

WILL OF

WILSON COWARD

In the name of God Amen

I Wilson Coward of the State of South Carolina, Marion District, being admonished from the infirmity of my body, that my temporal existence must soon close, and being disposed to make a distribution of my earthly estate among my heirs, do, on this the twenty eight day March, 1853 Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, make, constitute, and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, viz,

First my will is, that all my just debts and funeral expenses, be paid out of such personal estate as I may die possessed of,

Next, I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah, of my real estate a tract of land where I now live of one hundred fifty acres bought of W^m, Manners., another adjoining containing two hundred acres bought of W^m Hamilton, and also another of Sixty acres, bought of John Manning, and one other of about eighty acres, bought of Malcom Stafford, lying on and in Maple Swamp, all the above named tracts of land, I give to my wife Sarah, except one hundred acres here in after given to my daughter Martha Jones, during the natural life of said wife Sarah. and / I give the said lands to my son Hansel Coward and to his lawful heirs born of/ body but if he shall die without any such heirs then the land herein given to him shall return to my heirs. I also bequeath to my wife Sarah All my personal estate of every sort, and kind, negroes, Stock, plantation tools, household furniture, monies and credits, and provisions during her natural life, and at her death to be subject to the disposition herein after made, but all the other property negroes and lands excepted, to her at her absolute disposal. I give To my son Joel Coward all the ballance of my lands except one hundred acres herein after given to Martha Jones, and fifty acres herein after given to Ervin Coward, I also give to my son Joel my negro man Damon, my negro boy Ned, and negro boy Daniel, at the death of my wife Sarah, but he Shall pay to Kiddy Baily or her hiers, one hundred & fifty which I give to my daughter Kiddy Baily, I also give give and bequeath to son Joel half the interests profits and emoluments of my mill, the other half I give to my son Hansel, I give and bequeath also, to my son Hansel the lands 1/4 given to his mother at her death I also give him at the death of my wife/negroe

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woman Also and negroe boy Sam to him and to the lawful born of his body but if he should die without and such heirs then the land and negroes herein given, to return to my heirs, To my daughter Sarah Lane I give and bequeath my negroe girl Mary and also that tract of land of one hundred and thirty five acres on the side of Little Peebles bought of Isaac Hyatt for her to have the use and benifit of the said negroe and land ~~for her life time~~ during her natural life yet that she nor her husband can not sell nor here the said negroe nor sell nor rent the said land nor shall uther the said land or negroe be subject to execusion or to be taken for any debt which she or her husband may contract and at her ^{death} I give the land and negroe herein named for the use and benefit of my said daughter to her heirs, her children, lawfully born of her body the negroe herein to remain with my wife till death as before stated To my daughter Penny I give and bequeath at the death of my wife my negroe girl Elary and negroe woman Jenny To my daughter Martha Jones I give and bequeath the use and benefit of one hundred acres of land where she live from Malcolm Clarks land on the north of the plantation to a certain croft fence to which M^r. Manning's field extended and on Westwardly to include one hundred acres with all priviledge of timber outlet and range during her natural life and at her death to go to my son Hansel Coward To my Grand sons John Lee and Richard Lee I give at the death of my wife my negroe boy Henry to be equally divided between them

I give and bequeath to Ervin Coward son of my daughter Frances fifty acres of land along Whitten Hamilton's and Isaac Stackhouses land including the place where Robt Taylor live

And lastly I constitute and ordain my son Joel Coward my executor to this my last will and Testament

In testimony where of I have here unto set my hand on the day and in the year first above written to this for my last will revoking all others

Signed in presence of

his
Wilson X Coward
mark

Malcom Stafford
Thomas Bridges
James H. Stafford

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