

WILL OF

WILLIAM BETHEN

In the name of God Amen I William Bethen of the State of South Carolina Marion District being of Sound disposing mind and memory and Knowing die (in body) do make and ordain this Instrument in writing to be and tain my last Will and testament revoking all others by me made and ratified as my last-as aforesaid and this only in the words following viz I Body first it is my will that after my death my body be buried in a civilized manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named do collect as worldly goods which God has given me this is my will and I give and bequest Item as follows My will is that my Executors hereinafter named do collect as soon as possible all dues to me or my Estate and that they (Executors) do apply the aforesaid dues. when collected to the payment of all my Just debts and if there be not enough to satisfy them (My Just debts) as aforesaid then my will is that they pay them out of the property which I may have unnoticed in this my last will and testament as the law direct after my decease and if the dues to me or my Estate be more than sufficient to satisfy my debts my will is that my Wills Executors do give the remainder of my dues after such collection and disbursement as aforesaid to my beloved widow Mary Bethen for the Support of the family living with her at my death to be applied by her (my Widow) according to her discretion-- I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Levi Bethen a tract or parcel of land containing six hundred and thirty Levi four acres being part of Two tracts to wit the part bounded on Buck Swamp Land is part of a tract Surveyed for James Gladney Sept 2nd 1784 for 100 Acres the other is part of a tract Granted to Aaron Herring for 800 Acres April 5 1799 the above tract I now give to my son Levi begins on a Cypress State 111X from thence (the above named Cypress State 111X on Buck Swamp run) running N E 70° 30' to Stake 111X. thence N E 21° 12' to Stake 3Xo from thence near the road to pine Stump 3Xo thence S E 52° 30' to pine 3Xo thence N W 15° 23' oh to pine 3Xo thence S E 59° 42' oh to Stake and pine 3Xo thence S W 31.04° oh to Gum 3Xo m pr Run of Buck Swamp thence along Said Run to the beginning further reference to this tract may be made to a Plat A Certificate made by John Harless on the first day of Decemb^r 1829 and marked N E I further give to my Son Levi a right to turn his Stock in my pasture

the lands thereof being given to my other Legatees as may hereinafter be
 there named but my son Levi for this privilege shall be bound to keep the pasture
 fence in good repair which is in the lower part of said pasture But should
 to him
 my Son Levi ever sell this land given above/ the right he has to the pas-
 ture after such sale shall (by such sale) be forfeited and shall not be en-
 joyed by the purchaser this privilege shall be to him (Levi) and the heirs
 of his body so long as they retain possession of the above given land. And
 my will is that my Son Levi Bethea shall have after my decease the following
 negro slaves viz Jenny & Dinah her child and Isaac which Slaves he has had
 Slaves and may now have in his possession And if my beloved son should die without
 lawfull begotten children then and in that case my will is that the above
 named negroes and their increase be equally divided between his surviving
 brothers (my sons) or the heirs of there bodies lawfully begotten but if
 my son Levi shall live the above named Negroes viz Jenny and her daughter
 and Isaac above named shall belong to Levi and the heirs of his body law-
 Item full begotten I give and bequeath to my son William Bethea the following
 4th tract of land found by survey to contain Eight hundred and forty three ac-
 W Bethea res being part of several tracts of land as will more fully appear by a
 reference to a plat made by John Harlee first Dec^r 1829 and marked No 4.
 Said Land beginning W oak pr Run of big Reedy Creek thence running N E
 85^d 97^{ch} to pine 3x near two Gum thence N E 35^d 60^{ch} to small pine 3x
 Land thence S E 85^d 20^{ch} to Lt Stump 3x thence N W 35^d 50^{ch} to pine 3x
 thence S W 35^d 172^{ch} 30^o to large pine 3x thence S W 85^d 75^{ch} to Cypress
 3x0 pr Run of Creek thence thence along along said run to the beginning
 And I also bequeath to my son William the following negro Slaves viz Mole
 Slaves Edmund and Peter and my will is that said negroes to son William shall
 be according to my will in reference to the Slaves given to my son Levi
 with the same provisions my will is that my son William shall have after
 Bed my decease One feather bed and furniture necessary
 Item 3 I give and bequeath to my beloved son Francis Bethea all that tract con-
 Bethea taining (by survey) Five hundred and Seven acres being part of several
 tracts of land as will more fully appear by a reference to a Certified
 plat made by John Harlee 1st Dec^r 1829 and marked N^o 5 Said land beginning
 on a Gum 3x on main run of Duck Swamp runs from thence N E 42^d 8^{ch} to 2

Says 3x0 thence N $\#$ 50^d 9^{ch} to small Cypress 3x0 pr Holly 3x0 m down thence
 N $\#$ 31^d 45^{ch} thence to pine 3x thence 59^d 25^{ch} to pine 3x thence N $\#$ 68^d
 and 89^{ch} to to stake 3x pr pine thence N $\#$ 59^d 32^{ch} to post oak and stake 3x
 thence S $\#$ 68^d 88^{ch} to 1t pine 3x0 thence S $\#$ 88^d 25^{ch} to pine 3x thence S $\#$
 70^d 25^{ch} to Cypress 3x0 pr run of Buck Swamp thence along the main run to
 the beginning and besides I give and bequeath to my son Francis the follow-
 slaves ing slaves viz Dave Dorcas and Price which negro Slaves shall be subject
 to the same provisions as in case of slaves given to my son Levi then it
 my will is that he shall his choice of two Cows and calves and also one
 yoke of oxen and also one feather bed and the necessary furniture I give
 Item and bequeath to my son James Bethea the upper part of all of all that tract
 6th
 James of land on which I now live being of several tracts as will more fully appear
 ethea
 by reference to a Plat and Certificate made by John Harlee on the first day
 of Dec^r 1829 the whole of which tract contains 1100 acres and lies as fol-
 lows beginning at a Cypress corner 3x at main run thence N $\#$ 70^d 35^{ch} to a
 pine 3x thence N $\#$ 88^d 28^{ch} to stake per Post oak 3x thence N $\#$ 59^d 52^{ch}
 Land to pine 3x thence S $\#$ 31^d 20^{ch} to Stake 3x0 thence N $\#$ 25^d 71^{ch} to pine
 3x thence S $\#$ 85 97^{ch} to oak pr run of Buck Swamp thence along said Run
 to the beginning the upper part of this tract I give to my son James and
 his lower line shall commence at the sixth corner from the beginning which
 is the Stake (being the Sixth including the beginning) then running 9 Deg S
 of W for 71 chains of 11 yd each to pine 3x thence 30 Deg S of W 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ chains
 to Stake 3x thence 33 Deg W from N 6 chains to Stake 3x thence 21 Deg S
 from W 22 chains to Gum 3x thence 20 Deg S from W 61 chains to large Cypress
 3x0 m the run of Buck Swamp the above lines were made by me from the above
 named Sixth stake 3x down to the Large Cypress (chain 11 yds long) that it
 might be the lower line for the upper part of all the above described land
 in the 1100 Acres which upper part that I give to my son James I Judge to
 contain (550) Five hundred and fifty acres and if my son James should die
 to him
 this land now given (550) acres/shall then belong to my son Evander Bethea
 provided my son James has at his death no lawfully begotten children or child
 and it is my will also that my son James after my death have the following
 Slaves negro slaves viz Joe Ricee Nancy said Slaves to be Subject to the same pro-
 visions as made in case of slaves given to my son Levi in this my last will

and testament I also Give and bequeath ^{to my} James one yoke of oxen and two cows
 with their calves and also one feather and furniture. I do give and be-
 Item quenth to my dear son Avander all the lower part of land described in
 7 gift to my son James in the part marked item sixth son James letting James
 lower line which I made and described be Avanders upper line containing
 Land in this lower part as I Judge Five hundred and fifty acres. and if he van-
 der die without lawfully begotten child or children the land in this be-
 quest shall go to James and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten ^{this} provi-
 sion shall be reciprocal between James and Avander and my Son Avander shall
 enjoy this in conjunction with his mother during her life or widowhood and
 Also I give and bequeath to my son Avander after my decease the following
 slaves negroes viz Het Jeph and Charity these last named slaves to be subject to
 the same provisions as slaves given to my son Levi And also one yoke of
 Steers Two Cows with their calves and one feather Bed & furniture. I give
 Item to my son John C (besides land deeded to him) the following tract of land
 8th containing Fifty eight acres by survey being part of a tract of land granted
 to John Bethea second day of April 1792 for 620 acres lying on the S W side
 of the Little Peedee River on Big Reedy Creek beginning with 2 Gums in run of
 Land Creek thence N E 58^d 30^{ch} to Red bay Stake 3x then N W 31^d 26^{ch} to Sassafras
 sth 3x thence S W 56^d 14^{ch} to Cypress 3x below the road on the run of Creek
 thence along the run to the beginning I refer you to plat made by John Harlee
 1 Decr 1829 marked No 1 Also I give to my beloved son John C one Slave viz
 Slave Sophy subject to the same provisions as with my gift to Levi my son Also
 Item one bed and furniture I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca the follow-
 9 rebecca ing negroes slaves viz Nan Cloe and Harry and if my beloved daughter Rebecca
 die without lawfully begotten children these negroes last named Shall be
 equally divided between her surviving Sisters my daughter but if she lives
 these negroes shall belong to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begot-
 ten also I give to my daughter two cows and their calves One Bed and furni-
 ture I also give to my daughter Rebecca as above named. I give and bequeath
 Item to my daughter Apley Campbell the following negroes slaves viz Grace. Jacob
 10 A. Campbell and Dinah these last named negroes shall be under the same provision as
 Item 11th these given to my daughter Rebecca. I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary
 11. Bethea Bethea the following negroes viz Het Stephen and Mury these negroes to be

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property in any wise noticed or provided for above is excepted

Item 19 And I do hereby nominate my well beloved sons John Bethen, Levi Bethen, William Bethen, & Francis Bethen Executors to this last Will and Testament hereby revoking and Nullifying all former Wills made by me and establishing and confirming this to be and contain my last Will and testament as aforesaid In Witness whereof I the said William Bethen of as aforesaid do sign my name and affix my Seal in the presence of us who at his request and in the presence of each other do sign our names as witnesses of and to the same this the fourth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight and in the Sixty second year of the Independence of the United States of America Th above is interlined twice at 15 line from the beginning "To" next 17 from bottom of first

side Red Bay

William Bethen

Witness Signature

Samuel J. Bethen

Witness Wiley Bridges

William Rodgers

John R. Bickett

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Sworn to Sept^r 17 1840

Ed. B. Wheeler, Ordinary Marion District

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