

WILL OF

THOMAS MARPLE

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

I Thomas Marple of Fairfield County and State of South Carolina ~~am~~^A weak in body and in a low state of health, but in perfect sound mind and memory, and as knowing the mortality of my Body and the uncertainty of ~~the~~ time I have to remain in this present world, without any further Preamble I thought proper to make and ordain this my Last will and Testament in order to settle my affairs and Give and dispose of what worldly Goods and property the Lord has been - pleased to blefs me with in manner and form following, That is to say, First, and principally, it is my sincere desire that all my just debts may be honestly and honorably paid without Trouble or Suits of Law. AND as it has been my Lot to live long in the world without Issue, having no wife no children, <sup>Fairfield County Will Bk 1, 1787-1791
www.southcarolinapioneers.net</sup> have been under the necessity of keeping a Housekeeper, Elizabeth Smart, and her daughter Ruth Smart, which lived with me & my people, nearly thirty years, and for which and diverse causes and Considerations me thereunto moving I think it my just duty to bestow on Ruth Smart, daughter of Elizabeth Smart, a certain Legacy as justly due to her, one Negro man named Bob Bob, and one Negro woman named Rose, wife of the said negro Bob, and them and their following INCREASE, I Give & bequeath unto the said Ruth Smart, and her Heirs forever, and as for all my Brothers and Sisters, it is a number of years since I have seen them and as I left my Father's House very young and without any of my Father's Estate, and what I have got was improved from my ^{own} Industry with my brother John Marple, which by his good will and in right of my own Labor he left me, therefore as I left my Brethren to share my Father's Inheritance, there is none of them that I will to have more

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Inheritance, there is none of them that I will to have more
of my Estate than one Shilling Sterling each, unless it be
my Brother Edward Marple, which after my debts and the above
Legacy to Ruth Smart be satisfied I make him my Brother
Edward Marple my Sole Heir of my property, I leave behind
me, and I have indifferently chosen, appointed and ordained
James Rabb and Robert Rabb, Executors to this my Last will

Testament, and do utterly disannul and avow and make Void
all other wills Gifts and dowry's owning and Ratifying
this and no other to be my Last will and Testament In
Testimony of which I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal
this 28th day of October 1790.

his
Thos X Marple
mark

Seal

Sign^d Seal^d and acknowledged

in presence of US---

(Signed)

Jacob Gibson Sen^r
his
Alex^d X Smith
mark

Original supposedly lost.

Another instrument filed with
Court by James Rabb and Robert
Rabb 14th day of June 1791.

Fairfield County Will Bk 1, 1787-1791
Proved and allowed by the
Court.

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