

WILL OF

JOHN BIGHAM

In the name of God Amen, I John Bigham of Marion District. and State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, Thanks to Almighty God for the same, do make and ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following. Having given my Wife Margaret Bigham three negroes (viz) Hannah Deanna and Tiler on the 16th day of September 1828. and she chose Col Samuel Bigham to be her agent to act for her during her Life. and Whereas Col Samuel Bigham started to the Alabama on the 16th day of January ¹⁸³⁶ ~~1838~~ they three negroes above named, was returned to me again. on the first day of January ¹⁸³⁶ ~~1838~~, and has been in my possession ever since, and I have paid their taxes and clothed them and now I consider them my property, and at my disposal. and I have taken my son James. C. Bighams four children (viz) Caroline, Henry, John, and Mary. to do for them during my Lifetime. It is my desire and will that these four children above named, (being minors) shall have their fathers equal share of my personal Estate with the other Heirs, at my Decease (or when) the property is divided, and my desire is that the two female children should Live with the other Heirs, and that the two boys be put to trades by my executors, untill they will be able to support themselves. Item, I give and bequeath to my son James. C. Bighams Widow. one dollar of my Estate to be her full share of my Estate both real and personal forever, Item I give and bequeath to my son Joshua. H. Bigham now Living in the State of Georgia, one dollar of my Estate to be his full share of my Estate both real and personal forever. Item I allow after my Decease my executors to pay all my Just debts out of my Estate, and then it is my will and desire that the whole of my personal property consisting of negroes stock of Horses Cattle Hogs and sheep, with all my household and kitchen furniture, and plantation tools and all other personal property of whatsoever name or description it may be of, to be kept on the plantation for the use and support of my Wife Margaret Bigham, and of the family that may Live with her, and I do allow the crop that may be on the plantation at my Decease, and all that is made on the plantation, during the Life of my. Wife Margaret. Bigham, to be for the support of her and the family that Lives with her, and at the Death of my Wife Margaret Bigham, I allow the whole of my personal property that then may be in being, to be divided into equal shares,

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(or to) be sold at Public auction, as the Executors may think best. and the moneys arising from the sale to be divided into equal shares among the following named Heirs (viz) Elisabeth Bigham. Margaret. Bigham Ann Gregg during her Lifetime. and then her portion to be divided among her children equally, Mary Ann, L. E. Bigham Joanna. R. Hall, Samuel. E. Bigham and Leonard. S. Bigham and James. C. Bighams four Children to draw their Fathers equal share of the same, I Leave and bequeath the same to them their Heirs and assigns forever, and I allow my Executors to keep the part that belongs to James. C. Bighams Children. and Lay it out to the best advantage for them, and to Let them have it as they stand in need of it. Item. at the Death of my Wife - Margaret Bigham, I allow my tract of Land containing two hundred and sixty seven acres to be owned and possessed between my four ^{Daughters}. Item. I. give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Gregg during her Lifetime. sixty seven acres of the south west of my tract of Land where she now resides, and at her Death to be owned and possessed by her children Item. the remaining two hundred acres I wish to remain in a body for the use and benefit of my three Daughters (viz) - Elisabeth, Margaret. and Mary, to Live on it their Lifetime, and if they should die without Children then their claim to go to the other Heirs. Item, it is my desire and will that all the crop that is on the plantation at the Death of my Wife Margaret Bigham. be for the use and divided among the heirs that owns the Land, Item, Lastly I constitute and appoint my two sons Samuel. E. Bigham. and Leonard. S. Bigham. Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, and I do hereby revoke and make void all the other Wills by me heretofore made, and acknowledge this and no other, to be my Last Will and Testament, in Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty nine.

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of)

John Bigham (SEAL)

A. G. Bigham)
S E Gregg)
H Singletary)

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