

WILL OF  
JOHN FORD

The following last will & testament of John Ford dec<sup>d</sup> was presented in open court February term 1796 & proven by the oaths of John Mollow & Elisabeth Salmon & ordered to be recorded ~~this was done~~ this 29th day of April AD 1796.

In the name of God Amen I John Ford of Greenville County and State of South Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of mankind and that it is appointed for all men <sup>once</sup> to die, have thought proper to dispose of all the property that it has been please God to bestow me in this world, do make this my last will & testament in the manner & form following that is to say, First I resign my soul to Almighty God who give it, and my body to be decently buried by my executors who are here after to be appointed. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann Ford the tract of land and plantation whereon I now live, also one negro man named Tony, also one negro woman named Beth, and my plantation tools on my home plantation, also one bay horse called Cragger & one sorrel horse called Chunky sorrel also one young bay mare called young pups, also one bay horse called Hackney also five cows & calves her choice of my stock of cattle, together with all my stock of hogs and sheep and all my household kitchen furniture except such part thereof as may be hereafter otherwise disposed of during her life, and after death the tracts of land and plantation tools to descend to my beloved son Isaac Ford, the negro woman Bett with her increase together all the stock of horses cattle hogs & sheep with their increase that may remain after my said wife's death, likewise all the household and kitchen furniture to be sold at public sale giving twelve months credit, and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my son

Isaac Ford, my son William Ford, my daughter Leah Ford, and my daughter Linna Ford, and the negro man Tony after the death of my said wife to be free to <sup>act</sup> ~~act~~ for himself in all cases as much so, as if he had been born free provided my said wife should live eleven years from this date, but if she should die before the eleven years are expired he is to serve eleven years and then to be free as above mentioned, provided the said negro man conducts himself as an honest careful <sup>slave</sup> industrious man ought to do during the above term, but if it appears during the above term or at time within said term that he be found stealing or disposing of property not his own, or conducts himself disorderly then and in that case he is to be sold for a slave for like time and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my son Isaac Ford my son William Ford, my daughter Leah Ford and daughter Linna Ford Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Polley Ford one negro woman named Hannah, also one young bay horse called Polleys horse, also one feather bed and furniture now claimed by her, also one tract of land joining Thomas Rowlands land adjoined from William Flippo. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Tressia Ford one negro woman named Suke, also one young black mare called the Robinson Black, also one feather bed and furniture now claimed by her, also one tract of land lying in Spartan County on the waters of Fair Forrest containing seventy acres purchased by me at sheriffs sale late the property of James White adjoining James Lusks land, Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Leah Ford one negro girl named Dine. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Linna Ford one negro girl named Phillis. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Arasmus Ford & beloved son Levi Ford on tract of land on both sides of Terry's Creek waters of Green River containing one hundred and fifty acres granted to Joseph Terry, also one other tract of land containing nine

hundred and seventy nine acres lying both sides of Terrys  
Creek, also my wearing apparrel to be equally divided between  
them. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son William  
Ford one tract of <sup>land</sup> lying in Union County on the north side  
of Enoree river and on both sides of Lishas creek abbranch of  
Enoree containing one hundred and fifty acres, also one other  
tract of land containing one hundred and twenty acres lying in  
Union County nearly joining the other, the tract of one hund-  
red & fifty acres surveyed for & granted to myself, also one  
other tract of one hundred & eighty nine acres of ~~land~~ lying  
in Greenville County on both sides of Hensons creek waters  
of Terrys creek. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife  
Ann Ford my still together with all the utensels & vessels  
thereunto belonging during her widowhood but in case she should  
marry the still to be sold to ether with the vessels, and the  
money arising such such sale to be equally divided between my  
four sons, I will that one tract of land lying on the waggon  
leading from Merrits mill to Butlars on Green river that I alapsed  
from James Leak together with a tract of land joining the last  
mentioned which I alapsed from Southerland together with all my  
stock not otherwise disposed of and one rifle gun & one rifle  
barrel moulds & wipers be sold at public or private sale by my  
executors for cash or property at their discession and the money  
or property arising from such sale together with the money arising  
from the sale of my present crop of brandy together with the money  
that may be collected for the debts due me to be apolyed to the  
use of paying my debts and schooling my children and the remainder  
if any to be equally divided between all my children. Item I give  
and bequeath unto Stacy Sibley for a compensation for ten years  
past services one young sorrel mare called the Adams young mare,  
also the uninterrupted use of the house and garden where she now  
lives, together with provisions for herself and child & corn  
& forrage for five head of cattle and one horse beast for five  
years to be taken out of the crops or rents my <sup>own</sup> plantation

also the priviledge of fire wood and five acres of land in any part of the corn plantation that she may make choice of and during the time of my hands containing on the <sup>love</sup> corn plantation they are to provide for her as much fire wood as her need may require I will that the two negro women ~~willed to my two eldest daughters~~ the sorrel horse and bay horse called Hackney ~~willed to my wife be exempted from the claim of the persons they are~~ willed to, for the term of two years from this date for the purpose of carrying on and cultivating my corn plantation and when the two years are expired the corn plantation to rented out and the rents on the proceeds of the rents after taking out the allowance for Stacy Sibley as above mentioned to be kept for the use of the owners of the land until they arrive to the years of descretion, I do hereby ordain and appoint my beloved wife Ann Ford my executrix and George Salmon executor of this my last will & testament revoking and making void all and every other will or wills by me heretofore made. Given under my hand & seal the fifteenth day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety five

Sign'd sealed and acknowledged

John Ford (L.S.)

In the presence of -----

John Motlow

Elizabeth Salmon

Armond Gipson

Recorded in Will Book A

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