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The will of John Wait

In the name of God Amen. I John Wait of Laurens District and State of South Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and calling unto mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die. do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say first I give and Recommend my Soul to almighty God who have it and my body to the Earth to be buried in decent and Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors And touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner first - I wish my Debts and burial Expenses to be paid out of my Estate The Residue of my Estate Real and personal I leave to my Beloved wife Frances Wait - during her life and then to be disposed of in the following manner. my daughter Mariah who married James Sims being dead and having left - Two Children named John & Rhoda I give to the said James Sims and to the said John & Rhoda Sims the Children of my daughter Mariah the sum of Three Dollars & Seventy five Cents to be Equally divided between them and the said James John & Rhoda is not to receive any other gift or legacy out of my Estate except the sum before mentioned my Carpenter tools I give to my two Sons Philip and Franklin to be Equally divided between them my Spinning and mowing utensils I give to my daughter Mary living that is to say Polly & Fanny to be Equally divided between them and whereas my youngest son Franklyn is not furnished with a tract of Land I leave to him one Hundred and fifty acres of Land to be laid out to him from or of the most and of my land in such a manner as to include the dwelling and necessary houses he may or may not take said Land it is left to his choice if he takes it I wish it valued to him by three proper persons and for him to receive nothing now out of my Estate until all the Rest of my Children has Received out of my Estate a sum equal to the value of said land all the Rest of my Estate both Real and personal I wish to be Equally divided amongst all my Children were living that is to

that part of my Estate which I give to my daughters Polly & Fanny I give to them during their natural Lives and then to their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies lastly I appoint my two Sons Philip and Franklin Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do vest them with power to act on my Real Estate and Construe it as above directed and I do hereby utterly Revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills legacies bequests and Executions by me in any wise before made named Will and they made Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on the 28th day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen Hundred and twenty nine - Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said John Wait as his last will and Testament in the presence of us whom in his presence and in the presence of each other have heard to subscribe our names

at Genabick South
Moses Myers
Michael Clendy

John Wait - *JD*

Memoranda

That the last will of John Wait as above stated was proven before me in the Court of orphans by the oath of Moses Myers on the fifteenth day of February one thousand eight Hundred and thirty seven

W. Dratts S. C. J. S.