

WILL OF  
JOHN MIDDLETON

17<sup>th</sup> No. 4 I John Middleton of the Parish of St James  
 Santee, Planter being of sound health but  
 calling to mind the uncertainty of life, do make this  
 declaration of what I would have done after my death.  
 In the first place it is my will and desire that all my  
 just debts be fully paid and Satisfied and in order  
 thereto I give & devise all my Estate whether real or per-  
 sonal, Saving and excepting my possessions on Santee con-  
 sisting of two plantations called Washo and "The Cape"  
 negro slaves & Stock thereunto belonging or used there-  
 with to be sold by my Executors herein after named as  
 they in their discretion may deem fit. I give and be-  
 queath to my beloved Wife Mary Middleton the following  
 annuity Vizt the yearly Sum of three thousand Dollars to  
 be paid from the period of my death so long as the said  
 Mary Middleton may live, and-until-my-debts-shall-be-paid  
 off-and-Satisfied-and-after-my-estate-shall-have-been  
 disencumbered-of-debts-then-it-is-my-Will-and-intention  
 that-the-aforesaid-sum-shall-be-increased-to-five-thous-  
 and-Dollars-to-be-paid-her-by-my-Executors-from-year-to  
 year-and-every-year-so-long-as-she-may-continue-to-live.  
 And it is also my Will that the foregoing provision shall  
 be in Lieu of dower and in Satisfaction of all the claims  
 and demands whatsoever I give and bequeath all my plate  
 to my beloved Son John Middleton. I Will and direct that  
 those elderly slaves Sally and Phoebe shall be allowed a  
 residence and maintenance on my plantation, to receive at  
 the expence of my Estate such allowance in diet and Cloath-  
 ing as they are accustomed to do. All the rest and residue  
 of my estate both real and personal I give and bequeath  
 to my beloved Children John Middleton Frances Middleton  
 Thomas Pinckney Middleton Jacob Motte Middleton, Rebecca  
 Middleton and Elizabeth Laura Middleton and Such other

child or children as I may leave at my death, or afterwards born, equally to be divided between them. But in case any of the said children should die under the age of twenty one Years without leaving child or children, then I give and bequeath the the part or share of the child or children of mine so dying to the Survivors or Survivor as above named and mentioned. And it is further my Will and desire that my children shall be entitled to a reasonable maintenance at the discretion of their Guardians out of my Estate until my eldest Son shall come of age and when my eldest son John Middleton shall attain the age of twenty one years, it is my Will & desire that my Executors or the Survivors or Survivor of them shall cause the estate real and personal to be divided into so many parts or shares to correspond with the number of children then in Life and that my said Son John Middleton shall then elect which of the said shares he will have and the remaining shares shall be then distributed among the Minors, and in this distribution it is my intention that my Executors or the Survivors or Survivor of them shall have full discretion to divide and Separate the estate and to designate the parts or shares of the minors in an equitable manner according to their own judgment, Lastly I do hereby nominate my friends and relatives Sel; Thomas Pinckney of Pendleton Charles Cotesworth Pinckney jun Esq of Charleston J. Hamilton and Edward Pinckney Esq of Charleston J.G. Shoobred  
 my Executors and Guardians of my children herein before named, and do hereby revoke all former Wills declaring this to be my Last Will and testament. In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty ninth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one-----

J. Middleton (LS)

Witnes-----Sam<sup>1</sup> Pinckney

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I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Court of the County of Charleston, South Carolina, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears from the records of said Court.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, at Charleston, South Carolina, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk of the Court

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at Charleston, South Carolina, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.