

South Carolina. I Thomas Mathews of Johns Island in the State of
said Planter do make publish and declare this as and for my last Will
and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore
made First I direct that all my just debts be paid I then bequeath the
Gifts by deed to my Daughter Harriet Rebecca Mathews & to my son William
Edwards Mathews & declare them independent of and over and above the Gifts
under this Will. I then I give and bequeath unto my friend Maria Mathews
Wife of Captain Benjamin Mathews and formerly Miss Maria Croft an An-
nuity of One hundred and fifty dollars during her life payable to her at the ^{Year} end
of every year from my decease free from the debts Contracts or Controul of her present
or any future Husband & I charge with the payment of this Annuity my Land
called Whitehall and the Negroes whom I possessed before my present Marriage
excepting (Ben & Betty) hereinafter divided and bequeathed to my Wife and
her Children and to my Son John Ward Mathews my said Sons part to be li-
able for one half of the said Annuity & the part of my Wife and her Children in
equal proportions separately and not jointly for the other half thereof And in
as much as this Annuity is in relation to the present productive Value of the
Property charged with the payment of it, it is my Will that the same shall
be proportionably reduced in Case by War or other Calamity or Occurrence the
Property charged with the payment thereof, or the Proceeds of such Parts thereof
as I have given Authority to sell shall become less valuable and productive
I then my Tract of Land above mentioned called Whitehall consisting of Twelve

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hundred & Twelve Acres situate on John's Island across which I have recently
had a Pencil line run by John Diamond Surveyor designated by the Letters
A & C. and also all and singular the Negroes whom I possessed prior to my
present Marriage (excepting Ben (ans. Betty)) I give devise and bequeath
follow that is to say Five hundred and thirty three Acres of the said Land in-
cluding the Settlement & Bounding to the South on a Tract of Land called the
Yellow House belonging to my Wife Harriet E. Mathews to the East on Miss
Stanyarnis Land to the North East on Elizabeth Batts Land to the West on Bur-
gesses or Simpson's Line and to the North on the aforesaid Pencil Line drawn
across the said Tract & designated by the Letters A & C and also one half
of the above mentioned Negroes I give devise and bequeath unto my Son John
Ward Mathews and his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for-
ever, the remainder of the aforesaid Land containing Six hundred and ninety
two Acres according to Mr Diamond's Calculation & also the remaining half
of the aforesaid Negroes I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Har-
riet E. Mathews & my Children by her namely Harriet Rebecca Mathews,
William Edwards Mathews Mary Julia Mathews and Eliza Maria
Mathews and any and every Child or Children of ours hereafter to be born
to them & their Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for ever & have
I have alike our said Children respectively to receive his or her Proportion
thereof as he or she shall arrive at the Age of Twenty one Years or be Married
and in the mean time I give devise and bequeath the Income and Profits

of the land and Negroes aforesaid so divided and bequeathed to my Wife
and her Children as aforesaid to my said Wife to be received and appropriated
by her to the joint use & support of herself & Children aforesaid until our said
Children shall respectively receive their Proportions thereof each Child as he
or she receives his or her Proportion ceasing to participate in the profits of
the remainder of the said Property And I empower my Executors and Execu-
tors hereinafter appointed or a Majority of such of them as shall qualify on
this Will to sell or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the aforesaid
Property real and personal so given as aforesaid to my Wife & her Children,
if they should deem it for their benefit so to do upon such terms and in such
manner as they shall judge best, and also to invest the proceeds on such Sales
in such private or public Securities as they shall think most advantageous
and secure the same to be subject to the like uses and charge and to go in
the same manner as is herein before directed in respect of the Property itself
thus authorised to be sold. And I empower my Executors and Executors or a
Majority of such of them as shall qualify on this Will to make good and
sufficient Titles in fee simple to purchasers and declare it as my Will that
the said Purchasers shall not be under the necessity of seeing to the application
of the Proceeds of the Property they may purchase. Item I give and bequeath
unto my beloved Wife Harriet Edwards & her heirs all my Furniture in Town
of which no Inventory shall be taken Also my Carriage and pair of Carriage Horses
and two Negroes named Ben and Betty with the future issue of Betty to her &
her Executors Administrators and assigns which with the other property devised
and bequeathed to her & her heirs & assigns shall be held to her & her heirs & assigns

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and two Negroes named Ben and Betty with the future issue of Betty to her &
her Executors Administrators and assigns which with the other property devised
and bequeathed to her under this Will shall be deemed & taken by her as a
compensation for and in lieu and Bar of all claim of Dowry on my Estate
or any part thereof. And whereas it is provided in the Marriage settle-
ment between me and my aforesaid Wife that in the Event of our having
Children and of me surviving her the Property secured by the said settlement
should be divided among our said Children in such proportions as we should
appoint by Will now therefore I direct and appoint that the property so
secured by the said Settlement & consisting at this time of Lands Negroes
shall in the event aforesaid be equally divided among the Children of
me & my said Wife And in the Event of my said Wife the said Harriet
Edwards Mathews and my Son John Ward Mathews or either of them
being lost, which God forbid, on the Voyage on which they are about to
accompany me I will and direct that all the Property real and personal
given to him or her or them under this Will shall be taken as part of the
residue of my Estate hereinafter disposed of & go as is directed in Respect
of the said Residue of my Estate And as touching and concerning all the
Rest Residue and Remainder of my Estate real and personal and of what
nature Kind or Place soever I give devise and bequeath the same unto
all and singular my Children by my beloved Wife the said Harriet Ed-
wards Mathews now in being or hereafter to be born to them and their
Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for and Share & Share alike

as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. And I hereby do hereby name
mate constitute and appoint my beloved Wife the said Harriet Edwards & Ma-
thurs Executrix and John Fraser Husband of my Niece Ann Mathews, now
Ann Fraser Joshua Ward of Waccamaw Esquire and my Son John Ward
Mathews Executors of this my last Will and Testament contained in the
pages & this part of a page. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
That this fourth day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight
hundred & Eighteen

Mathews..... (29)

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Testator Thomas
Mathews as and for his last Will and Testament in our presence who
at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have sub-
scribed our Names as Witnesses to the due Execution thereof
Charles O'Hara - Henry O'Hara - John Ward M. Call.

Proved before James D. Mathews Esquire, C. C. J. D. 30 July 1818. At the same
time Qualified John Ward Mathews Executor. - August 22 1818. Qualified
Harriet Edwards & Mathews Executrix. - December 3, 1818. Qualified John
Fraser, Executor.

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161st State of South Carolina In the Name of God Amen I William
N. 45. Price Junior Attorney at Law being in good health and of sound mind thank
to God