

WILL OF
JONATHAN DAVENPORT

The State of South Carolina }
Newberry District ----- }

I Jonathan Davenport of the District
& State aforesaid, being of sound & disposing mind & memory do
make the following, as & for my last will and testament, vis---

First--It is my Will & desire that all my just debts & funeral
expenses be first paid out of the Cash on hand & notes & Bonds
owing to me at the time of my death, and if that fund be not
sufficient, then out of the balance of my Estate-----

Second--It is my will, that all the personal property which I
have heretofore given to any of my children, & put them in pos-
session of, be vested in my said children respectively absolute-
ly & forever-----

Third--I give & devise to my daughter Catharine Davenport the
whole of my real Estate of which I may die seized containing
in all about Fourteen hundred acres of Land for & during the
term of her natural life and at her death I give & bequeath
& devise the same absolutely & forever to her lineal descendants
& in case she should die without lineal descendants (one or more)
living at the time of her death, then it is my will that the
whole of said real Estate revert to my Estate & be disposed of
as hereinafter directed

Fourth--I give & bequeath to my daughter Catharine Davenport
and the issue of her body forever my Merriman Clock & the fol-
lowing twenty four negro slaves, vis; Andy, Kit, Phillis, Smith,
Frances, Milton, Sam (son of Kit) Caroline, Ritter, Amanda,
Melinda, Charles, Lucinda, Griffin, Jerry, Lewis, Peter, Ander-
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Fourth--I give & bequeath to my daughter Catharine Davenport and the issue of her body forever my Merriman Clock & the following twenty four negro slaves, viz; Andy, Kit, Phillis, Smith, Frances, Milton, Sam (son of Kit) Caroline, Ritter, Amanda, Melinda, Charles, Lucinda, Griffin, Jerry, Lewis, Peter, Anderson, his wife Martha, her children Mary Nancy & Emily - Sampson & Tener with their future increase; but in case of my said daughters death without issue living at the time of her death, then it is my will, that the property herein bequeathed to her by this, or any other clause of my will be equally divided between my children James M. Davenport, John G. Davenport & Amy Hill, and I give & bequeath & devise the same to my said three children & their heirs forever, Share & Share alike.

Fifth--I give & bequeath to my said daughter Catharine Davenport

the choice of my wagons & four choice horses, Pork sufficient for one year, & a stock of hogs sufficient to make pork for the next succeeding year, one thousand Bushels of corn and a proportionate quantity of fodder & oats three choice beds & furniture, all my Household & Kitchen furniture And my Barouche & Harnife Sixth--I give & bequeath to my son James M. Davenport & to his heirs forever the following negro slaves with their future increase, viz; Ned, Mana Iverson, Isaac Claiborne, Viny, Charlotte Hannah, Bluford (son on Easter) Nelson and old Hannah----

Seventh-- I give & bequeath to my son John G. Davenport, & to his heirs forever the following negro slaves with their future increase viz Jim & his wife Sarah with their four children Solomon, Elvira, Admiral, & Muxilla also one Sam & his wife Esther

Eighth--I give & bequeath to my daughter Ainy Hill & to her issue forever the following negro slaves with their future increase, viz; Albert, Damps, Ellick, Joyce, Nelson (son of Albert)

Dorcas with her children Ann & Peggy & Ephraim also fifteen hundred dollars in cash, but in case my said daughter should die without leaving issue alive at her death, then it is my will that the property bequeathed to her in this clause be equally divided between my three children James M. Davenport, John G. Davenport & Catharine Davenport, and I give & bequeath the same to my said three children absolutely & forever, share & share alike

Ninth--To my daughter Maria Louisa M^cClure, & to my daughter Elizabeth G. Rudd deceased I have heretofore given & advanced their full portion of my Estate, for which reason no provision is made for either of them in this my Will-----

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Ninth--To my daughter Maria Louisa M^cClure, & to my daughter Elizabeth G. Rudd deceased I have heretofore given & advanced their full portion of my Estate, for which reason no provision is made for either of them in this my Will-----

Tenth--It is my will & desire that all the rest & residue of my Estate not herein specifically devised & bequeathed be sold by my Executors on such terms, conditions and credits as they shall deem proper, and the proceeds arising therefrom, after the payment of my debts and and the legacies herein bequeathed, be equally divided between my four children James M. Davenport John G. Davenport, Amy Hill & Catharine Davenport share & share alike absolutely & forever; and in the event of either

of my said four children dying before such division should be made, the issue of such child or children shall take among them the share to which their respective parents would have been entitled to if they had lived-- I have heretofore given property to each one of my children & have put them in possession of the same, and it is my express intention that what I have so given them & what I have given them in this my will, shall be their portions of my Estate in full, notwithstanding any apparent or seeming inequalities, as I have divided it out among them according to my own intentions and my own notions, and I am or at least I think I am the best judge in the matter. Lastly--I hereby nominate & appoint my sons James M. Davenport and John G. Davenport Executors of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former wills or codicils by me heretofore made-----

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this Eighteenth day of May Eighteen hundred & forty two.

Signed, sealed published & declared
by the said Jonathan Davenport to be
his last will & testament, in our presence, who in his presence, at his request & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

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Jonathan X Davenport (LS)
mark

F. B. Higgins

E. F. Lake

Charles Floyd Sen.

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