

WILL OF

DAVID MILES

State of South Carolina)

Marion District)

In the name of God Amen. I David Miles a resident and Citizen of the State and District aforesaid being Strongly impressed with the Shortness and uncertainty of all human existence in this world and in my own Case Especially being forcibly admonished by my advanced Age and growing infirmities that according to the nature of things I can not long remain in Charge of my temporal affairs and having a preference as to the manner in which they Should be arranged in the event of my death I have this day Concluded to Execute this my last Will and Testament. The details of Which I will now proceed to State as follows vis. Item 1st To My Son in Law Dinnis Berry and my Daughter Elisabeth his wife and the lawful Heirs of her body I Will and bequeath One Dellar to be paid to the them or whoever may be legally Authorised to receive it by my Lawful Executors hereafter to be named This bequest is in addition to two Negroes Diana and Stephen which I gave them hitherto

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my Son John M Miles the Tract of Land on which He now lives containing Nine hundred acres more or less and also One hundred dollars including Seventy which He now owes me - the remaining thirty to be paid to him as I Shall hereafter prescribe This bequest is an addition to a Negro Boy by the name of Shade which I Gave him heretofore-

Item 3rd -I will and bequeath to my Son Charles Miles my negro man Jack in addition to the Boy Hilliard which I gave him heretofore and which he now has in possession. Item 4th .To my Son in Law Slaughter Berry And to my daughter Nancy his Wife and the Lawful Heirs of her Body I Give and bequeath one dollar in addition to the two Negroes Ginny & Thomas which I gave them heretofore - this Sum to be paid as as hereafter prescribed. Item 5th To my daughter Mary Colcott and the lawful Heirs of her body I give and bequeath my Negro Woman Lamy or rather I deed the Said Negro woman Lamy to my Lawful Executors in trust for my daughter Mary Colcott and the Lawful Heirs of her Body and this latter I want it to be distinctly Understood is my particular will and desire - This bequest is in addition to the Same Negro Girl which I Gave to her husband William B. Colcott on a former occasion

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And Afterwards bought back together with a horse Valued at Seventy dollars and ten dollars in Money which I gave him when last on a visit to this District -

Item 6th To my daughter Drucilla Mace, and at her death to the Lawful Heirs of her Body I Give and bequeath my Negro girl Hannah in addition to the girl Charity which I gave her and her late husband Moses Mace on a former Occasion

Item 7th .To my son in Law John Jackson & my daughter Eliza his wife and at her death to the Heirs of her body I give and bequeath my Negro Boy Andrew in addition to the girl Rese which I have already given them.

Item 8th To my son Francis Miles I give and bequeath three Negroes Namely. Sam. George and the old man Jim And also the Tract of Land on which James A. Miles lately lived and where Woodward Garner now lives the latter having rented the same for the present year from the S.^d Francis

Item 9th To my Son David I give and bequeath my two Negroes Cato and Margaret and also one half of all the Land I own excluding the two parcels of Land before Specified as being herein willed away the one to my son John and the other to Francis

Item 10th To my Sons George Washington I Give and bequeath my two Negroes Lewis and Kid- dy & the other half of all the remaining portion of my Landed Est. not including what I have herein given of to John and Francis

Item 11th To my daughter Mahaly I give and bequeath my two Negro girls Fane & Eliza

Item 12th To My daughter Caroline I give & bequeath my two Negroes Harriet and Joe.

Item 13th To My Daughter Evaline I Give and Bequeath my two Negroes Ginny and Grace.

Item 14th To My Wife Mary Miles I Give and bequeath my old Negro woman Jude together with all my Stocks of Horses, Mules, Cattle and Hogs also all of my Household and Kitchen furniture Plantation tools Cart and Riding Chair - In Short all my property of whatsoever description which I may be possessed of at My death And that has not herein before been disposed of to other Legatees all of which may be Seen by referring to the items above Stated In addition to the property above expressed as well as implied as being by this instrument willed and bequeathed to my Wife the Said Mary Miles and with which She is left at Liberty to use and dispose of as She in the exercise of her individual Judgment may deem proper under any and all circumstances in which She may be placed - it is my Will and desire that She Shall have the use of all the Negroes that I have hereing willed and bequeathed to her five Children and also the Tract or portion of Land whereon I live and

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Which I have herein provided for the division of between her two Sons David and George Washington during her natural life and while she remains in a State of widowhood But in the event of her Again marrying or by any Course of Conduct which may Seriously prejudice her own Character as a Lady or entail a reproach upon her offspring then in either Case my executors are hereby enjoined and particularly requested to dispose of her not only of the Plantation and Negroes which she is otherwise to have the use of but also her Children to whom the Same is allotted and make such disposition of the whole as in the exercise of their best discretion may be deemed proper - I do not insert this proviso from any distrust I entertain for my excellent wife nor from any apprehension I feel for the prudence or propriety of her future conduct But merely to remind her of the deep solicitude I felt in my life time that she should Continue to the end of her life that prudence, Virtuous and amiable Woman which have so eminently Characterised her up to the present period. In making this my last Will and Testament I have not the remotest design to practice the least fraud upon any human being and least of all upon any who may be interested in any of its provisions And to Strengthen the presumptions that I am of Sound and disposing Mind and of Memory I will here State the fact that I made a Will in 1842 May the 7th of which this is in every substantial particular an exact Copy. and have only been induced to execute it Answ to * a legal informality that obtained in the original in the matter that related to the number of Subscribing witnesses Item 15th And last .I do hereby constitute and appoint my good friend Col. Thomas Harlee and my faithful and dutiful son Charles Miles my Lawful Executors to execute and enforce After my death the provisions of this my last Will and Testament which I hereby Acknowledge this to be When the Same is to take effect. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal. In the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & forty three December the sixth

Signed and Sealed in presence of

his
David X Miles (SEAL)
mark

B. K. Hinagan
George Clark
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Burgess Clark
Wm George

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Sworn to June 22, 1843
Edward B Wheeler, Ordinary
Roll No. 595

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