

State of South Carolina) Know all men by these Presents or whom it may
)
Kinston District) Concern That I Benjamin Hays of the aforesaid
District Being in good & Sound mind yet weak in Body & health Knowing it
is appointed of God for all mankind once to Die and after Death to Judge-
ment First of all I Recommend my Body to be Decently Buried & my Soul to
God after Death Thence I- Come to the Distribution of my Worldly Goods. as
followes that is to Say

Item first: My Eldest Daughter Dealy Allin I Give and bequeath two Negro Girls
her life time only and after her Death to her two youngest Daughters Say
the Negro Girl Prudince to Elizabeth & the Negro Girl Sarah to Nancyan

Item 2 - To my Son James I - Give & Bequeath three hundred & 25 Dollars in
Cash and my horse Calld Bunch

Item 3 - To my Son Jofeph I alfo Give and Bequath a Plantation on mill Branch
Purchased of Thompson Barfield in this Distret a Negro boy by the Name of Evan

Item 4 To my Son William I alfo give & Bequeath a Negro man Call^d Tom S^d
William is to pay Jefee yilventon one hundred Dollars out of the value of Tom

Item 5 To my Son Levy I give & Bequath a Negro boy Call^d Jacop He is to Re-
turn to my Executors two hundred Dollars the Same Levy is to have all my

Stock of hogs Cattle & one filly one White yerling Excepted for Stephen Martin

Item 6. To John Martin one Dollar in Cash his wife Call^d Elizabeth Martin
wife of John Martin one Negro Girl Call^d Murear to Labour & to do for her
& alfo

only her life time & then to the heirs of her Body a tract of Land whereon
John Martin occupies at present I Purchas^d of Dew Rogers in this District.

to her to Sons Alexander John & Stephen Wilfen I alfo appoint Levy Hays my
son Guardian of the last mentioned Gift & alfo appoint my Jofeph B Hays
Guardian

Item 7 - I alfo. Give & Bequath my wife Elizabeth a Negro Girl Call^d Charlott
& one Mare two of her Choise Cowses of the Stock and as much of the household
furniture as she may Defire to keepe her life time & at her Death this last
mentioned property of my wife to belog to my son Jefee Hays & as I feel A
Belive I have Given my Daughter Sally who Internared to Samuel Smith a full
share Preveous to this I. Give hirn * hirn any more of my Estate & I
to Collect further Reque t & Require my Son Levy/all the Surplus Property Not other-

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where Not Mentioned & pay the Debts I may be Due also Collect the Debts
may be Due me the mony I have Given away is to be paid in twelve months
after my Death & Should it Not be paid in that time the Negro boys is to
be hired out to pay the Same I Also appoint my Sons Joseph B Hays & Levy
Hays my Executors this January the 1st A. D. 1835

Witnesses Jefree Ford

his
Benjamin B H Hays (SEAL)
mark

Daniel Carmichael

Ebenezer Hays

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Sworn to Jan'y. 26, 1835

dw^d B. Wheeler, Ord'r. M. D.

Holl No. 374

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