

In the name of God Amen, I, Jefse Mercer of the district of Darlington in the State of South Carolina DO make and publish this my last Will and Testament; that is to say,

First, It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid-

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Milison Mercer for and during the term of her natural life, the Plantation whereon I live, in lieu of her Dower out of my Real Estate; and after her decease, It is my Will, that my said Plantation shall go to my son Needham Mercer, to be possessed by him during his life; and after his death to be divided amongst all my lawful issue & the rest of my Estate; to be held by them & their respective Heirs for Ever----In the above devise, I do not intend to include more of my lands, than the Plantation and Enclosure, whereon my dwelling house stands & as much timber as may be necessary for using the same, and also as much land as the same may be judged proper to cleared & improved by my said Wife, or Son Needham----

Thirdly. It is my Will & desire that my beloved Wife Milison Mercer, shall enjoy during her life, an Equal portion of my personal property, with my children and after her death, the same to return into my Estate----

Fourthly. It is my Will & desire, that no division of my Estate, except as above mentioned, Shall be made untill my Youngest child shall come of age, but the same shall be kept together by my Executors hereafter named for the maintenance of my Son Needham & such of my Children as may be under age untill they come of age respectively; and I hereby give them authority to sell any part of my Estate, Real & personal as they may in their discretion judge proper, Either for payment of my just debts, or the maintenance of my Son Needham & Younger Children, Either by public or private Sale

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Fifthly. It is my will and desire that in the division of my Estate, whatever property I may give, or have given during my life, to any of my children, That such property be considered as part of such child or children's share of my said Estate as far as such property may go.

Sixthly After my Youngest Child shall come of Age, It is my will that all my Estate both real & personal be Equally divided between all my lawful Issue, to be held & possessed by them & their Heirs for Ever-----

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Milison Mercer Executrix & My Son Jefse Mercer & my friend Albert Fort Esquire Executors of this my last will and

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Signed, Sealed, Published, and declared by the

above named Jefse Mercer to be his last will &

Testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto

subscribed our names as Witnesses to the same in

the presence of the Testator, this Nineteenth day

of June

1804

S. Wilds

Jesse Mercer (seal)

James B. Alley

Rob^t W. Witherspoon

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