

In the Name of God Amen the thirtieth of Day of
August in the Year of our Lord 1770. I James Means of the County of Berke-
ley and Province of South Carolina Farmer being very sick and weak
in body but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be given unto God
therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that
it is Appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this my last
Will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all I Give
and Recommend my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gives it
and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in decent Chri-
tian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting at the
General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty
Power of God and as Touching such Mortal Estate where with it has
pleased God to bless me in this Life. I Give Devise and dispose of the
same in the following Manner and form and first of all I will and
order my funeral Charges and my Lawfull debts to be paid —
I Give and Bequeath to Rachel my Dear & Beloved Wife her bed
and furniture and the Roan Bays mare and Colt and Saddle and
the third of my Personal Estate and her Living in the Dwelling House
During her widowhood and the Use of the Negroes for the Support of
the family and Schooling of the Children But if she should marry
or at her Death this third part is to be divided Equally betwixt the
four Youngest Legatees Which third part is the third part of my Estate
after the Bequeathments — Also I do Bequeath unto my Eldest
son Hugh the fifty Acre Tract of Land Joining his own Place also
the Mare and Colts that still went by his own Name likewise my
own Wearing Apparel and Gun etc when he is at Age Tyne
the Negro Boy shall be his also the old plow share and Colter and
the Brindle heifer of 3 years old — Also I Give and Bequeath unto
my Eldest Daughter Darcas the Gray Mare Colt Saddle and Bridle
also the Negro Girl Teena likewise the Roan Rock Horse to be
sold and his price put to Use for her when at Age — Also I do Give
and Bequeath unto my Second Joseph the Upper end half of my
Land to be Divided when he comes to age Equally According to
Quantity

Quantity and Quality also Before yearling both also the Negro Man
 Paul Yet if Kate the Negro Wench hath no more Children then Joseph
 Shall Give to his Brother James in Value to make Kate Equal to
 in Value with Paul but and if Kate hath more Children then
 Joseph Pays nothing also I do give and Bequeath unto my you-
 ngest Daughter Traced the young Negro Child and a young Con-
 cord her bred to be kept on the Plantation during the discretion
 of my Executors - also I do Give and Bequeath unto my young-
 son James the Lower end half of my Land also the Negro Wench
 Kate It is my will if Hugh should Lose his Plantation now in
 dispute that he shall have three hundred pounds currency to be
 took out of the other two parts of my Personal Estate and if Hugh
 gets his Land then these two parts is to be divided Equally amongst
 the four youngest Legacies likewise it is my Will that Hugh must
 live in the the Family and Work the Plantation and have the
 oversight of the Negroes at his command untill he Comes at Age
 and longer if him and the Executors can agree he is to have the
 fourth part of all the Grain Hemp and flax that is Raised upon
 the Plantation yearly Likewise Coarse Wearing Cloths as former-
 ly and my will is of the two youngest Boys will not obey there
 Mother to Bind them to ~~work~~ ^{trade} only the trade they would Choose
 Never the less when ~~one~~ care is not taken of the personal
 Estate and in a like way to go to ruin Then it shall be in the
 Executors power to bring them to a Public Sale and to put the
 Money to Use untill the Children Comes to Age - And I do hereby
 utterly disallow Revoke and disannul all and every other
 former Testaments with Legacies bequests and Executors by me
 in any ways before claimed Withed and Bequeathed hereby my
 and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testa-
 ment In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and
 Seal the day and year above Written) James Means (seal)
 Signed sealed published pronounced
 and declared by the said James
 Means his last will and Testament
 in the presence of us the Subscribers
 Rachel her Means
 George Park
 William Means