

In the name of God Amen, I Mason Lee of the State of South Carolina being of perfect mind memory and understanding, do make this as and for my last will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills & bequeaths by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament in manner & form following (viz) 1st. it is my will that all my Just debts punctually paid paid. - - - -

Secondly. I will and bequeath to the two States of South Carolina and Tennessee all my estate both personal and real in equal shares (that is to say) all the slaves which I now have or may hereafter have I wish hired out in the State of Tennessee for and during the space of twenty three years after my decease under the directions of my after named executors, and after the expiration of that term my will & desire is that the whole of my estate both real and personal be sold by executors and the whole proceeds with every other part and portion thereof be paid unto the treasury of the States aforesaid, provided nevertheless, I do not leave my child or children the same or any part thereof which may be made known by my own hand writing, but in that event should they die without lawful issue of his or her or their bodies or body then to be paid into the treasury of the States for the benefit & behoof forever and it is my will and desire that no part or parcel of my estate shall be enjoyed or in any wise inherited by either or any of my relations while wood grow or water runs except as above excepted & my Executors are enjoined to contend with them either in law or equity to enforce this my last will by employing the best Charleston lawyers at the expence of my estate or in any other way again, again & again - And lastly I do nominate appoint and ordain Robertson Esq. of South Carolina Marlborough District one of the executors of this my last will & Testament, together with one of the first rate Baptist

ministers belonging to the ⁵⁵ Association of the State of Tennessee, and it is my desire that my Executors shall be liberally reimbursed out of my estate for all expences & trouble attending the same. And my executors are again enjoined to contend against any of my relations who may wish to have my Estate, or to defend this will so long as there is ~~any~~ enough left to fee the best lawyers in Charleston, or in any other of the States mentioned.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Sixth day of June One thousand eight hundred and twenty and in the forty third year of the independence of the United States of America.

Signed, Sealed, published pronounced & declared by the testator in the presence of us to be his last will and testament & at his request we have signed our names as witnesses to the same in the presence of each other -

Mason Lee -(LS)

William Founoy

Darby Henegan

Chas. F. Stewart -

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