

Box 14 The State of South Carolina — In the name of God, Amen,
No. 12 I, Martha Jenkins of Stono, St Pauls Parish, State aforesaid, do make,
publish, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking
all former Wills by me made. In the first place, I direct, that all my
just debts be paid as soon after my decease as possible. As I lately gave to my
son Benjamin James Jenkins eight hundred and sixty five dollars, which
I inherited from the Estate of Thomas R. Bell, it is my desire, in order that
my children may be placed on the same footing, that my daughter Sarah
Bailey Jenkins shall have and receive as her portion of my Estate, in the
manner hereafter to be mentioned, eight hundred and sixty five dollars
more than my said son Benjamin. It is my Will, that my daughter
Sarah Bailey Jenkins shall be empowered, and I hereby authorize her, to
take and hold, at the sum of eight hundred and sixty five dollars less than
the appraised value, should she desire to possess it, my plantation or tract
of land at Stono, on which I now reside, containing three hundred acres,
more or less, for and during her natural life, with full power, in the event
of her having no issue, to will and bequeath the said plantation to whom and
in what manner she may think best. But in case my said daughter Sarah
should have a child or children, then, after her death, I give and devise the said
tract of land, at Stono, to such child or children, to him, her, or them, their heirs,
executors and assigns forever. If my said daughter Sarah refuse to take the
said plantation at the price of eight hundred and sixty five dollars less than
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should my daughter Sarah agree to take, is bequeathed to her as already set forth. I give and bequeath to my said children Benjamin and Sarah on the same conditions as I have already stated that they shall hold and possess the other property, both real and personal, of my Estate. But if my said daughter Sarah refuse to receive the same plantation on the condition prescribed, then the remainder of my my said "just" advent to shall not be apportioned as has been directed, but shall be equally divided between my said children Benjamin and Sarah to be held by them on the same terms as I have enjoined they shall hold my other property mentioned in this Will. I give and bequeath to my said daughter Sarah absolutely four feather beds and one mattress, to be selected by her. After the said selection on the part of my said daughter, I give and bequeath to my said son Benjamin one feather bed and one mattress, to be selected by him. And lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my young friend James Legare, Factor, Executor of this my last Will and Testament; and in case of his death or refusal to qualify, I hereby nominate and appoint William Wilkinson of St. Pauls Parish, my Executor. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and the sixty second year of American Independence.

Martha Jenkins (S.S.)

Signed, sealed, published, and declared, by the said Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at her request, and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses. Thus -

Jos E Jenkins Wm F Meggett Isaac H Matthews

Proved before Thos Le Sue Esqr O C T D. this 19th May 1842.

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as I have already stated that they shall hold and possess the other property, both real and personal, of my Estate. But if my said daughter Sarah refuse to receive the Plantation on the condition prescribed, then the remainder of my real and personal property shall not be apportioned as has been directed, but shall be equally divided between my said children Benjamin and Sarah to be held by them on the same terms as I have enjoined they shall hold my other property mentioned in this will. I give and bequeath to my said daughter Sarah absolutely four feather beds and one Mattress, to be selected by her. After the said selection on the part of my said daughter, I give and bequeath to my said son Benjamin one feather bed and one Mattress, to be selected by him. And lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my young friend James Legare, Factor, Executor of this my last Will and Testament; and in case of his death, or refusal to qualify, I hereby nominate and appoint William Wilkinson of St. Pauls Parish, my Executor. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and the sixty second year of American Independence

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July 12th 1842 Qualified Benjamin J Jenkins Administrator with the will annexed