

WILL OF
JOHN FOSTER

In the name of God Amen I John Foster of Greenville County and district of Ninety-Six and State of South Carolina carpenter being through abundant mercy and goodness of God tho ~~weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding~~ in memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire it may be received by all as such, First I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merits and meditation of my most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an attonement for my sins and is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them and who I trust will not reject me a returning penitent sinner when I come to him for mercy, in this hope and confidence I tender up my soul with comfort humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious Trinity one God most holy most merciful and gracious to prepare me for the time of my dissolution and then to take me to himself into that peace and rest and incomparable felicity which he has prepared for all that love and fear his holy name Amen blessed be God I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last dayes for my burial I desire it may decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife and executors hereafter named who I doubtnot will manage it with requisite prudence as to my worldly estate I will and positively order that all my debts be paid, and first I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife three negroes, viz, Sam, Cole and Sill together with the stock and household goods and at her desire to be equally divided among the children. I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter Mary Hendley one negro girl named Silvia which she has now in possession to her

and her heirs for ever which is as much as comes to her share. I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Frances one negro girl named Sabina to her and her heirs for ever, I give and bequeath unto my loving son John Crow Foster one negro named Cain together with two track of land I bought of John Hambleton and Robert Ramsey containing two hundred and forty six acres to be equally divided between the said John Crow Foster and his brother George Singleton Foster. I give and bequeath unto my loving son George Singleton Foster one negro named Sheriff, I give and bequeath unto my loving son Josiah Foster one negro named Carolina, I give and bequeath unto my loving son James Horkett Foster one negro named Limbrick, I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter Nancey one negro named Sall. I give and bequeath unto my loving son Robert Singleton Foster two negroes named Kitte and Sawyer. I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter Frances fifty acres of land at the lower end of the plantation whereon I now live. I give and bequeath unto my three sons Josiah, James Hocket and Robert Singleton and my daughter Nancey the plantation whereon I now live consisting of three hundred acres together with forty acres of land being part of a tract of land I sold unto Josiah Smith, my debts to be collected as quick as possible and the money to be laid out in young negroes for the use of the children of the said children should die without heirs or any one of them their part of the estate to be equally divided amongst the rest of the children or if any of the said children's negroes should die before my wife's decease then at her decease the said child or children negro dying the same to be made good out of my wife's part of the estate at her decease my will and desire is that all my children should keep their negroes together and work them together till they come of age and then every one to take their own part and at my wife's decease her part and the debts that is now to Greenville Co. Wills, Bk A 1785-1853
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collect to be equally divided amongst the children at the discretion of my loveing wife and sons, John Crow Foster and George Singleton Foster whom I doth constitute them ~~executors and executrix of this my last will and testament~~ and trustees for the rest of the children in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

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