

## WILL OF

JAMES SHIELDS

State of South Carolina )

Marion District )

I James Shields, of State and District aforesaid being sound in mind but knowing that it is the lot of all men to die by the certain appointment of their Creator and wishing to arrange my affairs in time do constitute declare & make this my last will & Testament

First I bequeath my Soul to my Greater hoping through his many and Great mercies to obtain his peace and everlasting rest after death Second I desire my Executors to have my body buried after my death in a plain & decent manner, and to pay all of my just debts due at the time of my death or any that I may be owing, not due first out of the monies now due me & should there not be enough, for that purpose then out of my property

Item. Second - It is my wish and will and I do so constitute bequeath and will to my beloved wife Martha T Shields the possession and use, during her natural life or as long as she remains a widow also to her in trust for my children for their support and Education untill they marry or leave her or as long as they are dutiful and obedient to her. All of the property that I now have in possession or that I may have at the time of my death after paying my debts That is to say the Lands that I now, reside, on, situated in State and District aforesaid on the Waters of Willow Creek together with the following negroes, Ladsen Spencer Jim commonly called Crew Phillis and her child Elias Elise & her two children Leonara & Lucy Hannah & her child Zilpah. All my horses & other appurtenances belonging to my plantation carriages Wagons Carts Household & Kitchen furniture Plantation tools/ & all other things raised on my plantation all of my Horses Cattle Hogs Sheep & poultry It is also further my will and desire That should any of my children marry during the natural life, or, widowhood of my wife & if it is her will, to give them any part of my property for my Executors to have it valued at the time that any such child should receive it and at the death of my wife, for them my Executors when they divide my property among my children, to allot whatever they have so received as a part of their portion at the final division among them

Item third should my wife ever marry in that case It is my will that my Executors do allot and apportion to her, during her natural life a portion

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of my property equal to one child's part which said portion she is to have the use of during her natural life and at her death it must again return to my children ~~and~~ their heirs. and be equally divided among them

Item It is my wish & Will. at the death of my wife that my Executors do divide all my property then remaining among my five. children or their heirs viz Martha Ann (.the wife of Daniel A Britt Mary Caroline Allen Shields Alexander Leonidas Shields. Nancy Britton Shields and John Gibson Shields. giving them each an equal portion or Should my wife intermarry with any other person then and in that case I do require my Executors after allotting to her a part of my property equal to one of the aforesaid named children to have the balance of my property equally divided among the aforesaid named five children .

Item Fifth As my Eldest son James Lathan Shields has already received his portion of my Estate from me I here only give him. One dollar. to be paid by my Executors to him. in the Current coin of. the United States when demanded by him

Item Sixth It is my wish & will that my Executors do use. their discretion either to rent my plantation and hire my negroes. annually or to Keep the Plantation in repair. and the negroes on it in this instance I wish my wife consulted & her wishes followed

Item Seventh Should my Executors find it necessary to Sell any of my property to pay my debts I desire them to sell Hannah & her child or children as the case may be. <sup>if</sup> And they my Executors think it best to sell them Hannah & Child. they can do so. And either Keep the money at interest until a final division of my Estate among my children. the interest to be paid annually or they can buy other negroes. in their places as they may think best

Item Eighth Should my wife die before my Youngest son John Gibson/ <sup>arrives</sup> at an age sufficient to take. care of himself or before he is raised and educated It is my will & desire that my Executors do not divide my property but to Keep it together until he is raised & educated & that they charge my whole Estate with the expenses of raising & educating him.

I do appoint my wife Martha T Shields Executrix and A L Gregg Samuel A Campbell. and Dr Robt Marilee Executors to this my last Will & testament Given under

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my hand & Seal this . the Thirteenth day of March. in the year of our Lord  
One thousand eight hundred & forty nine and in the Seventy second year. of.

American. Independence

Signed Sealed published and

James. Shields (SEAL)

declared by the Testator to be. his last

Will. & Testament in the presence of us

who subscribed our names as Witnesses

thereto in the presence of the testator

& in the presence. of each other day &

date above mentioned

James. L Davis

I G C Campbell.

H. W Farrell

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Sworn to July 20 1899

Edward B Wheeler, Ordinary

Roll No. 763