

WILL OF  
HAMILTON HART

17 R<sup>9</sup> State of South Carolina. In the Name of God Amen  
 N<sup>9</sup> 35 I Hamilton Hart of St James Goose Creek Parish,  
 Charleston District and State aforesaid Planter being Sick  
 and Weak in body but of sound and disposing Mind memory  
 and understanding thanks be to God for the Same do make  
 this my Last Will and testament in manner and form follow-  
 ing that is to say, principally and first of all I give  
 and recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God that  
 gave it, and my Body I recommend to the earth to be bur-  
 ied in decent Christian like manner, and touching such  
 worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blefs me  
 with in this Life, I give devise & dispose of the same in  
 the following manner and form following; First that all  
 my lawful debts be paid by a Sale of such property as my  
 Executrix & Executor hereafter appointed <sup>a</sup> my think can be  
 best Spair'd either rail or personal 2ndly I give devise  
 and bequeath unto <sup>my</sup> beloved Wife Rebecka Hart the plantation  
 and tract of land whereon I now live, during her natural  
 Life, and then to be equally divided as the rest of my  
 property. 3rdly I give and bequeath unto my Son William  
 the Rone horse lately purchased, that he now claims. 4thly  
 I give devise and bequeath to my beloved Wife Rebecka Hart  
 and my beloved Children William, Emily Clayton, Harriet,  
 Rachel, Middleton, and Caroline Rose Ann Hart, <sup>of</sup> all/my Estate  
 both rail & personal that is not already disposed off what-  
 soever and Wheresoever it may be found to be equally divided  
 between them to share and Share alike by an appraisement of  
 five disinterested free holders to be chosen by my Executrix  
 and Executor as my children become of age or marry, five  
 freeholders shall be chosen as aforesaid and they on their  
 oath Shall divide the property into as many lots as thare is  
 hairs and draw Lot, and Lots undrawn to be put together again

and Kept together as though such lots had never been made and that is the way that I wish pursued at every division, the undivided property to be Kept together by my Executrix and Executor and the income or interest thereof for the raising and educating of the said minor children & also for the support of my Wife Rebeckan, it is to be understood that my Will is, that divisions of the Lands is to be made at the same time and in the same manner as the personal property. 5thly and should it please almighty God to blefs me with more children it is my Will and desire that they should share equally with those aforementioned in every respect, and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Rebecka Hart and my son William Hart my Executrix & Executor to this my Last Will & testament disannulling all former wills and bequeath by me made, owning this & this only to be my Last. In Witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this Eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty six.

his  
Hamelton X Hart (LS)  
mark

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of,---

William Mellard, Edward L. Sims, John Stoutamin

Proved before James D Mitchell Esq. O.C.T.D. December 14, 1826. January 30, 1827, Qualified William Hart Executor. 1836, Nov. 30th Qualified James C. Mims Admor Admor Cunt test, an: de bonis, non.

Exd J.D.M.

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