

I, Alfred Hester, being weak in body but of a sound mind and understanding taking into consideration the frailties of human nature knowing that it is once appointed for me to die, I commit my body to the earth and my soul to God who created it.

As to my earthly goods which God has been pleased to bestow on me I do make the following division after my burial expenses and all my just debts are paid.

ITEM the first. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah A. Burgess two hundred acres of land and house known by the Carwile house and negro woman Presillay and children James Shaurack Jane the negroes they have now in possession to them and their heirs forever.

ITEM the second. I give and bequeath unto my son Baliss J. Hester, one-half of my upper plantation and what hogs I have there one sorrel horse saddle and bridle two cows and calves one plow and gears two hoes two sheep one negro woman namely Mariah and child Early and Andy to him and his heirs forever, and increase of the same, 2 beds furniture.

ITEM the third. I give and bequeath unto my son James B. Hester the other half of my upper plantation to be equally divided between the two also one negro woman Chaney and child Emerson and increase one brown horse bridle and saddle two cows and calves two head of sheep two sows and pigs one plow and gears, and two hoes to him and his heirs forever also two beds and furniture.

ITEM the fourth. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Eady Hester the house where I now live and all that tract of land I purchased of Mr. Packard except the 200 acres wild to Sarah Burgess being 520 acres, also one negro man Edmund and wife Hannah Reuben Rosa and Rachel and all my household and kitchen furniture after giving to Baliss and James two beds and furniture to each of them. Also one sorrel mare two plows and one pair of gears, two hoes 4

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head of choice sheep, 4 head of choice hogs one sow and pigs 2 cows
and calves 40 barrels of corn and 2000 binds of fodder to her during
her natural life or widowhood and at her death I will to my son Baliss
J. Hester one negro Reuben, to my son James Hannah and Rosa and their
increase and all the balance of the property will go to my
real and personal to be equally divided between my two sons Baliss and
James and at my death my will is that Elizabeth and all my property
not otherwise will away be sold by my Executors and the money arising
therefrom and money in hand or due me I will to my beloved wife for
her support after paying all my just debts are paid and I do appoint
my son Baliss J. Hester and David Blythe my Executors to execute this
my last will and testament.

In witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixt my seal this
4th day of September 1844.

Test:

JOEL JONES.

ALFRED HESTER. (SEAL)

BENNETT JONES.

ALLEN KEITH.

SOUTH CAROLINA. }
PICKENS DISTRICT. }

PERSONALLY appeared Bennett Jones and made oath in due form of
law that he was present and did see Alfred Hester late of Pickens
District, deceased, sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed will
and testament and that Joel Jones & Allen Keith was present and saw
the same & that they all did sign their names to it as witnesses in
the presence of each other and the testator.

SWORN to before me the

BENNETT JONES.

8th day of November, 1858.

V. J. PARSONS, O.P.D.