

In the name of God Amen.

I William Bethea of the State of South Carolina and District of Marion being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and calling it to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make constitute and ordain the following instrument of writing to be and contain my last Will and Testament (To wit)

First of all I recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body after my decease I wish to be buried in a decent Christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors herein after named. Item, First it is my will and desire that all monies due to me be collected as soon after my death as practicable and that all my just debts be paid.

Secondly. I loan to my beloved wife Sarah Bethea during the term of her widowhood and no longer the following: property (To Wit, All that tract or parcel land whereon I now live containing Three Hundred & fifty acres, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging. Also One Negroe Man named Jim and One Negroe woman named Hannah with her Increase also one negroe boy named Willis and One mulatto boy named Jack untill my Son William arrives at the age of Twenty One Years then the mulatto boy Jack to be given to my Son William Bethea, I also loan to my wife Sarah Bethea under the restrictions as already written: Two mares of her own Choice out of my Stock of Horses Also all my other Stock of every description Together with all my Household and Kitchen furniture (One bed and furniture only excepted) Also all my plantation Tools and working tools of every description Also all the crop which is made of every description together with provisions of all Kinds.

All of the property above loaned to my wife Sarah Bethea is for the maintenance & support of my Minor Children and my wife as aforesaid during her widowhood And it is my will and desire that if my wife Sarah should marry or if not, after her decease all the property above loaned I wish to be equally divided between my Six following Children (To Wit, Betsey, Ann, Patsy, Thomas Harriet, and Cade Bethea, Share & Share alike to them their Heirs and assigns forever,

Thirdly. I give devise and bequeath unto my son Phillip Bethea Two Hundred

pieces of land lying on the N E side of the beaver dam swamp to be laid out to him by Three disinterested free holders to be chosen by my Executors herein after named said Two Hundred Acres to include my lower plantation, To Him his heirs and assigns forever,

Fourthly. I give devise and bequeath unto my two daughters Mary Trawick and Sarah Bethea ale the Balance & Residue of land which possefs on the N E side of the Beaver dam swamp, to be equally divided between them when my daughter Sarah arrives at the age of Twenty One Years untile which time it is my will that there portion of land. including the upper Plantation, be under the control and direction of my wife Sarah Bethea for the support and maintenance of my Minor Children, and when Sarah Bethea arrives at the age of Twenty One Years as aforesaid then she is to have a bed and furniture and the land above mentioned to be equally dived between her and my daughter Mary Trawick Share and Share alike to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Fifthly I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved son William Bethea when he arrives at the age of Twenty One Years. He that tract of land which I purchased of John Roper containing Two Hundred & Eighteen Acres lying on the S W side of the Beavrdam Also One mulatto boy named Jack, to him his heirs and assigns forever, My wife Sarah Bethea is to have the use of the land and negroe until William Bethea arrives at the age of 21 Years before mentioned,

Sixthly it is my will and desire that my Executors herein after named Shale advertise and Sele the following property (To Wit) One negroe woman named Jude and her son Jacob, One Horse beast my riding Chair and Shot Gun, and if the property so sold together with the debts due to me Shale more than pay ale my debts then it is my desire that ale the overplus of money be given to my wife Sarah Bethea, but in the event the property so sold and debts due to me Should not be sufficient to pay ale my Just debts then it is my will and desire that my Executors Should Sele such property as they may think can be best spared from my estate untile ale my just debts are paid.

And lastly I do nominate constitute and appoint my Brother Tristram Bethea & my Brother in Law John Hairgrove & my frind Tho^s Harilee Executors to this my last will an Testament hereby revoking and disannulling ale former wills and gifts by me heretofore made and Ratifying and confirming this to

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 William Bethen have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Eleventh
 day of October in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty
 seven.

igned Sealed declared & published by the) W^m. Bethen (SEAL)
 said William Bethen as and for 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 subscribed our names)
 as witnesses thereto)

David S Harllee

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Thomas B Wilkinson

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