

In the name of God Amen. I Jefse Bethea of Marlborough District and State of South Carolina, planter being weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind, memory & understanding praised be God for same, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, first, I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again through his Mighty power. My body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors and Executrix, And as to the worldly Estate wherewith ~~he~~ hath pleased God to blefs me in this life, I give devise & dispose of the same in the manner and form following (that is to say) First, my will is that all my Just Debts should be fully paid out of my estate by my Executors, my children by my first wife, David, Jefse, and Simeon, I give, as follows, to David one negro man named Limbrick, a tract of land Stock & household furniture; to Jefse Bethea a Negroe man named Dave, Stock and household furniture, & a tract of land and a Negroe girl Dinah, to my son Simeon, I have given one Negroe boy Moses & a Negroe Girl Nan a Waggon and other property household furniture & etc to Betty Easterling a Negroe Boy Abram, Stock and household furniture, to my daughter Anne, I have given a negroe boy Aaron & household furniture, To my daughter Sally I gave a negroe boy Sam and a portion of household furniture, to my daughter Kiddy I gave a negroe boy Cudjo and a portion of household furniture which I conceive to be their full portion of my estate, to them and their heirs forever.

I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Bethea all the property I now possess for that I may possess at the time of my decease

both real and personal, during the term of her natural life,

I give to my well beloved son Tristram Bethea at the time of my wifes decease, all that part of my land Joining the land

I gave to my son Jefse Bethea deceased by the publick post road, all between Said Road and a dividing line across my land

beginning at the mouth of a

small dreenwhich empties into the branch I now live on at or
~~near~~ against the lower end of my now home plantation & running
up Sd drain to the head then still on with a strait line of
marked treesquite across all my lands, Also my negroe boy nam-
ed George to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequest
to my beloved son Jesse Bethen all the other and remaining
part of my lands includeing the plantation whereon I now
live and my Negroe Girl Ginny at my wifes decease to him
& his heirs forever, My negroe man Cudjo and my negroe woman
Patty with ~~add~~ the other my personal estate, I give and Be-
queath to my said two sons Tristram & Jesse to be equally di-
vided between them at the time of my wifes decease, and if
either of them should happen to die before arriveing to the
age of twenty one years or without issue lawfully begotten,
then the surviving one to have all the estate hereby given
to both, both, ^{real} and personal to him and to his heirs forever.
and if it should so happen that both my said sons Tristram
and Jesse should die before arriveing to the age of twenty one
or having lawful issue then in that case I give and bequeath
to all my first wifes and last wifes Children all my personal
estate to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike,
the children of ^{any} ~~my~~ deceased brother or sister of them takeing
amongst them the share allotted to their ancestor to them and
their heirs forever after my wifes decease. And if it should
so happen as aforesaid that both my two sons Tristram and Jesse
should die as aforesaid beforeing arriving to lawful age or
haveing lawful issue, then and in that case, I give and bequeath
to all my first wifes children all my land, to be equally di-
vided amongst them all, share and share alike, the children of
any deceased brother or sister of them, takeing amongst them
the share allotted to their parent or ancestor after my wifes
decease; And I do hereby nominate and appoint my dearly be-
loved wife Elizabeth Bethen Executrix and my loved son David

Bethea and my trusty friend Moses Parker of this District my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills and Testaments at any time heretofore made by me, and do declare this to be my last will and Testament, Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine and in the 34th year of the Independence of America.

Jesse Bethes

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Signed Sealed published pronounced & declared

by the above named Jesse Bethes as 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 hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses.

Jesse Bethes

John Pinner

Mindard Bennet

Joel Easterling

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