

WILL OF

BENJAMIN ARNOLD

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I Benjamin Arnold of the State of South Carolina and County of Greenville, (Farmer) Being in Perfect health of Body mind & Memory thanks be given unto God, Calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body, Do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament, In manner Following: I Recommend my Soul unto the hand of Almyty God that gave it, and my Body I recommend to the earth to be Buried In Decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors. And as Touching my Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me in this Life, I Give, Devise, and Dispose of the same in the following manner and Form:

Item 1st. I have given to William Arnold (Deceased) my Eldiat son one Negro named James and one named Nanna & Three Cows & Calves one bed and household furniture, and to his sons, Anderson & William, I give & bequeath a Tract of Land Lying in Bedford County Virginia whereon my son William Lived at his Discease (Provided I did not make Titles to my son in his lifetime) Also I give to the above mentioned Anderson & William the sum of Twenty Shillings to be Raised & Levied of my Estate after the Decease of my wife.

Item 2d. I Have given and Besowed to Edward Arnold my son, Two Negroes, Charles & Betsy, and I now give & bequeath said Edward Twentyfive Pounds to be paid by Benjamin Arnold my youngest son. Also the sum of twenty Shillings to be raised and levied of my Estate after the Decease of Wife.

Item 3d. I have Given and Bestowed to Hendrick Arnold (Deceas'd) my son, one Negro named Ihebe, and her Increase which is Humphrey Sarah & Philip and Two Cows & Calves, Also I Give and Bequeath to his son William twenty shillings to be Raised & Levied of my Estate after the of my Wife.

Item 4th. I Give and Bequeath to John Arnold my son, Two Negroes, Vis, Lucy & Jack and the Tract of one hundred and Ninetynine Acres of Land whereon he now Livith, also the sum of twenty Shillings to be Raised and Levied of my Estate after my Decease.

Item 5th. I Give & bequeath to Thomas Arnold my son, the following Negroes, viz, Milly, Amy, Joseph young & Dick, and the Tract of Land whereon he now livith, and twenty Shillings to be Raised & Levied of my Estate after the Decease of my Wife.

Item 6th. I Give and Bequeath to Benjamin Arnold my son the following Negroes, Vis, Polly, Frances, Daniel, Balaam, Kather, George and Sussey and twenty Shillings to to be Raised & Levied out of my Estate after the Decease of my Wife and said Benj.a is to pay Edward Arnold twenty five Pounds in Cash.

Item 7th. I Give and bequeath to Charity Martin my Daughter, one Negro named Gill, & her Increase, Will, Amy, & Gunat. and twenty Shilling to be Raised of my Estate after the Decease of my Wife.

Item 8th. I give and bequeath to Temperance Hamilton my Daughter, one Negro named Betsy, and her Increase Viz Jim, Sam'l & Polly, and twenty Shillings to be raised of my Estate after the Decease of my Wife.

Item 9th. I Give and Bequeath to Ann Arnold, My Dearly Beloved Wife, the following Negroes and other property (During her widowhood or Natural Life) Viz, Jim Sam, Sook, Doll, and Kizzy, and all my Chattles household Goods and furniture, and Stock of all kinds.

Lastly, After Each of my Children Receiving their several parts:

The Remaining part of my Estate to be Equally Divided between Edward, Arnold, John Arnold, Charity Martin and Temperance Hamilton, and I also Constitute make and Ordain, Thomas Arnold and Benjamin Arnold Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly

Disallow and Revoke all Former Testaments, Wills, and Executors.

Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my Last will & Testament,

In witness whereof I have set my hand & Seal this thirtyeth Day of January One thousand seven hundred & Ninety six.

Sign'd Seal'd & Delivered in Presents of

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George Grace

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Benjamin x Arnold (L.S.)
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