

WILL OF

JOHN ROPER

In the name of God amen I John Roper of the District of Marion State of South Carolina being in common health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my affairs do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made In persuance it is my will and desire that my Executors herein after to be named do pay all my Just debts and funeral Expences out of my Estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha all my Lands and tenements and all my household and Kitchen furniture plantation and farming tools and stock of Horses cattle and hogs only such as I shall dispose of. here after and all the money that I may have and debts due to me which I give to her during her natural life and no longer also I lend to her my wife Martha the following named Negroes Dover Vine Alford Warren Jerry Jim Bob Rene all the above named property at the death of my wife Martha will return to my children as I hereafter give it Item 8th I give unto my Son John one negroe boy named Revel who he had in possefation Item 4th I give unto my daughter Nancy wife of Herod Stackhouse one negroe girl named Dug who she has in possefation Item 5th I give to my daughter Martha wife of Isaac Stackhouse one negroe girl named Win who she now has in possefation Item 6th I give to my son Richard one negroe boy named Warren at the death of my wife Martha Roper Item 7th I give unto my son William one negroe boy named Jerry at the same time Item 8th I give unto my daughter Mary at the death of my wife one negroe women named Vine and one negroe boy named Bob also I lend unto her the place which I now live on Embracing the houses and as much of lands as my Executors shall Judge sufficient for her maintanence during her life or day of marriage and then the land to return to my son James also if my daughter Mary shall die without lawful Issue the negroe boy Bob to return to my estate Item 9th I give unto my son James at the death of my wife all the balance of the land that I now live on Embracing the Hill and Cotton Jin also one negroe boy named Alford also at the death of my wife all my household and Kitchen furniture and stock of all kinds to be Equally di-vided between my daughter Mary and son James Item 10th I give unto my daughter

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Sarah wife of Thomas Bridges one hundred Dollars for her final part of my Estate to be given by my Executors to Richard and William Roper and they to give it to her as they see she has need of It Item 11th, It is my wish and desire that all the balance of my property not disposed of heretofore Embracing the Wilson Tract of Land one negro man named Dover Jin Rene and all my Cash and debts due to me to be equally divided between all my children mentioned in this will Except Sarah Bridges shear and shear alike and I do constitute and appoint Isaac Stackhouse Herod Stackhouse and James Roper Executors to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th March one thousand Eight hundred & Forty signed sealed and declared by the Said John Roper as his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

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