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State of South Carolina. In the Name of God Amen. I Lewis Ross
 a native of the Town of Morges, in the Canton de Vaud in Switzerland and a re-
 sident in South Carolina since the year 1772. Being indisposed in
 Body, but of sound and well disposing mind and memory, Blessed
 be the Lord for the same, Do make, declare and publish the following
 to be my only last Will and Testament, to wit: I Commit my soul
 into the hands of Almighty God my Creator, in hope of the redemption
 of my sins, and of future Happiness, through the mediation of our
 Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I order my body to be interred in the French Protestant Church
 yard and placed along side of my Brother Francis, and as I always
 disapproved of Expensive Funerals, I hereby order a plain cedar
 coffin without ornaments with as few other expences as possible
 as it never pleased me to see such waste, to the injury of many fa-
 milies, out of ostentation. I particularly request my Beloved wife
 to comply with this my request. What property I may own & possess at the
 time of my decease, I will give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Ann Ross
 for and during her natural life, for her to have, use and enjoy the interest
 revenue and income of the said property as demised, to her sole use and
 behoof for and during her said natural life; And after her decease
 I then Will Give and Bequeath unto my Dear Daughter Ann Helena
 my mulatto slave boy named Frank, to my Daughter Helena Mary
 I Give and Bequeath my negro boy Billy and unto my son Francis &
 Louis, I Give and Bequeath my negro girl Katy & all their 1/1

My Mulatto Slave Boy named Frank, to my Daughter Helena Mary I give and Bequeath my negro boy Billy and unto my son Francis & Louis, I give and Bequeath my negro girl Katy (all three children of my negro woman Maria), Being to reimburse them for money of & their, which circumstances obliged me to spend for them as well as my own comfort during the Political rage of Nullification, which deprived me of my Magistrates Birth, and for a while straitened my circumstances.

The rest, residue and remainder of the said property, (after the decease of my said Wife) shall be divided into four equal shares or parts Between my sons Albert, Francis and my Daughter Anne Helen and ^{four} ~~one~~ share alike, to them, their heirs and assigns, but should either of my Daughters die unmarried before the decease of their Mother, then the share or part which she or they would have had, shall go to and be divided amongst the survivors of share and share alike. I nominate and appoint my Beloved Wife Ann Rouse to be my Executrix and my friends James Nicholson and John R. Rogers Esqrs to be Executors to this my last Will and Testaments, hereby annulling and revoking all and any other heretofore made and published by me. In Testimony whereof I Lewis Rouse the said Testator have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal at Charleston the Tenth day of June Anno Domini 1834

Lewis Rouse (L.R.)
Signed sealed published and declared by the said Lewis Rouse

to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request
in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as Witnesses
to James Welman Alexander W. Black Smith Mary Jane

84^a Proved before Thomas Leche O.C.T.D. on the sixth day month
1838. At the same time qualified M^r Ann Davis Executor there
of. - in named.

19⁶ State of South Carolina. In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth
N^o 5. Ryan of Charleston in the said State widow do make this my last Will
and Testament. It is my Will that all my just debts and funeral
expenses be paid.

I give devise and bequeath all the Residue of my Estate Real
and Personal after payment of my Debts to be equally divided between
my Daughters ~~Margaret Ann~~ Margaret Ann Della Jane and Elizabeth
McDonald in manner following that is to say: each of my said
daughters shall hold the moiety of the said residue to her sole
and separate use during her natural life and from & after
her death her said moiety of the said residue shall go to & become
the property of such person or persons their, his or her heirs execu-
tors and administrators (according to the nature of the property)
as she shall by any will or writing in the nature of a Will, to be
executed in the presence of three or more credible witnesses, nomi-
nate and appoint to take the same and in default thereof