

South Carolina
Marlborough District)

Be it known to all whom it may concern that

that I Sion Hedges of Marlborough & State Aforesaid being well
in bodily health but of sound & disposing mind and thanks be
to God for his mercy, have made and declared under these presents
do make and declare this instrument to be my last will and Test-
ament revoking all others, respecting such worldly things as it
hath pleased Almighty God to bles me with, I will and dispose
of the same in manner and form following, that it is to say,
First, My will and desire is that my three negroes to wit Nance,

Aggy and Ben, be sold as may be thought most to the benefit of
my heirs by the Executors hereinafter named.-----

Secondly, my will and desire is that after the negroes above
named shall have been sold, my land be rented to the best ad-
vantage except the House and a small acre of land as my Execu-
tors may think proper or convenient for the use of my wife
Rebecca & children which may remain with her and that they (my
Executors) sell and dispose of the crop now raised and on hand
to the best advantage reserving a sufficiency for the support of
my wife and family. And conceiving that the horse Darby & Mare
Rose and colt may be spared from the plantation I wish them sold
as well as other stock, waggon & plantation tools that may not
be necessary to be left; on the terms & in the manner my Exe-
cutors may deem most advantageous---

Thirdly, In order that a more equal distribution be made, I
give and bequeath unto my Six children, to wit Elizabeth, John,
Rebecca, Lucy, Robertson and Caroline on their or either of
them becoming of age or marrying the sum of Fifty dollars, on
account of having given my two elder children Wiley & Mary
property to that amount at the time of their leaving me. I will
and desire that my children especially the Boys be given as
good an education as circumstances will admit of.-----

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca during her natural life one equal share of the proceeds of my property or estate with my children.***

Fifthly, I nominate and appoint John H. David & George to be my Executors to this my last will & Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have signed my name and interchangeably fixed my Seal the 10th day of November in the year of our Lord onethousand eight hundred and sixteen.***

Signed Sealed and acknowledged

In the presence of me.

Shadrack Easterling)

Sion Hedges.

Welcom David)

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