

I, Benjmain Arnold of the State of South Carolina and County of Greenville (Farmer) being in perfect health of body, mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling into mind the mortality of my body, do make and ordain this, my last will and testament in manner following:

I recommend my sould into the hands of Almighty 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 eldest son, one negro named James, and one named Hanna and three cows and calves, one bed and household furniture, and to his sons Anderson and William, I give and bequeath a tract of land lying in Bedford County, Virginia, whereon my son William lived in his lifetime, (Provided I did not make titles to my son in his lifetime); also I give to the above mentioned Anderson and William, the sum of 20 shillings to be raised and

levied of my estate, after the decease of my wife.

Item 2nd. I have given and bound to my son, Edward Arnold, two negroes, viz: Charles and Betsy, and I now give and bequeath said Arnold twenty five 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 my wife.

Item 3rd. I have given and bestowed to Hendrick Arnold, deceased, my son, one negro named Phebe, and her increase, which is Humphrey, Sarah and Philip, and two cows and calves, also I give and bequeath to his son, William, 20 shillings to be raised and levied of my estate, after the death of my wife.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to John Arnold, my son, two negroes, viz: Lucy and Jack, and the tract of one hundred and ninety-nine acres of land whereon he now liveth, and 20 shillings to be raised and levied of my estate after my wife's death.

5th. I give and bequeath to Thomas Arnold, my son, the following negroes, viz: Milly, Amy, Joseph Young and Dick, and the tract of land whereon he now liveth, and 20 shillings to be raised and levied of my estate after the decease of my wife.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to Benjamin Arnold, my son the following negroes, viz: Polly, Frances, Daniel, Balaam, Esther, George and Susey and 20 shillings to be raised and levied out of my estate after the decease of my wife, and said Benjamin is to pay Edward Arnold 25 pounds in cash.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to Charity Martin, my daughter, one negro named Lill and her increase, Will, Amy and Cupit, and 20 shillings 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, Polly, and 20 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 Lizzie, and all my chattels, housegood (household) goods and furniture and stocks 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 utterly disallow and revoke all former testaments, will and executors, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal this, thirtieth day of January, one thousand and seven hundred and ninety-six (1796).

Benjamin Arnold (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

Hu. M. Cobb
George Grace
James Chastain