

WILL OF

PETER MELTON

South Carolina) In the name of God Amen.

Darlington District) I Peter Melton of the State and district
aforesaid, now clear and sound in mind, do make this my last
Will and Testament.

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one dollar.

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Item. Unto my beloved daughter Tempey Alfred I give & bequeath
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Item. Unto my beloved daughter Abigail Melton I give & bequeath
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Lastly. Unto my beloved Wife Mary Melton I lend all the re-
mainder of my Estate both real and Personal during her Widow
hood, or lifetime, and at her Marriage or death the whole of
my aforesaid estate I give & bequeath to my two younger sons
Peter Melton Jun. & Shedrich Melton in equal Moieties to them
& their heirs forever, Provided that my beloved Wife shall On
her part be bound by this Will to board, clothe, & raise the
said Sons. Peter & Shedrich until they arrive to the age of
fourteen years out of the said Estate without charge or ex-
pense; And if either of the said sons Peter or Shedrich shall
die before he arrives to the age of twenty one, then, the whole
of my Estate to go in to-to-to the surviving one. And At the
age of fourteen it is my will & desire that my Executors here-
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quest that at any time after my decease, that my Executors,
seeing, or having just cause to believe that my Wife Mary Mel-
ton is making unnecessary waste of my Estate so left to her,
that they, or either of them as the case may be, immediately

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dispossess her of it & allow her a Comfortable maintenance out of it during her Widowhood or natural life-time; And after that to be divided share & share about to my two sons Peter & Shedrich as aforesaid

Provided nevethelss- That when either of the sons aforesaid Peter, or Shedrich, shall arrive to twenty one years old, that One third part of my said Estate shall then be laid off to him, And so on of the other, that is if my wife Mary shall still be alive, but if she shall be deceased then one half of said Estate may be divided to the said son when he arrives to the said age.

And should neither of the said sons Peter Melton and Shedrich Melton live to the age of twenty one then I wish my Estate to be equally divided amongst my first Children, that is if the said Sons Peter & Shedrich should both die before they arrive to the age of twenty one years.--

And lastly I do hereby nominate, make, ordain, constitute and, appoint my truly worthy and trusty friends James M^c Pherson, and Andrew B. Woods my lawful Executors to this my last Will and Testament, according to the true meaning and intent thereof with full Power to Execute the same; revoking, disannulling & making void all other Wills & testaments heretofore made by me.

By this last Will, and Testament having revoked all others, I do hereby in testimony, declare establish and pronounce this my Last Will and Testament. September 29th 1820.

his
Peter X Melton (SEAL)
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In presence of the following Witnesses

James Nettles
Zachariah Nettles
Joseph Burch Nettles

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