of my estate
thus to be allotted to my children, I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to each of
my said children, their heirs, executors and administrators, or his, or her surviving
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their sole and separate use and not to be liable to the debt or contract made by them from the contract of any husband whom they may marry, that they shall have the power to Will away their property in any way they may think proper, and the share of all my said children are hereby expressly subjected to the following condition & limitation that is to say: In case either of my said Children should die without leaving a law lawful issue, his or her share shall return to my Estate and be equally divided among my surviving Children. But in case my said Wife should depart this life without having again married, and all my children should die without leaving a law lawful issue, I then give devise and bequeath the whole of my estate real and personal to the Brothers and Sisters of my said Wife, and my sister Maria Magrath to be equally divided between them, share and share alike to them their heirs, executors and administrators forever. Now I do hereby give ^{expressly} full power and authority to my ^{Executors} or to such of them as may qualify to sell at Public Sale all or any part of my Estate if necessary to effect the objects declared in my Will, and to vest the proceeds in any public security, or stock, either of this State or at the North to be always held subject to the provisions contained in this Will. Lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Jane M. Gordon Executrix my friends Benjamin F. Dunkin and John Bryan and each of my sons as they respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Signed, sealed and published

John Gordon [L.S.]

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John Gordon J.L.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

Edward LeBurch

M. L. Davis

Parnell Burgess

Proved before Thomas Lehn Junr O.C.T.D on the fifth day of March
1835 and on the same day qualified Jane M Gordon Executrix and Benjamin
J.L. F Dunkin and John Bryan Executors. May 31 1841 qualified James B Gordon Exor.

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No. 5. In the Name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost Amen!
I ask the pardon ^{of God} of my Wife, children and